

# SPORTSROUND

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## Round-Up of Sports News & Information for Yorkshire Region

### World Corporate Games

More than 6000 participants will take part in the **World Corporate Games** in Leeds – on July 11-13 2008. Twenty-one sports are on the programme and all are in excellent venues with highly experienced organisers and officials. The Grand Parade of Athletes is scheduled for Millennium Square in the heart of the City on Saturday evening. Full details from [www.corporate-games.com/newweb/eng\\_pages/gamesinformation2.asp?GAMESID=1032&LANGUAGEID=1](http://www.corporate-games.com/newweb/eng_pages/gamesinformation2.asp?GAMESID=1032&LANGUAGEID=1)

### UK Centre for Coaching Excellence

The United Kingdom's aim to be the leading coaching nation in the world by 2016 came a step closer as Minister for Sport Gerry Sutcliffe announced the UK Centre for Coaching Excellence in sport and disability sport will be based at **Leeds Metropolitan University**.

The Centre will be the first of its kind in the United Kingdom and will benefit up-and-coming coaches in a wide range of sports to help them reach the top and help drive a legacy of sporting success for British athletes. Sports coach UK and Leeds Met - known in sporting circles as Carnegie - will work in partnership to establish the Centre that has received start-up funding of £600,000 from UK Sport and Sport England.

It is also being backed by sportscotland, Sports Council for Wales and Sport Northern Ireland. A UK-wide network of coaching experts, sports science and medical experts will also be established to support training and coach education throughout the country. As well as benefiting elite-sport coaches the Centre will also offer training to community coaches to improve the quality of the sport experience for all, and help identify potential British sport stars of the future. The UK Coaching Centre for Excellence will focus on four areas of development:

- High Performance: for coaches of athletes capable of achieving success at international level
- Performer Development: for coaches that will focus on talent identification and development of young athletes
- Participation: for coaches working in community sport, helping to increase sport participation
- Children's coaches: for coaches that will work specifically with young people at each stage of their early development in sport.

### European Commission position on Home Grown Players

The European Commission has announced its backing for UEFA's home grown players rule. It clarified that UEFA's system respected the principle of free movement of players and backed its legality. UEFA's rules mean eight of the 25 man squad for European competitions must be home grown players, which are defined by UEFA as players who, regardless of their nationality or age, have been trained by their club or by another club in the national association for at least three years between the age of 15 and 21. The UEFA rule does not contain any nationality conditions. It also applies in the same way to all players and all clubs participating in competitions organised by UEFA. The Commission has clarified this is not a green light for home grown player initiatives in other sports; however, Commissioner Špidla welcomed further cooperation between sport and the Commission. While the statement does not represent a broad legalisation of home grown player rules, the Commission has discussed at length the key criteria for home grown player rules – namely necessity, proportionality and legitimacy.

### SportsMatch

Sport England are delighted to announce the return of Sportsmatch with a new web-based facility enabling applicants to apply online. Sportsmatch, funded by Sport England, will continue to offer pound for pound matched funding to sporting stakeholders for projects that encourage sports participation at grass roots level. The scheme's awards criteria have been amended to provide greater flexibility for applicants. From May 2008, partnership funding from trusts and private individuals becomes eligible for match funding. In addition, applicants will now apply online with telephone support available from Sport England on 08458 508 508. All projects applying in 2008/09 will need to ensure that they are able to deliver their project in its entirety by 31 March 2009. This will ensure that the benefits of the scheme are received at the earliest opportunity. Details at [www.sportsmatch.co.uk/](http://www.sportsmatch.co.uk/)

### Further and Higher Education survey results

Sport England Yorkshire commissioned the Centre of Sports Industry Research at Sheffield Hallam University to survey the region's colleges and universities to understand the contribution they make to sport in Yorkshire.

The findings cover:

- sports participation delivered by the colleges and universities to their students, as well as to local communities
- information on volunteering and placements in sport
- information on the delivery of sports-related courses.

