

TALENTED ATHLETE SUPPORT PROGRAMME

INTRODUCTION

Cheshire East Council Sport and Play Development Team (CEC) and MMU Cheshire Exercise and Sports Science (MMU) recognise the importance of supporting local talented sports people. This new programme seeks to support individuals who are training and competing in sport at regional, national and international level. (Please note this programme is not able to support local people who are not at regional level).

The purpose of this programme is to assist individual talented performers in their development and fulfil their potential. As this programme is very much in its infancy, the specific elements of help and support are in ongoing development. To take part in the Talented Athlete Support Programme, you will need to complete a registration form. This registration form is to identify the specific needs of individuals who register onto the programme which will establish the details of the programme.

WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

This programme aims to draw on the resources and capabilities both CEC and MMU have available and the specific support will be confirmed as soon as possible. Unfortunately, at this early stage of the programme there is not direct finance available to individuals (however this is a priority that is being looked into).

MMU Cheshire Exercise and Sports Science department specialise in nutrition, sport physiology, mental preparation, sport psychology, sport biomechanics and areas of long term athlete development.

CEC Sport and Play Development Team have a recognised and established reputation in developing sport and physical activity locally. This includes a vast knowledge of local coaching, volunteer, facility and wider community networks.

WHO CAN APPLY

Individuals:

- 1) That reside within the boundaries of Cheshire East Council. Individuals who reside outside the boundaries but are current members of a club within Cheshire East may apply and their application will be considered.
- 2) Are training or competing at regional level or above (Regional standard of training or competing is defined by sport specific National Governing Body i.e. this may be North West or North. Individuals will have to produce formal confirmation from sporting NGB).
- 3) If any individual believes they are training or competing at this level but may not have formal evidence then they are welcome to express their interest in the programme and will be contacted to discuss in more detail.

HOW TO APPLY

Individuals need to complete an Application Form. Information from this form will be used to confirm the eligibility of individuals onto the programme and more importantly inform the direction of this programme. Completed forms should be returned to:

**Leisure and Play Development Team
Cheshire East Council
Floor 3, Delamere House
Delamere Street
Crewe
CW1 2JZ**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact CEC Sports and Play Development Team on 01270 685782; email talentedathleteprogramme@cheshireeast.gov.uk or our website at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/sports

APPLICATION FORM

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Surname:	First Names:	
Home Address:	Age:	Date of Birth:
	Home Telephone:	
	Mobile:	
Post Code:	Email Address:	

What is your ethnicity? *(Please tick one of the 5 main categories listed below)*

White (British, Irish, any other white background)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed (White & Black Caribbean, White & Black African, White & Asian, any other mixed background)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian or Asian British (Indian, Pakistani, Bangladesh, any other Asian background)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black or Black British (Caribbean, African, any other Black background)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chinese or other ethnic group (Chinese, any other ethnic group not listed)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you consider yourself to have a disability? *(Please circle)* Yes No

If yes, what is the nature of the disability? (Please tick appropriate box)

Physical impairment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hearing difficulty	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visual impairment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Learning difficulty	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other, please specify							

2. EDUCATIONAL/EMPLOYMENT STATUS

(Please tick appropriate section)

	Please tick	Please state current school/college/university/organisation
Secondary School	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Further Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Higher Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Out of Education (i.e. NEET)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Full time employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Unemployed	<input type="checkbox"/>	

3. SPORTING INFORMATION

Current Sport/Discipline:					
National Governing Body:			Club:		
Level of Training (please tick relevant box)					
Regional	<input type="checkbox"/>	National	<input type="checkbox"/>	International	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level of Competition: (please tick relevant box)					
Regional	<input type="checkbox"/>	National	<input type="checkbox"/>	International	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. ACHIEVEMENTS:

a) Please state your current achievements in training and competing

b) Please state you future competition and training goals/aspirations in the next 3 years:

5. SUPPORT:

a) Are you currently receiving any financial support through grants, awards or sponsorship? If so, please state where from

b) Are you currently receiving any coaching or additional non financial support?

c) What support do you believe would assist you in your current achievements:

i) Financial support

(e.g. travel expenses, equipment, clothing etc however this needs to be very specific)

ii) Non Financial support

(e.g. coaching, nutrition, sport physiology, mental preparation, sport psychology etc. or any other aspects of support needed)

e) What support do you believe would assist you in your future goals and aspirations:

i) Financial support

(e.g. travel expenses, equipment, clothing etc however this needs to be very specific)

ii) Non Financial support

(e.g. nutrition, sport physiology, mental preparation, sport psychology etc. or any other aspects of support needed)

6. PARENTS/GUARDIANS/FAMILY

This is an opportunity for parents/guardians/family members to highlight areas that they believe would support them and their son/daughter in achieving their sporting potential

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

If there is anything else that you would like to add to support your application please feel free to add below:

Photography / Media Consent

I give permission for images* to be used to publicize Cheshire East Leisure and Play Development and MMU activities.	
I do not wish images* to be used to publicize Cheshire East Leisure and Play Development and MMU activities.	

* Definition of images inclusive of verbal and written feedback in addition to photographic images for use in CEC sport development reports and promotional activities

Please ensure you provide the following to support your application:

- Verification by appropriate Governing Body of standards achieved
(This could be a supporting letter from your coach/sporting body)
- Other information to support your expression of interest
(Includes press releases/rankings etc)

DECLARATION

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

If applicant is under the age of 18, consent is required from a parent/guardian

Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____