



# Aspiring Athlete Scheme

The Aspiring Athlete Scheme supported by the Hertsmere Leisure Trust, Finesse Leisure Partnership, Stevenage Leisure Limited, Sportspace (Dacorum Sports Trust) & Gosling Sports Park, is a programme designed to help athletes get to that next step in their sporting achievement. The programme provides expertise these partnerships have to offer.

Our aim is to provide assistance and free access to the leisure facilities of the aforementioned organisations, to assist athletes to achieve their full potential and work towards world class performance levels.

# Guidelines/Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be aged between 11 and 28 years of age at the time of application. The upper age limit can be extended to 35 in the case of disabled athletes.
  - The athlete must either be a resident of Hertfordshire or a member of a Hertfordshire based sports club.
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- Any playing individual within a team (not squad member) who has been part of a winning national team competition is also eligible.
  - Applicants must provide a quarterly update of their achievements throughout the year to carry on accessing the scheme.
  - The programme will run on a yearly basis.
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- Applicants must be a minimum of county standard in a recognised sport; County school representation will not be accepted.
  - Applicants must attach a letter of support from their club/national governing body verifying the standard that they have achieved.
  - The athletes will be sent a notification of the outcome of their application, including any particular conditions which may affect their access to the leisure venues.



# Application Form

Please attach any supporting evidence or documents (i.e. ranking list, NGB letter, coach letter, press cuttings, tournament results etc) that will help us make a decision in your favour.

Also please attach documents to show if you are part of a similar programme.

I certify that all the information given in this form is correct and true to the best of my knowledge and I confirm that it is for my individual training that I have applied for.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Declaration

To the best of my knowledge , the details in this application form are correct. By signing this form I agree that I will abide by the Terms and Conditions as stated and understand that information from this form may be used for administration purposes in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

How information about you will be used:

The information will be shared with key service providers who support the schemes (providers include other leisure centres).

The information will also be shared with national governing bodies of sports and local authority partners to verify an athlete's levels in their respective sport.

## Terms and Conditions

- The athlete should be willing to take part in promotional activities to encourage Hertfordshire residents into sport.
- Applicants' achievements will also be detailed on the respective leisure centres website.
- Application can be made at any participating site/ leisure organisation and access to training facilities will be automatically transferred to all sites.
- Access to facilities will only be available at off peak times.
- Booking of facilities will only be accepted if done three hours prior to the time of usage.
- Athletes will only be allowed access to facilities that directly link to their sport.

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This section is to be completed by the National Governing Body/Area Institute or Recognised Club.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Facilities (this includes the facilities that the body recognises as being necessary for the athlete's development): \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the applicant above has reached the required standards and achieved the results detailed on the application form.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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