



YDL Finance Officers Report to the AGM 2021

It has been an unusual two years for all of us.

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2020

In 2020, due to the pandemic the decision was made to defer all competitive activity to 2021. In accounts terms this meant deferring all income and expenditure that could be transferred, to 2021. In 2020 despite no competitive activity the league had significant running costs and made a loss of £27,469 (detailed on the Income and Expenditure Account 2020).

2021

In 2021 not all teams received the number of matches they had paid towards through their affiliations. These have been credited to 2022 (value £13,500). Teams affiliating in for the 2022 competitive season will be able to claim their credit on the Team Affiliation Payment Forms forms.

In anticipation of hosting and travel constraints issues due to the pandemic, matches were deliberately kept smaller (in terms of teams and early timetables) and local. There were no finals (Regional or National). There were additional costs to the league in hosting more matches with smaller numbers of teams attending. Some outlying teams could not compete and with other matches being local there were not claims for travel and accommodation this year.

Despite a considerable reduction in the number of matches the support for precision measurement continues to justify the use of grant monies to support it.

Precision Measurement Support Analysis

	2018	2019	2021*
Photofinish	36	52	60
Track Wind Gauge	n/a	83	80
EDM	48	66	69
Field Wind Gauge	n/a	23	27

* significantly less matches due to the pandemic

Sport England Funding Rolled on for Governing Body Projects

Sport England created a fund to provide follow on (rolling) funding placing a requirement on governing bodies to pass a repeat of Sport England Funds onto projects from the previous year of planned funding. This meant the YDL received £50,000 (from Sport England through UKA) to help the YDL cover a year of inactivity due to the pandemic and have contingency for the ongoing effects of the pandemic.

UKA Grants for 2022

At the time of writing this report UKA could not give an indication of grant support to the YDL in 2022. In discussions over the past four years, although no firm commitments have been made, it was anticipated that UKA would continue to: support the travel/accommodation costs of outlying teams; encourage the use of Precision Measurement Equipment and to support Regional and National Finals.

History of UKA Grants to the YDL

The YDL has received funding from UKA in batches of 4 year funding rounds from bids made for projects to Sport England. The last funding round ended in 2020. Funding for 2020 was rolled on governing bodies by Sport England to 2021 to ensure previously supported projects continued, following the effects of the pandemic and to allow time for governing bodies apply for further rounds of funding to support projects.

