

NGB Support Guidance for the Community Sports Coaches Scheme

Sport	Athletics
<p>NGB deployment focus for the Community Sports Coaches linked to the NGB player pathway and relevant development initiatives</p> <p>N.B This must reflect the scheme deployment parameters detailed below</p>	<p>Community Sports coaches should deliver a multi event coaching programme utilising the tools, development programmes and resources of UK Athletics and the Amateur Athletic Association of England. The target age range for CSCS to work with in athletics is 8 – 15 year olds. This ensures progression opportunities are available. The coach should ensure that coaching opportunities are reflective of the demographic population. The deployment of the community sports coach should specifically include the following:</p> <p>Use of the Norwich Union shine:awards within all coaching programmes Multi event activity sessions using sportshall athletics where appropriate Delivery of Norwich Union star:track coaching programmes during holiday periods. Activities to be based around the development of the core movement skills in relation to running, jumping and throwing and be fun. Preparation for competitive opportunities where appropriate, (i.e. linked to youth games, sportshall competitions etc). Delivery of stage 1 Active Sports coaching programmes Delivery of stage 4 Active Sports Partnership Squads, (if appropriately qualified). Delivery of school club link coaching programmes</p> <p>UK Athletics Development Initiatives The community coach should ensure that links are made with the Aqua Pura Women and Girls Initiative, the Rover Combined Events Initiative and event specific initiatives as developed.</p> <p>School Club Link Community Sports Coaches should enhance the current work being developed in relation to the School Club Link Project and should support clubs in the development of links with schools. All athletics clubs should be registered with the UKA clubs:future programme and be working towards Clubmark accreditation. Community Sports coaches should be delivering multi event coaching programmes and ensure appropriate progression opportunities for young people to athletics clubs within each link.</p> <p>Education Community Sports Coaches should support schools and clubs in the delivery of the Assistant Technical Officials Award and the facilitation of the Children in Athletics module and Fitness in Running and Walking module for young people aged 14+</p> <p>Club Links to local clubs must be made from all activities, support should be provided for volunteer coaches and administrators, which should lead to a corresponding increase in volunteers actively coaching within clubs.</p>

<p>Minimum level of NGB coaching qualification for coaches employed through the Community Sports Coach Scheme</p>	<p>The community sports coach should at a minimum hold the UK Athletics Level 2 qualification. However, this should be dependent upon the needs of the athletes along the development / performance pathway and the deployment of the coach. Please discuss the level of qualification with NGB officer prior to deployment.</p> <p>It is recommended that the UK Athletics Children in Athletics module should be completed within six months of employment.</p> <p>It is recommended that completion of Long Term Athlete Development, Mentored Practice and other modules tailored to meet the individuals' specific needs are worked towards as agreed with UKA to support the continued professional development of coaches.</p> <p>UK Athletics will provide an induction to all community coaches to ensure that the coach is fully integrated in the processes and structures of the governing body.</p>
<p>NGB Priority Partnership areas</p>	<p>The employment of Community Sports Coaches must be based upon areas of need and must show a direct link to local clubs in order to support the volunteer coaches and ensure that activity does not take place in isolation.</p> <p>UKA has identified the priority to ensure that a minimum number of community sports coaches are employed within each of the developing regional hub structures.</p> <p>National priority areas would, in the first instance, be to employ coaches in the partnership areas that are also involved in the School Club Link programme, plus in areas delivering UKA development initiatives and those which have a Regional or High Performance Centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas involved in the school to club link initiative • High Performance Centres / Regional Performance centre areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bath ○ Sheffield ○ Manchester ○ London – St Mary's ○ Gateshead ○ Loughborough ○ Birmingham ○ London - Brunel ○ London - Crystal Palace • Areas, which have not been successful in gaining funding through the Active Sports, programme but have the structures in place for partnership working. • Local authorities with a strong commitment to the delivery of athletics initiatives;

Additional information	<p>UK Athletics / AAAs would like to provide a comprehensive induction process to all athletics CSC employed by agencies outside of the governing body. This would include awareness of governing body structures and delivery programmes, CPD opportunities, work programme planning and volunteer management. This induction could be completed locally or at a national level.</p> <p>UK Athletics would like to support CSP's and other employment agencies in the recruitment, employment and deployment of athletics CSC's by providing comprehensive guidelines in relation to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Qualifications and personal skills requiredDevelopment of job descriptions, advertisements and work programmesDeployment opportunities and the delivery of development initiativesCoaches induction processFunding and support available from athletics <p>Please contact Caroline Smith for further details</p>
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