

6. Our Requirements, Our Support: NGB Recognition

Objective 3: To support standards of good governance in non-core funded Recognised National Governing Bodies of Sport or bodies that wish to become recognised as National Governing Bodies of Sport

6.1. Our Requirements

Recognition is a joint policy operated by the four home country sports councils (Sport England, Sport Northern Ireland, Sport Scotland, Sport Wales) and UK Sport. The aim of the recognition process is to identify a single lead NGB structure which governs a sport at UK, GB or home country level. Our recognition criteria focus on establishing if a NGB has achieved a position of pre-eminence within its sport and if it has a reasonable level of organisation and governance. Sports Council recognition of a National Governing Body is not a guarantee of funding and neither does it mean we have approved or accredited the quality of its programmes.

Sport England will continue to work with the other Home Country Sports Councils and UK Sport to develop the recognition process to ensure that those bodies that are recognised NGBs have reasonable levels of organisation and governance.

6.2. Our Help and Support

6.2.1. More detail on the Recognition process can be found at
http://www.sportengland.org/about_us/recognised_sports/how_we_recognise_sports.aspx

6.2.2. Web-based tools

Our 'Things to Think About (TTTA)' governance, finance and control framework self-help support tool which is available on our website can be used by sports bodies either already recognised, considering applying for recognition or simply interested in improving their applying for recognition. TTTA sets out the standards we assess through self-assurance and provides prompts or Things to Think About in relation to the principles that support those standards. It also provides links to some other specialist websites and can be found at http://www.sportengland.org/support_advice/governance_finance_control.aspx

6.2.3. Joined-up Working with UK Sport and the Home Country Sports Councils

All the Home Country Sports Councils and UK Sport are working together to be as joined up as possible in our approach to recognition and we will continue to do so as the new approach develops and becomes embedded.