



SUFFOLK GOLF UNION

PLAYERS DEVELOPMENT FUND

Background

The Suffolk Golf Union (SGU) encourages everyone within the county to compete at the highest level in order to test their ability against the best golfers, to raise their profile at a county, national and international level and to set a standard for their peers in Suffolk. Only a small number of players will have a handicap which will enable them to qualify to play in such competitions and tournaments.

In order for players to compete at this level a commitment is needed as travel to the events will be necessary and overnight accommodation required on most occasions.

It has been decided that the SGU should have a 'Players Development Fund' (The Fund), held with the SGU accounts, which will provide assistance towards expenses for those who qualify to play in these events.

Money for the The Fund will be raised from donations, fund raising events organised by the SGU and/or from SGU funds when considered appropriate.

Qualifying Events

Consideration will be given to using money from The Fund to provide assistance at the following events: -

- Events organised by the R&A
- National events organised by England Golf
- Any other events considered appropriate by the Administrators of The Fund

The Administrators

On receipt of an application for financial assistance from The Fund, the request will be considered by: -

- The SGU President
- The SGU Treasurer
- The SGU Junior Committee Chairman

Guidance for the Administrators

The minimum requirements for an application to be successful are: -

- The applicant must be part of the SGU coaching programme.
- He must have attended at least 80% of the coaching sessions, or provided an acceptable reason why he has been unable to do so.
- He must have been available to play in all the county matches for which he was selected or provided an acceptable reason why he has been unable to do so.

The amount granted for each application is at the discretion of the Administrators of The Fund, but in order to maintain consistency the following criteria should be used as a guide: -

- A maximum of £600 to be awarded to any applicant during one golfing season.
- A maximum of £200 to be awarded to any applicant for one event.
- A maximum of £100 to be awarded per day of any event.

Guidance for the Applicant

Applicants should be aware of the above criteria before making an application for funding.

The player's entry into an event must have been accepted before an application is made.

Applications for funding should be made on an application form which can be obtained from the SGU County Secretary. The completed application form should be returned to the SGU County Secretary.

SGU County Secretary's contact details: -

Email; secretary@suffolkgolfunion.co.uk

Mail: - Mr C A Wilderspin
11a Cotmer Road
Lowestoft
Suffolk
NR33 9PN

Procedure on receipt of an application

On receipt of an application form, the County Secretary will email a copy to the three Administrators of The Fund.

The Administrators will make contact with each other, electronically or in person as appropriate, and make a decision on the application using the guidance above.

Once a majority decision has been made the SGU President will note the application form accordingly and inform the applicant of the decision. The form will be sent to the SGU County Secretary for filing.

In the event of an application being approved the SGU Finance Director will make payment by Bacs to the applicants bank account.

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