



# Athletics

## **Sport England's involvement**

Sport England funds the Amateur Athletic Association of England (AAAoE) with Exchequer funding to support their regional development and funds UK Athletics with Lottery funding to support their world class plans. In the immediate future, Sport England will be working closely with these organisations to produce a business plan for the sport.

Athletics is also involved in the following Sport England initiatives:

- *County Sports Partnerships* - currently working with 28 partnerships
- *Awards for All* - with funding of more than £1.8 million for various projects
- *Racial Equity* - achieved the preliminary standard.

## **Key funding benefits**

Sport England has awarded £5 million towards a community athletics refurbishment programme that will lead to improvements for up to 137 outdoor facilities across England. Underlying the financial help is the belief that if facilities are of a good standard, athletes of all ages and abilities will feel motivated to continue their involvement in sport.

Sport England is working closely with UK Athletics and home county associations to deliver long-term development through the so-called legacy fund for athletics.

## **Sport England funded stars**

- Dominic Girdler

Great Britain hurdler Dominic Girdler receives Lottery funding as part of Sport England's World Class Potential programme. Dominic was the European Junior bronze medallist in the 100-metre hurdles and is also a Commonwealth Youth Champion. This year, at the Universities Outdoor Athletics Championships in Bedford, he added the outdoor championship best performance to his indoor record, set in February for the 110-metre hurdles.

- Sandra Alaneme

Sandra receives Lottery funding as part of Sport England's World Class Potential programme. A versatile athlete, she was the English Schools intermediate girls triple jump champion and represented England in the Home Countries International in Glasgow. In 2001, she was nationally ranked in the under 17, under 20 and senior age groups. At the British Athletics competition in June 2003, she came fourth in the under 20 triple jump.

## **Development programmes**

Funded entirely through Sport England Lottery money, Active Sports talent camps provide residential training with senior coaches for athletes who are already committed to sport. Workshops offer educational support on issues like nutrition and goal setting.

### Previous Funding

Year	National	Community
1995 – 1996	£320,000	£4,660,983
1996 – 1997	£326,500	£12,521,254
1997 – 1998	£2,558,607	£2,196,275
1998 – 1999	£5,551,284	£6,824,110
1999 – 2000	£499,569	£99,319,961
2000 – 2001	£2,225,000	£6,723,165
2001 – 2002	£2,363,975	£9,879,625
2002 – 2003	£2,195,315	£846,067
2003 – 2004	£2,060,145	£2,466,347
2004 – 2005	£368,045	£0

**Note:**

National funding is a total of Exchequer funding and the World Class Programme. Community funding is a total of the following programmes: Community Capital, Safer Sports Grounds, Active Communities Development Fund, all Active Sports Programmes, Community Athletics Refurbishment Programme, Football Youth Development, School Sport Coordinators, Sport Action Zones and Awards for All. The summary is by the financial year, according to the start date of the award period – an award may continue over a number of years.