

SCHOOL SPORT COACHING PROGRAMME BRIEFING SHEET APRIL 2008



This programme is designed to create a step change in the quantity and quality of coaching offered to young people in sport. It will drive up standards of coaching children and make a positive contribution to the 5 hour offer. The programme will comprise of four elements:

1. A School Sport Coaching Grant to every SSP

- Each partnership will receive a Coaching Grant of £21,500 which must be used to deliver c.1500 hours of coaching (it is not expected that the grant will fund all these hours, but that the budget available can be used to lever additional resources and that this coaching target can include some voluntary coaching hours stimulated by the new investment). Coaching grants will be paid to SSP's in September 2008.
- The allocation of these School Sport Coaching hours will be articulated in a simple SSP Coaching Plan which should arise directly from your Evaluation & Priorities Document.
- The grant is primarily to be used to fund a small team of coaches who will deliver a minimum of 200 hours of coaching each – this will create a step change from short blocks of activity to programmes which lead to sustained engagement in clubs and competition.
- The allocation of School Sport Coaching hours must be deployed against those groups of pupils currently doing 4 hours moving to 5, and those currently doing 3 hours and moving to 5.
- We are planning to work with a target group of sports in the first instance, and it is expected that c.80% of the School Sports Coaching hours will be allocated against these sports (this group will most likely include those sports that are leading the transformation work with the Competition Manager infrastructure and which have UKCC level 2 awards).

2. Training in Coach Management

- Every PDM will be expected to attend a Coach Management workshop which is being developed and delivered in partnership with Sports Coach UK. These workshops will promote best practice in coach recruitment, deployment and management, and will provide useful tools to support the PDM in managing the School Sports Coaching programme.
- These workshops are being scheduled for September and the Youth Sport Trust School Support Unit will contact you shortly with further details.
- Each of these days will include facilitated time when SSP's can explore creative ways to maximise the funding in terms of the number of coaching hours delivered
- The workshops will also include guidance on the delivery of local coach briefings which will be delivered to the newly appointed coaching teams by the PDM.

3. Local Coach Briefings

- As detailed above these will be run by PDMs for the newly appointed School Sports Coaches.
- The briefings will cover key quality drivers such as a 'code of ethics' for coaches of children and orientation information on working in schools.

4. School Sports Coaching Scholarships

- A differentiated set of scholarships will be developed:
 - scholarships for Level 1 Coaches working towards UKCC Level 2
 - scholarships for UKCC Level 2 coaches who do not have prior experience of working with Children
 - scholarships for Higher level coaches
- These scholarships will include:
 - CPD through either NGB or scUK workshops and qualifications
 - Mentoring through a co-coach appointed by the NGB
 - A School Sports Coach branded t-shirt
- SSP's will be allocated scholarships based on their recruited coaching team.
- This will include vouchers which can be used to claim the CPD element of their scholarship package.
- All information regarding the School Sports Coaching Scholarships will be provided at the Coach Management workshops which all PDM's will attend in September.