



RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

CASC NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2011

CASC'S MAKE A HUGE CONTRIBUTION

The value of CASC's gross income has been estimated to be £427 million per annum. This is a substantial figure based on figures recently published in the Sport and Recreation Alliance's Survey of Sports Clubs 2011 and the Monthly Analysis of CASC Registrations September 2011, now produced by Tim Baldwin. Other values based on the Survey are the number of adults participating in CASC registered sports clubs estimated at 703,000, the number of participating juniors estimated at 448,000 and the number of volunteers and paid employees estimated at 171,000. These figures highlight the economic and social importance of CASC's.

The CASC scheme remains open for business.

Guidance on the qualifying conditions and how to apply can be found on HMRC's website at www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/casc/register.htm. Some applications are currently being delayed as HMRC clarifies some issues including membership fee levels, following the Charity Commission decision on Radlett Lawn Tennis club – **this does not affect the vast majority of clubs**. So do not be put off if you think your club is eligible. It is important however that you complete the application form fully as HMRC is returning incomplete applications.

The Rugby Football Union is in discussion with HMRC on a number of technical issues under the CASC scheme such as junior voting rights and tours. The Newsletter will report on any updates as they become available.

The Football Association recently launched a major initiative for its FA Charter Standard clubs to register as CASC's and start using JustGiving online for Gift Aid. Full details are available [here](#) at The FA's YourGame website. Both the England and Wales Cricket Board and the Lawn Tennis Association are also promoting the CASC scheme and JustGiving initiatives with their clubs. Other NGB's are also taking up the challenge of promoting the CASC scheme through their CASC Champions.



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A reminder that membership subscriptions to CASC's do not qualify for Gift Aid since this is prohibited under the CASC legislation. There have been many questions on this recently and S+RA is trying to persuade HM Treasury to change the law.

The CASC Sports Forum was held on 18th October 2011. A number of NGB CASC Champions attended to share experiences and discuss practical issues. The next CASC Sports Forum is due to take place in Spring 2012.

The Monthly Analysis of CASC Registrations is now up to date. As of September 2011 there were 6,080 registered CASC's. Cricket leads the way serving 1,210 of all registered clubs. Unfortunately Deloitte LLP who produced the analysis for a number of years are unable to continue to do so. The good news is that Tim Baldwin has started producing the analysis from April 2011 onwards.

For further information contact your CASC Champion davestubley@rfu.com, visit www.cascinfo.co.uk or HMRC's website at www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/casc/index.htm.