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# Elite Athlete Scheme

## **Guidance Notes**

### **Please read these Guidance Notes carefully before completing the application form**

**For further information or queries, please contact:**

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**CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS BOROUGH COUNCIL ELITE ATHLETE SCHEME**

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council’s Elite Athlete Scheme is an incentive to help support local athletes who are competing at a high level of excellence in their chosen sport. The Council recognises the dedication and achievement of such sportspersons and want to convey their support with the gesture of Elite Athlete Scheme membership that will allow awarded sportspersons complimentary use of agreed Council leisure facilities.

**AIM**

The aim of this Scheme is to give recognition to all sports persons from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough area that have attained Provincial or International level or are National Champions in their chosen sport. Such sports persons will (subject to meeting minimum designated criteria), be admitted to the Elite Athlete Scheme and will be permitted to use on an **individual** basis identified facilities owned and managed by Council on a complimentary basis. This is in recognition of the sportspersons achievements and to support their high level of physical preparation in their chosen sport.

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. Sports persons must reside in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area.
2. Sports persons **must** be involved at an **amateur** status only.
3. Sports persons must be involved in a sport that is recognised by Sport Northern Ireland, see appendix 1 for a comprehensive list (which may be updated from time to time)
4. Sports persons must be able to demonstrate that they:

Are currently at Provincial, National, or International level in any age category of their sport

***Or***

1. Are ranked within the top 10 (Senior Level) in Northern Ireland in the specified sport

***Or***

1. Are competing at International Level in their sport.
2. Membership will be reviewed by Council on an annual basis on receipt of an application for membership renewal. On application sports persons must have represented their country within the preceding 12 months.
3. Proof of representation must be provided by a Governing Body representative confirming the eligibility of the said sports person.
4. Applicants are permitted to use the leisure facilities at any of the following venues:
* Coleraine Leisure Centre – Swimming Pool and Gym
* Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre - Swimming Pool and Gym
* Roe Valley Leisure Centre - Swimming Pool and Gym
* Sheskburn Recreation Centre – Gym
* Dungiven Sports Centre – Gym
* Jim Watt Sports Centre – Gym

Applicants must enrol (at their own cost) on an Induction Course and be 16+ years of age.

**EQUALITY**

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council are dedicated to ensuring promotion of equality between,

* Persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation
* Men and women generally
* Persons with a disability and persons without
* Persons with dependents and persons without

In addition, due regard will be given to the promotion of good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group.

If you have any particular communication needs, please inform us and we will try to meet them e.g. large print, other languages.

**EXCLUSIONS**

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council will not ordinarily fund the following under the Elite Athlete Scheme:

* Sportspersons living outside the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area.
* Professional sportspersons.
* Sportspersons under the age of 16

**RULES AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

1. Application forms are available from and should be returned to: **Stephen McCartney**, Sports Development Manager, Ballysally Community Centre, 25 Ballysally Road, Coleraine, BT52 2QA. Email stephen.mccartney@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk
2. Applications will only be assessed if there is evidence that they fulfil a clearly defined need.
3. Only complete and legible official application forms will be processed.
4. Application forms should be completed by the sportsperson and returned with accompanying relevant documentation as soon as possible.
5. Membership of the scheme runs for a duration of 12 months before reapplication is necessary.
6. All applications will be considered by Council who will be responsible for the assessing and administering of the scheme using the criteria provided thus deciding if an athlete is eligible for membership.
7. Upon acceptance to the Elite Athlete Scheme all members will receive a membership card. The membership card will entitle the holder to complimentary use of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council facilities as listed above until the end of the 12-month membership period.
8. Memberships will be reviewed on an individual basis annually or where deemed appropriate upon reapplication by Council Sports Development Team.
9. Elite Athlete cards are non-transferable and must be used exclusively by the individual to whom they were issued. (Any misuse of this card will result in immediate cancellation of usage).
10. Elite Athlete cards must be shown on each occasion of use.
11. The Elite Athlete Scheme member may only use the facilities as specified above.
12. All cards must be returned to Council once they have expired, failure to do so may affect membership of the scheme.

**HOW TO APPLY**

1. Before completing an application form please ensure that you are eligible to apply and have read this guide.
2. Please read over the application form before commencing to fill it out.
3. Please ensure that you have completed the application form in full and remember to enclose information as indicated in the checklist at the back of the application form.
4. The application form should be returned to:

**Stephen McCartney**,

Sports Development Manager,

Ballysally Community Centre,

25 Ballysally Road,

Coleraine,

BT52 2QA

Please note the following:

* *Council may defer applications if further information is required.*
* *Council will not consider a claim that your application was lost or delayed in the post, unless you have proof of posting.*
* *It may not be possible to support all applications even if they are eligible to apply.*

