



Case Study

Glynde & Beddingham Cricket Club

Glynde & Beddingham Cricket Club registered as a CASC in 2005. A self proclaimed 'friendly village club', it has been at the centre of the local community for over 120 years. Over recent years the club has grown from a small village club into one of the largest clubs in Sussex. It currently runs four senior teams, three junior sides and plays in both the Sussex County Cricket League and the East Sussex Cricket League. Due to the club's success, a strong focus on the development of young players and increased member numbers the club in 2006 embarked on an extension to the main clubhouse.

The financial implications for the project were considerable however the club greatly benefitted from the use of Gift Aid enabling them to claim back an additional 28% of all donations generously made by the club's members. Over a two year period the club was able to obtain over £2,000 in gift aid repayments towards the total cost of the improvements to the clubhouse. The club also benefits from the mandatory rates relief of 80% each year.

"The club is an important part of the local community and by registering as a CASC it makes it easier to continue investing in the club's facilities which benefits both the members and the local community as a whole"

Phil Harper, Treasurer of Glynde & Beddingham CC



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Sports clubs play a valuable role in their communities. The CASC scheme recognises this important role by distinguishing between clubs and businesses for rates and tax purposes, ensuring money is kept in sports clubs.

Benefits:

- **80% mandatory business rate relief.** Local authorities can offer up to 100% relief to clubs at their discretion.
- **The ability to raise funds from individuals under Gift Aid.** A registered CASC can reclaim up to £28 in tax for every £100 donated, though at the moment this does not apply to all types of donations.
- **CASCs are exempt from Corporation Tax on profits derived from trading activities if their trading income is under £30,000 pa.**
- **Profits derived from property income are also exempt for CASCs if gross property income is under £20,000 pa, of particular relevance following the abolition of the nil rate band.**
- **CASCs whose income does not exceed these thresholds will no longer be required to complete an annual Corporation Tax return.**

Is my club eligible?

To become a Community Amateur Sports Club, clubs must:

- **be a recognised sport by the appropriate Sports Council;**
- **not discriminate in any way in their membership policies and be wholly open to all sections of the community;**
- **have a core purpose in the promotion of amateur sports participation;**
- **be non-profit making, and re-invest any profits in the sports club;**
- **stipulate that in the event of being wound up, any remaining assets be distributed to either the sports governing body for use in community sport, another CASC or charity.**

These criteria should be included in your club's constitution. Model clauses for inclusion in your club's constitution are available for reference and adoption if required.

Clubs should then simply submit an application form to HMRC who administer the scheme along with a copy of the club constitution.

The most important thing to remember is that once you have registered as a CASC, you will always remain a CASC.

Gift Aid

Gift Aid works by providing income tax relief to individuals on their gift or donation and allowing the recipient CASC to reclaim income tax on the gift from HMRC.

The amount of tax benefit depends on whether the individual pays income tax at the basic or higher rate. In both cases the club will receive £28 for every £100 given in the form of a tax rebate from HMRC.

If you are a higher rate taxpayer, you can claim the difference between the higher rate of tax of 40% and the basic rate of tax of 20% on your Self Assessment return. Individuals can also benefit from relief from inheritance tax on gifts to a registered CASC.

Registration

Figures show that by 2008 some 4,844 clubs had registered as Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC). These clubs, partly through mandatory rate relief and the ability to claim Gift Aid on voluntary donations, have benefitted from an estimated £42.5 million in savings.

According to leading sports business advisers, an estimated £60 million per year is lost by sports clubs not registered as CASCs.

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