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Sports Clubs

Donations to amateur sports teams and clubs competing in recognised leagues and tournaments are authorised purposes. Grants are only to be issued to bona fide sports teams and clubs which are formally established and/or legally constituted.

Grants can also be issued for sports equipment, playing uniforms, ground/facility hire and actual and reasonable travel expenses for groups participating in tournaments with kindred groups. However, grants cannot be made for ground or facility hire when they are run for commercial profit.

No grant shall be issued to any player or team competing on a professional basis.

For the avoidance of doubt, the definition of "amateur" that is approved by the department is:

"Any activity that is played or carried out as a pastime which excludes the payment of money or monies (including prizes) to any individual for personal gain".

The definition of "bona fide sport" that is approved by the department is a sporting activity, organisation or club that is:

- > affiliated or aligned to a national body; and
- > genuine and real (has standards and rules etc.); and
- > played on a regular basis as part of a significant competition; and
- > open to public membership.

An authorised purpose statement may read:
"To assist bona fide amateur sports teams and clubs competing in recognised leagues and tournaments. Includes sports equipment, playing uniforms, ground hire, and actual and reasonable travel expenses for groups participating in tournaments with kindred groups."

Wages and Salaries

Wages and salaries may be eligible for authorised purpose grants where the employing body has an entirely non-commercial community or charitable purpose and provided that the payment of a wage is necessary to achieve the authorised purpose, that is, where the authorised purpose would not be achieved without it. For example, the payment of an amateur sports coach may be an authorised purpose, as may the salaries of a nurse or green keeper who work for a charitable organisation.

This purpose often applies to the Returned Services Association (RSA). The wages or salaries of staff whose

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