

Herts Talented Athletes Scheme

The Talented Athlete Scheme supported by the Hertsmere Leisure Trust, Finesse Leisure Partnership, Stevenage Leisure Limited, Sportspace (Dacorum Sports Trust) and Gosling Sports Park, is a programme designed to help athletes get to that next step in their sporting achievement. The programme provides access to the facilities and 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
- Applicants must either be a resident of Hertfordshire or a member of a Hertfordshire based sports club.
- Programme commences at the beginning of July for able bodied athletes and August for disabled athletes.
- Applicants must be a minimum of county standard in a recognised sport; (*County school representation will not be accepted*)
- Any playing individual within a team (not squad member) who has been part of a winning national team competition is also eligible.
- The athletes will be sent notification of the outcome of their application, including any particular conditions which may affect their access to the leisure venues.

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 available at off peak times.
- Booking of facilities will only be accepted if done 3 hours prior to the time of usage.
- Athletes will only be allowed access to facilities that directly link to their sport.

For more details in Welwyn Hatfield please go to www.welhatsports.org.uk and click on *support, advice and funding* and then *funding*.

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