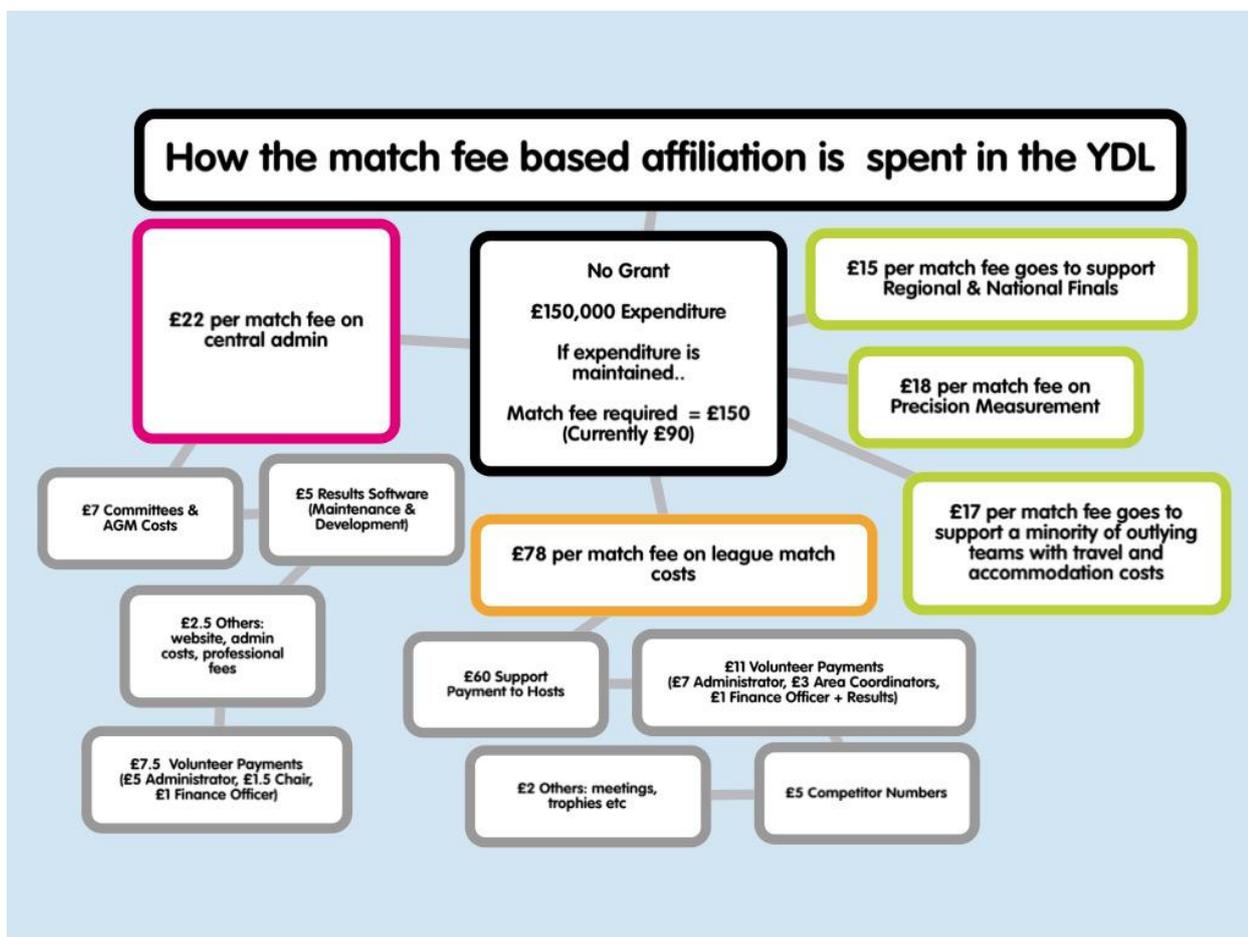
2013	£115,000
2014	£115,000
2015	£115,000
2016	£115,000
2017	£80,000
2018	£80,000
2019	£60,000
2020	£50,000
2021	£50,000 (Sport England - Rolled forward 2020 funding)
2022	?

Considerations for 2022 and Beyond

In 2020 the YDL made a loss of £27,469. In 2021 the YDL had a surplus of £30,845 but without the £50,000 grant this would have been a loss of £19,155 and there were no finals to support nor was any travel/accommodation support paid!

The YDL is a large league (unlike any other) providing over one third of all league competition across the UK in U13-U20 age groups.

The infogram below (based on the 2018 & 2019 “normal” seasons) helps to explain finances are distributed to pay for our leagues.



A convenient approximation is, that for every £1 we raise the “Match Fee” contribution per team, we raise £1000 of income for the league as a whole.

ie £90 per team per match raises £90,000, £91 would raise £91,000 etc

Using the infogram, if we received no grant, and planned to break even, the team fee per match would be £150!

An “advantage” of the pandemic has been the increase in use of technology to hold online meetings. Couple this with reduced expenditure on software development (which has benefitted many leagues) and we can reasonably expect savings of approximately £10K (or £10 per match fee requirement). Requirement to break even then becomes £140 fee per match.

Essentially the £30,000 surplus of 2021 may be considered to be the UKA grant not used for finals and travel/accommodation support that didn't take place. Requirement to break even then becomes £110 per match.

If we budget £20,000 for Precision Measurement support in 2022, this can be met from remaining Sport England follow on funding. Requirement to break even then becomes £90 per match.

The £30,000 (from 2021 surplus) and £20,000 (from the remaining Sport England follow on funding) above will come from Accumulated Funds (Reserves) and would show in the 2022 forecast as a £50,000 loss. The equivalent of the last UKA grant received.

Looking forward it is unlikely that the leagues will continue to receive the same levels of support through UKA and it would be wise to increase team contributions to begin to mitigate this.

Finance Proposals.

1. To cap the maximum support due to any team, attending a single away match, to a maximum of £500 per match in total (towards transport and accommodation).
2. All other arrangements and calculations for team support (hosting, precision measurement, travel, accommodation) remain the same as set for the 2020 season as agreed at the 2019 AGM.
3. To increase team affiliation by £10 per match to £100 per match in light of uncertainty regarding the immediate future of UKA grants to the YDL.

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