## **APPENDIX 1**

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| Sport | Disciplines | National Governing Body |
| Air sports | Flying | Ulster Flying Club |
|  | Aerobatic flying | British Aerobatic Association |
|  | Aero model Flying | NI Association of Aeromodellers |
|  | Gliding | Ulster Gliding Club |
|  | Hang/Paragliding | Ulster Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club |
| American Football |  | American Football Ireland |
| Angling | Coarse | Ulster Coarse Fishing Federation (National Coarse Fishing Federation of Ireland) |
|  | Game | Ulster Angling Federation Ltd |
|  | Sea | Ulster Council Irish Federation of Sea Anglers (Irish Federation of Sea Anglers) |
| Archery | FieldTarget | Athletics NI |
| Athletics | Cross CountryMountain/FellRoadTrack and Field | Athletics NI |
| Badminton |  | Ulster Branch Badminton Union of Ireland (Badminton Ireland) |
| Basketball |  | Basketball NI (Basketball Ireland) |
| Boccia |  | Boccia UK |
| Bowls | CrownFederationShort Mat | Irish Bowls FederationIrish Bowling AssociationIrish Women’s Bowling AssociationAssociation of Irish Indoor BowlsIrish Women’s Indoor Bowling AssociationIrish Indoor Bowling Association |
| Boxing |  | Ulster Provincial Boxing Council (Irish Athletic Boxing Association) |
| Brazilian Jiu Jitsu |  | UK Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Association |
| Camogie |  | Ulster Camogie Council (The Camogie Association) |
| Canoeing | SlalomSprintSurf KayakWild Water RacingFreestyleMarathonOpen CanoeingPoloSea Kayaking | Canoe Association of NI |
| Caving | Cave DivingPot HolingMine Exploration | Speleogical Union of Ireland |
| Cricket |  | Cricket Ireland |
| Cycling | RoadTrackBMXDownhillMountain BikingCycle CrossCycle Speedway | Cycling Ulster (Cycling Ireland) |
| Disability Sport |  | Disability Sport NISpecial Olympics Ireland |
| Equestrian | DressageCarriage DrivingEnduranceVaultingShow JumpingHarness RacingPolocrosseEventingReigningMounted GamesHorse ball | Horse Sport Ireland |
| Fencing |  | NI Fencing Ltd |
| Football | Futsal | Irish Football Association |
| Gaelic Games | Handball (non-Olympic)FootballHurling | Ulster Council GAA(Gaelic Athletic Association) |
| Goalball | Goal Ball  | Goalball UK |
| Golf |  | Golf Ireland |
| Gymnastics | Men’s ArtisticWomen’s ArtisticRhythmicTeam GymAcrobaticsAerobicTrampoline & DMTTumbling | Gymnastics NI |
| Handball | Olympic  | Irish Olympic Handball Association |
| Hockey |  | Ulster Hockey (Hockey Ireland) |
| Ice Hockey |  | Ice Hockey UK |
| Judo |  | NI Judo Federation |
| Karate  |  | NI Karate Board |
| Motor Cycling  | Road RacingTrialsEnduroMotocrossTrack RacingSuper MotoDrag/SprintSpeedwayRallyingSidecar RacingHill Climbing | 2+4 Wheels Motorsport Ltd |
| Motor Sports | AutotestsAutosoloAutocrossCircuit RacingDrag RacingCross CountryHill ClimbingKartingRallycrossRallyingSprintsTime AttackTrials | 2+4 Motorsport Ltd |
| Mountaineering  | Indoor ClimbingOutdoor ClimbingHill WalkingMountaineering | Mountaineering Ireland |
| Netball |  | Netball NI |
| Orienteering |  | NI Orienteering  |
| Parkour |  | Parkour UK |
| Pool |  | Northern Ireland Pool Association |
| Powerlifting |  | British Powerlifting |
| Rambling |  | Ulster Federation of Rambling Clubs |
| Roller Sports | SpeedInline HockeyArtisticSkater HockeyFreestyleRoller HockeyRoller Derby | British Roller Sports Federation |
| Rowing |  | Rowing Ireland Ulster Branch (Rowing Ireland) |
| Rugby League | Touch | Rugby League Ireland |
| Rugby Union | TagSevensTouch | Ulster Branch Irish Rugby Football Union(Irish Rugby Football Union) |
| Sailing | SailingWindsurfingInland boatingPersonal Watercraft\*Motor cruising\*Sportsboats\*Powerboating\*\*RYA is not the NGB for competitive racing of powerboats, sports boats, personal watercraft, or motor cruisers, but does govern recreational use of these types of watercraft. | Royal Yachting Association NI |
| Shooting | Clay TargetPistolSmall-bore RifleRifleMuzzle Loaders | Ulster Clay Pigeon Shooting AssociationNI Small-bore Shooting AssociationUlster Rifle Association |
| Snooker and Billiards |  | NI Billiards and Snooker Association |
| Squash | Squash Racquetball | Ulster Squash (Irish Squash) |
| Surfing | Short boardKneeboardLong boardBody boardSkim boardStand up Paddle(SUP)Body Surf | Irish Surfing Association |
| Swimming | SwimmingDivingSynchronisedWater PoloOpen Water | Swim Ulster (Swim Ireland) |
| Tennis | TennisTable Tennis | Ulster Branch Tennis Ireland (Tennis Ireland) |
| Tenpin Bowling |  | NI Tenpin Bowling Federation |
| Triathlon |  | Triathlon Ireland |
| Tug of War |  | NI Tug of War Association |
| Ultimate |  | UK Ultimate |
| Volleyball  |  | NI Volleyball Association |
| Water Skiing | BarefootCable SkiKneeboardRacingTournamentWakeboarding | Irish Water Ski Federation (NI Sub Committee)(Irish Water-ski Federation) |
| Weightlifting | WeightliftingOlympic ParaPowerlifting | British Weightlifting |
| Wheelchair Basketball | Wheelchair Basketball | British Wheelchair Basketball/Basketball NI |
| Yoga | Yoga | Yoga Fellowship of Northern Ireland |