

ECB LEAGUE EMERGENCY LOAN SCHEME 2020 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR LEAGUES

1. Which scheme should Leagues apply to?

ECB is operating two funding schemes for affiliated open-age and junior cricket Leagues during the COVID-19 crisis, the ECB League Emergency Loan Scheme and ECB Return to Cricket Grant Scheme (for Clubs and Leagues).

The Loan scheme is for Leagues during the COVID-19 crisis by providing funding to assist leagues to cover the cost of cricket balls plus, unrecoverable costs above £2,000 in the 2020 season (see guidance notes).

The Return to Cricket Grant scheme is for Leagues that require emergency funding (up to £2,000) to help cover any shortfall in essential day-to-day running and maintenance costs.

As the cost of cricket balls should be recouped in future seasons, the money to pay for the cost of balls will be loaned rather than granted.

To assist Leagues with their cash flow in the short term, loan repayments will not commence until May 2021, at the earliest.

2. How do Leagues apply to the Emergency Loan scheme?

The application process is through the new ECB Investment Management System (IMS), created to minimise administration and enable end-to-end online management [here](#). Please read the Guidance Notes for Leagues for further details.

3. Will training guides be provided for the use of the ECB Investment Management System (IMS)?

Training materials will be provided [here](#).

4. How much can a League apply for?

Leagues can apply for up to £50,000. Any amount in excess of £50,000 will need to be approved by EWCT's Board of Trustees. Please contact loans@ecb.co.uk if you wish to discuss this.

5. Is partnership funding required?

No



6. If an application is successful, how quickly will the Emergency Loan be paid to Leagues?

Once an application has been received, ECB will aim to issue a Loan Offer Letter within 10 working days. To accept the offer, Leagues will be required to complete and return the Acceptance and Direct Debit forms. ECB will aim to arrange payment of the loan direct to the League's bank account, by BACS transfer, within 10 working days of receipt of the forms.

7. How will Leagues afford to make repayments?

We envisage that Leagues will make repayments in 2021 once the recreational cricket season resumes and Leagues are able to pass on the cost of balls to their affiliated clubs.

8. When will Leagues need to start repaying the loan?

Leagues will be issued with a repayment schedule and will repay the loan in quarterly instalments over a one-year period, commencing 24 May 2021, at the earliest. If a League wishes to repay more quickly, please contact the ECB Facilities Help Desk by emailing loans@ecb.co.uk.

9. Leagues have other costs that are not specifically mentioned within the Guidance Notes, can they claim for these within an application?

Such costs will be considered on a case-by-case basis; however, the ECB reserves the right to decline other specific costs which are not suitable for this scheme. The scheme will not cover a League's costs in relation to paying coaches, players or other cricket related activities. Forecasted income is not eligible, e.g. projected income from cancelled events.

10. Where should Leagues direct queries or request additional support?

Please contact the ECB Facilities Help Desk by emailing loans@ecb.co.uk and the team will endeavour to respond to you within 7 working days (or sooner based on the need).

11. What happens if a supplier becomes insolvent and balls are not delivered?

Please flag this to your local CCB where the situation will be considered on a case-by-case basis by them in discussion with ECB.



12. We have a reasonable level of reserves, have collected membership subscriptions and/or ball costs from clubs, why would we consider a loan?

Member clubs may have other costs or income reductions that you could consider helping to offset as a league by taking out an interest free loan and refunding the clubs their subscriptions and ball costs.