Read the results reports at:

[www.sportengland.org/yorkshire\\_index/yorkshire\\_in\\_your\\_region/iyr\\_county\\_sports\\_partnerships/iyr\\_yorkshire\\_csp\\_children\\_and\\_young\\_people.htm](http://www.sportengland.org/yorkshire_index/yorkshire_in_your_region/iyr_county_sports_partnerships/iyr_yorkshire_csp_children_and_young_people.htm)

### **Bradford BMX site**

Bradford Council has been working in partnership with Sport England, British Cycling and Bradford Bandits BMX Racing Club to provide a new state-of-the-art designed cycle track at Peel Park. The track will be designed to national standards as it will attract competitions to Bradford as well as being for use by club members and the local community. Peel Park held the prestigious National cyclo cross trophy for the second time last year when the Green Flag park was turned into an enormous racing circuit.

### **Gaz De France Leeds Half Marathon**

After the huge success of the Leeds Half Marathon 2007, the event will run again in 2008 on Sunday, September 7th. This will be contested around the same 13 mile route as previous years and welcome runners from all parts of the British Isles and beyond. This year's event features a spectacular combined start through Leeds City centre and a magnificent finish for all races in Millennium Square, greeted by the Lord Mayor and other guests. This year there will be 3 events:

- 1/2 Marathon
- Corporate Challenge
- Fun Run

On-line entry forms can be found at [www.leeds.gov.uk/runleeds](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/runleeds). The entry deadline is August 8th.

### **Olympic Party**

A massive party is being planned in the UK to celebrate the handover of the Olympic Games from Beijing to London. The city is not hosting the Games until 2012, but the party is starting early with a free concert in the capital for 40,000 people on 24 August. Pop star Leona Lewis and footballer David Beckham are reported to be due to perform at China's closing ceremony to help kick off celebrations over here. The concert will mark the moment the UK officially becomes host of the Games, when the Olympic flag is handed over from the Mayor of Beijing to the Mayor of London during the closing ceremony.

### **Clubs Liable for Foul Play by members**

Sports clubs are facing major hikes in insurance premiums after a landmark court ruling made them responsible for injuries when violence erupts on the pitch. The decision means clubs will have to guard against the prospect of massive payouts for serious injuries resulting from deliberate acts of

violence by their players. The ruling came almost three years after semi-professional rugby player Andrew Gravil was left with a broken eye socket after being punched by opponent Richard Carroll in a skirmish after a scrum. In the first case of its kind in the UK, the Court of Appeal has ruled it was 'fair and just' to hold clubs liable. The test case focused on a rugby union match between Halifax and Redruth. Lower courts had previously ruled that the club was not liable for the action of its player. Redruth must now pay the damages, which have increased to £9,375 with interest included, along with around £100,000 in costs. The appeal was heard by Master of the Rolls Sir Anthony Clarke. The judges ruled Redruth was 'vicariously responsible for the injury'. Sir Anthony said it was up to clubs to take action to deter players from playing dirty. He added that the punch should not have been thrown, but 'it was an incident in the game and thus of the defendant's employment.' The judgment applies only to professional, or semi-professional clubs, where a contract of employment is involved.

### **Cash 4 Clubs**

The 5 most deserving clubs in Yorkshire will be awarded £1,000 in a promotion between the Yorkshire Post and betting company Betfair. Do you feel lucky? [www.cash-4-clubs.com](http://www.cash-4-clubs.com)

### **Equality Standard for Sport support**

CCPR has recently been successful in accessing £35,000 from the Equality and Human Rights Commission to support members towards achieving the Equality Standard for Sport. This funding will be spent supporting 17 governing bodies not currently accessing Equality Standard support through either Sport England or UK Sport. The support will take the form of workshops where governing bodies can share best practice, visits and remote support from an Equality Standard Advisor as well as equality training for key volunteers and staff.

