



Elite Athlete Scheme

Guidance Notes

Please read these Guidance Notes carefully before completing the application form

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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

- a. Sports persons must reside in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area.
- b. Sports persons **must** be involved at an **amateur** status only.
- c. 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)
- d. 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

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

Or

ii. Are competing at International Level in their sport.

- e. 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.
- f. Proof of representation must be provided by a Governing Body representative confirming the eligibility of the said sports person.
- g. 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

- a. 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
- b. Applications will only be assessed if there is evidence that they fulfil a clearly defined need.
- c. Only complete and legible official application forms will be processed.
- d. Application forms should be completed by the sportsperson and returned with accompanying relevant documentation as soon as possible.
- e. Membership of the scheme runs for a duration of 12 months before reapplication is necessary.
- f. 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.
- g. 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.

- h. Memberships will be reviewed on an individual basis annually or where deemed appropriate upon reapplication by Council Sports Development Team.
- i. 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).
- j. Elite Athlete cards must be shown on each occasion of use.
- k. The Elite Athlete Scheme member may only use the facilities as specified above.
- l. All cards must be returned to Council once they have expired, failure to do so may affect membership of the scheme.

HOW TO APPLY

- a. Before completing an application form please ensure that you are eligible to apply and have read this guide.
- b. Please read over the application form before commencing to fill it out.
- c. 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.
- d. 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

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	Field Target	Athletics NI
Athletics	Cross Country Mountain/Fell Road Track and Field	Athletics NI
Badminton		Ulster Branch Badminton Union of Ireland (Badminton Ireland)
Basketball		Basketball NI (Basketball Ireland)
Boccia		Boccia UK
Bowls	Crown Federation Short Mat	Irish Bowls Federation Irish Bowling Association Irish Women's Bowling Association Association of Irish Indoor Bowls Irish Women's Indoor Bowling Association Irish 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	Slalom Sprint Surf Kayak Wild Water Racing Freestyle Marathon Open Canoeing Polo Sea Kayaking	Canoe Association of NI
Caving	Cave Diving Pot Holing Mine Exploration	Speleological Union of Ireland
Cricket		Cricket Ireland
Cycling	Road Track BMX Downhill Mountain Biking Cycle Cross	Cycling Ulster (Cycling Ireland)

	Cycle Speedway	
Disability Sport		Disability Sport NI Special Olympics Ireland
Equestrian	Dressage Carriage Driving Endurance Vaulting Show Jumping Harness Racing Polocrosse Eventing Reigning Mounted Games Horse ball	Horse Sport Ireland
Fencing		NI Fencing Ltd
Football	Futsal	Irish Football Association
Gaelic Games	Handball (non-Olympic) Football Hurling	Ulster Council GAA (Gaelic Athletic Association)
Goalball	Goal Ball	Goalball UK
Golf		Golf Ireland
Gymnastics	Men's Artistic Women's Artistic Rhythmic Team Gym Acrobatics Aerobic Trampoline & DMT Tumbling	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 Racing Trials Enduro Motocross Track Racing Super Moto Drag/Sprint Speedway Rallying Sidecar Racing Hill Climbing	2+4 Wheels Motorsport Ltd
Motor Sports	Autotests Autosolo Autocross Circuit Racing Drag Racing Cross Country Hill Climbing Karting Rallycross Rallying	2+4 Motorsport Ltd

	Sprints Time Attack Trials	
Mountaineering	Indoor Climbing Outdoor Climbing Hill Walking Mountaineering	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	Speed Inline Hockey Artistic Skater Hockey Freestyle Roller Hockey Roller Derby	British Roller Sports Federation
Rowing		Rowing Ireland Ulster Branch (Rowing Ireland)
Rugby League	Touch	Rugby League Ireland
Rugby Union	Tag Sevens Touch	Ulster Branch Irish Rugby Football Union (Irish Rugby Football Union)
Sailing	Sailing Windsurfing Inland boating Personal 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 Target Pistol Small-bore Rifle Rifle Muzzle Loaders	Ulster Clay Pigeon Shooting Association NI Small-bore Shooting Association Ulster Rifle Association
Snooker and Billiards		NI Billiards and Snooker Association
Squash	Squash Racquetball	Ulster Squash (Irish Squash)
Surfing	Short board Kneeboard Long board Body board Skim board Stand up Paddle	Irish Surfing Association

	(SUP) Body Surf	
Swimming	Swimming Diving Synchronised Water Polo Open Water	Swim Ulster (Swim Ireland)
Tennis	Tennis Table 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	Barefoot Cable Ski Kneeboard Racing Tournament Wakeboarding	Irish Water Ski Federation (NI Sub Committee) (Irish Water-ski Federation)
Weightlifting	Weightlifting Olympic Para Powerlifting	British Weightlifting
Wheelchair Basketball	Wheelchair Basketball	British Wheelchair Basketball/Basketball NI
Yoga	Yoga	Yoga Fellowship of Northern Ireland