

Commonwealth Youth Games Fact Sheet

Boxing

Background

- Sport England provides the strategic lead for sport in England. The Amateur Boxing Association is one of Sport England's 30 key sports selected for prioritised investment over the next four years, starting in April 2005. This investment assists the sport at all levels from playground to podium, funding grass-roots programmes, coaching, sports facilities and elite athletes.
- Sport England is working closely with the Amateur Boxing Association to develop a Whole Sport Plan with specific objectives to get more people to start, stay and succeed in Boxing.

World Class Funding Programme

- The World Class Funding Programme currently provides Lottery funded grants to elite athletes. Each National Governing Body of Sport including the Amateur Boxing Association, submits a World Class Plan every four years, identifying elite athletes to be funded by the programme. The funding gives them the opportunity to achieve consistent success in major international competition.
- The programme currently comprises three key parts: World Class Start, designed to support talent identification and nurturing of that talent; World Class Potential, designed to assist in the development of talent; World Class Performance, designed to support elite preparation and performance at senior international levels.
- Sport England currently funds individuals from Boxing who are on the World Class Start, World Class Potential and World Class Performance programmes.
- There are currently 1793 Sport England Lottery funded athletes on the World Class Programme. From this figure, 58 compete in Boxing, with 22 on the World Class Start programme, 19 on the World Class Potential Programme and 17 on the World Class Performance Programme.

Sport England Funded Boxers Players who are participating in the Commonwealth Youth Games

Name of Sport England Funded Boxer	Previous Funding Programme and time scale	Location
Ryan Pickard	Start July 02-Jan04 Performance Jan 04-present	Waltham Abbey, Essex
Bradley Saunders	Start July 02-Jan04 Potential Jan 04-present	Sedgefield, Stokton On- Tees
James McElvaney	Start July 2002 – present	Stokesley, Cleveland

Other Support From Sport England For Commonwealth Games Boxers

- Boxers benefit from a number of Sport England funded facilities around the country including the facilities at Crystal Palace.
- Sport England also funds through the Lottery the English Institute of Sport, which provides boxers with strength and conditioning, sports science, medicine and performance lifestyle services. It features nine regional multi-sport hub sites, supported by 35 satellite centres and is led by the former world mile record holder and Olympic medallist **Steve Cram**. For further information about English Institute of Sport, please visit www.eis2win.co.uk

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Summary Of Funding

Year	World Class Funding Programme (start / potential and performance)	Community
1997 – 2001	£4,585,802	£645,396
2001 – 2005	£6,099,749	£1,977,143
Total	£10,685,551	£2,622,539

Note:

Sport England has one athlete going to the Commonwealth Games who has been on the World Class Performance Programme since Jan 2004.

A proportion of the funding from the World Class Start and Potential programmes will have benefited Commonwealth Youth Games athletes.

Community funding is the total of Sport England's investment in boxing facilities and grass roots development programmes.

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 year, according to the award date.

Further information

Journalists requiring further information should contact Sarah Shore in the Sport England Press Office on 020 7273 1590 or visit www.sportengland.org

The team for the Commonwealth Youth Games is organised and managed by the Commonwealth Games Council for England (CGCE). For general Games enquiries, please contact the CGCE's Team England Press Office on (01225) 383518 or (07831) 755351.

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