



**YORKSHIRE TENNIS**



ACE: Accelerating Community Engagement

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR LOANS UNDER ADVANTAGE YORKSHIRE 2: ACE**

### **Introduction**

Advantage Yorkshire 2: ACE is part of Yorkshire Tennis plan for accelerating community engagement in tennis in Yorkshire.

Under Advantage Yorkshire 2: ACE, Yorkshire Tennis will make available to clubs an interest-free loan of up to £24,999. The LTA easy access loan scheme provides loans of £25,000 and above.

### **Basic Requirements for Eligibility**

Applicants must be members of the LTA and have been in continuous membership for at least 24 months at the date of the application. Applicants should also be Associate Members of Yorkshire Tennis.

Applicants must commit to continuing membership of the LTA for the term of the loan or 5 years, whichever is the greater.

Applicants must be able to show that the project for which they are seeking support will contribute to the achievement of Yorkshire Tennis' strategic objectives and is part of a longer-term club plan.

Applicants must:

- Be a current Associate Member of Yorkshire Tennis (for more information on how to apply please click here - [Associate Membership – Yorkshire Tennis](#))
- Adhere strictly to LTA safeguarding standards;
- Have a clear and open plan for inclusion, diversity and equality;
- Have a development programme for young players which is linked to the county training programme and which recognises that talented players will need to progress through other coaches and coaching teams to achieve their potential;
- Provide good and sustainable school links through the LTA Youth Programme;
- Provide support for coaches through coaching and mentoring programmes;
- Have a demonstrable community outreach programme;
- Have a competition policy;
- Have a sinking fund for court replacement;
- Have a clear and sustainable business plan based on sound financial analysis of club needs with sensible and realistic membership fees and a broad base of income streams.

### **Purpose of the Loan**

Projects can cover:

- physical infrastructure;
- support for coaching and playing programmes;
- support for coach development;

- support for LTA Youth through links to schools and other outreach projects, competitions, inclusion and diversity projects.

## **Further Requirements**

The application should explain how the project fits into its wider club development plan and how it will support the strategic objectives of Yorkshire Tennis.

No project for which support is being sought may have started prior to the application being made and no financial commitments may be made until such time as a signed acceptance of any offer from Yorkshire Tennis has been completed and returned to Yorkshire Tennis.

## **Conditions for Loans.**

The maximum repayment period will be 5 years, unless agreed by exception.

Repayments will be made twice yearly at the rate of 10% of the value of the loan at each repayment point. (20% per annum).

All loans must be matched at a minimum rate of £1 for every £1 borrowed.

All eligible Clubs are invited to apply for this loan facility, however priority will be given to Clubs who do not have a loan amount outstanding with Yorkshire Tennis.

All loans are at the sole discretion of Yorkshire Tennis.

## **Documents Required as part of Application**

The following club documents should be forwarded to Yorkshire Tennis as part of the application process:

- Business Plan
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Accounts for the last financial year