

A background image showing four children on a cricket field. Two boys in white cricket uniforms are standing, one holding a bat. A girl in a dark patterned shirt is sitting on the grass. Another boy in a white cricket uniform is crouching on the grass. The image has a teal overlay.

EMERGENCY SUPPORT FOR CLUBS AND LEAGUES

ECB have now announced three funding schemes during COVID-19.

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ECB Launches League Emergency Loan Scheme

Following the initial announcement of our [Emergency Support Funding](#) last month, ECB can now release details of a third funding scheme designed to support leagues.

Nick Pryde, ECB's Director of Participation and Growth, said: "We're pleased to be able to offer a new League Emergency Loan Scheme to help affiliated cricket leagues during the current shutdown of the sport."

"It has been great to see clubs receiving financial support through national and local government schemes, as well as through the ECB's Emergency Support Funding, which launched last month. We are now in a position to help the leagues across England and Wales with the costs they will incur in 2020 regardless of the amount of cricket that is played this summer.

"Leagues will be able to apply for a loan of up to £50,000 to cover a number of unrecoverable costs incurred for the 2020 season, as well as assisting towards the cost of cricket balls purchased for the year.

"Everyone across the sport is hoping we will see cricket played across England and Wales this summer and at the ECB we're working closely with the Government to establish when and how it will be safe to resume play."

League Emergency Loan Scheme

[The ECB League Emergency Loan Scheme](#) aims to support affiliated Cricket Leagues (open-age and junior leagues) during the COVID-19 crisis through the provision of interest free loans.

Who can apply?

Open-age and junior leagues affiliated direct to ECB, or a partnership agreement via their County Cricket Board (CCB) or the National Asian Cricket Council (NACC), National Cricket Conference (NCC) or Afro-Caribbean Cricket Association (ACCA) in 2019 or 2020.

What will the scheme fund?

The cost of cricket balls, plus, unrecoverable costs above £2,000 in the 2020 season which may include:

- The cost of block booking/hire of grounds
- The cost associated with the production of league handbooks
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- The cost of purchase of kit and/or equipment✕
The cost of staging events

How much loan can a league apply for?

Up to £50,000.

If a league requires a loan exceeding this limit, please contact the ECB Facilities Help Desk by emailing loans@ecb.co.uk.

How do I apply?

Leagues should✕[apply by clicking here](#).

Before applying, it is highly recommended leagues read the [League Emergency Loan Scheme guidance notes](#).

Where do I go for help?

If leagues have any questions about the League Emergency Loan Scheme please read [the frequently asked questions](#)✕or contact the ECB Facilities Help Desk by emailing✕loans@ecb.co.uk.

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