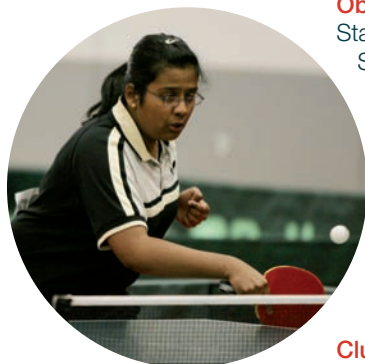


DEVELOPMENT

SOUTH WEST - SOMERSET COUNTY PLAN 2008-12



National Vision

'Making table tennis the most popular and most successful indoor sport in England' through the development of a strong club structure using the ETTA PremierClub program.

Mission

Working in partnership to create opportunities for everyone to enjoy the sport of table tennis, stay in the sport, and achieve their full potential.

Objectives

Start- Increase participation in table tennis.

Stay- Retain people in table tennis through an effective network of accredited clubs, leagues, coaches, competitions, officials, volunteers, facilities

Succeed- To give talented players a pathway to national squads, and to help the nation achieve medal success at European, Commonwealth, and Olympic level.

Clubs

- Increase number of CLUBMARK accredited clubs to 2 and support our 1 current CLUBMARK accredited clubs: St Pauls-Mendip Table Tennis Club
- Support the 2 ETTA Premier Clubs with their further development and encourage CLUBMARK accreditation: Taunton Table Tennis Club
St Pauls-Mendip Table Tennis Club
- Identify and register 2 new Premier Clubs

Leagues

- Encourage junior participation in our leagues by investigating new competition formats, school leagues, and promotional campaigns
- Investigate new ways of making a strong league structure a viable opportunity for young players by overcoming the geographical restraints of the area
- Encourage and support leagues to identify potential PremierClubs

The County

- Annually review and amend County plan
- Increase opportunities for young players to play in county teams as a crucial part of their player pathway
- Identify potential PremierClubs and work with these to improve the club structure within the county

Performance/Excellence

- Support and assist in the development of table tennis in FE/HE academies and

investigate future partnerships

- Offer opportunities/training sessions for the Counties talented players to get top quality coaching

Coaches

- Increase number of active approved coaches from 9 to 22 by working with the 7 non-approved coaches to become CRB checked and insured, and by encouraging new coaches onto approved courses
- Promote and facilitate the conversion of current coaches onto the new UKCC system
- Offer subsidized UKCC courses for new coaches via an Awards for All, or other local funding bid
- Advertise and promote coaching opportunities for volunteers and paid coaches
- Aim to increase the number of employed (16+ hrs) community coaches to 1 in the county

School Links

- Local clubs and coaches to make contact with their local School Sports Partnership and promote table tennis in their area
- Investigate potential partnerships between clubs and schools within a locality
- Support the potential school-club cluster in Yeovil (Westfield School) and encourage a local PremierClub

Volunteers

- Encourage the recruitment of new volunteers in a wide variety of roles in our clubs/leagues e.g. committee roles, development officers, welfare officers, and fund raisers
- Continue to recruit young volunteers through the TT Networker leadership award, and encourage more schools to run it as part of their curriculum

Equality and Child Protection

- Continue to adopt the ETTA Equality policy and Child Protection policies
- Strive to increase participation in 'hard to reach groups' such as ethnic minorities, women and girls, the disabled, the elderly, and low income groups
- Ensure all active coaches are CRB checked

Competitions

- Improve quality and maintain number of competitive opportunities for young people at both county and local level

- through tournaments and junior leagues
- Encourage high profile events into the county such as junior and senior grand prix's, and continue to support existing events at County and Local level

Facilities

- Support long term facility projects, and investigate new potential funding sources for new projects
- Push for the inclusion of table tennis into the Bridgwater 'Building Schools for the Future' program
- Encourage improvement of existing facilities, and the progression of our clubs and leagues into more suitable venues e.g. central venue leagues



Communication

- Use regional website to share resources and good practice among clubs, leagues and coaches in our region
- Use email newsletter bulletins to cut down on paper copies sent out to our members and become more environmentally friendly

Delivery System for Sport

- Gain greater representation at county and local level, encourage all Premier Clubs to have representation on their local Community Sports Network, and to have their details listed on their County Sports Partnership website
- Work towards having representation on every single Community Sports Network where there is a table tennis club in that local area
- Work with Active Somerset in partnership to support community coach projects, volunteer subsidies, club accreditation, and to increase participation in table tennis



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