### **Changes in child protection legislation**

ISA, the new Independent Safeguarding Authority, will 'go live' from 12 October 2009. The linked document will update you on changes in child protection legislation:

<http://www.ccpr.org.uk/ourservices/childprotection>

### **Third Sector Leadership Centre**

The Third Sector Leadership Centre aims to raise the profile of leadership and leadership development across the sector, offering various services to leaders within the Third Sector, including forums, leadership directories and assessment tools. For more information please visit [www.thirdsectorleadership.org.uk](http://www.thirdsectorleadership.org.uk)

### **Local Government Association rural conference**

The LGA has announced the programme for this conference, taking place in Nottingham on 10 September 2008. This year's conference will

showcase the rural perspective on some of the most significant issues being debated across local government ranging from attracting and retaining young councillors, to Eco Towns and responding to climate change challenges. For more information visit: [www.lga.gov.uk/lga/events/display-event.do?id=362093](http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/events/display-event.do?id=362093)

### **MARS Refuel Fund**

MARS Refuel is giving consumers the opportunity to give their sports club a 'leg up' with the help of the MARS Refuel Fund. The fund, which launches on 1 July and runs until 31 December 2008, has up to £10,000 to donate each month, with a maximum of £500 per applicant. The MARS Refuel Fund is offering support with anything from equipment costs, to improving training grounds and club houses. Applications can be made online at [www.marsrefuel.com](http://www.marsrefuel.com)

### **George Torkildsen Memorial Trust**

The Trust has established a fund to offer an opportunity for those embarking upon a career in leisure management to travel and study experiences and practice in and beyond the UK. Applicants are asked to provide a letter of application and 'mini-business plan', which should provide background information on the intended study project and its objectives. For more information contact Don Earley on 01926 427771 or 07957 846552 or at [don.earley@fieldsintrust.org](mailto:don.earley@fieldsintrust.org). The closing date for applications is 30 September 2008.

### **Playing to win: a new era for sport**

Through this document DCMS outlines how Sport England's new tightly focussed community sport remit sits alongside the Youth Sport Trust's role in school sport, and UK Sport's responsibilities in high performance sport. It also clearly acknowledges the role of national governing bodies in delivering the required outcomes, and references other key partners such as sportscoach UK, local authorities and CCPR. To download the document visit: [www.culture.gov.uk/reference\\_library/publications/5178.aspx](http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/publications/5178.aspx)

### **New Sport England strategy**

Sport England has now released its new strategy for 2008-2011. The strategy amplifies DCMS' own (see above), with a clear statement that 'in the future, Sport England's role will be to focus exclusively on sport'. The document also makes clear the important role that national governing bodies of sport will be expected to play in delivery, stating that 'the NGBs will have greater autonomy over the investment of public funds within their sport – along with greater responsibility for the delivery of the outcomes.' Key focus areas within the strategy include ensuring the effective deployment of frontline coaches, supporting sports volunteers and modernising sports clubs. To download the document visit: [www.sportengland.org/news/press\\_releases/sport\\_england\\_strategy\\_2008-2011.htm](http://www.sportengland.org/news/press_releases/sport_england_strategy_2008-2011.htm)

### **Consultation on lottery funding**

Sport England has launched a public consultation on the way it distributes its £45 million share of sports lottery funding, with a view to better delivering against its strategy. The consultation documents are available online at [www.sportengland.org/consultation](http://www.sportengland.org/consultation), and hard copies may be requested from the consultation help line on 0845 850 8508 or by e-mailing [consultation@sportengland.org](mailto:consultation@sportengland.org). The deadline for responses is Friday 12 September. The consultation proposes that Sport England will:

- simplify and centralise its award application process
- put more funding directly into community sports projects through investment in facilities, small grants and innovative projects
- alter the criteria for the Community Investment Fund in order to free up more funds for the purposes outlined above.

### **NAO report into Olympic preparations**

The National Audit Office (NAO), the agency responsible for scrutinising all public expenditure, has published its assessment of the progress being made on preparations for the 2012 Games. The NAO is satisfied that good progress is being made with regard to preparing the site for hosting the Games. However concern has been raised that the lack of clarity regarding the legacy use of facilities may mean that the design process fails to accommodate eventual legacy uses. To view the full report visit: [www.nao.org.uk/pn/07-08/0708490.htm](http://www.nao.org.uk/pn/07-08/0708490.htm)

### **Independent Safeguarding Authority**

The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act places a duty on 'Regulated Activity Providers' to check that individuals wishing to engage in regulated activities are registered with the Independent Safeguarding Authority. 'Regulated Activities' are situations where an individual works frequently or intensively with a child or vulnerable adult, in roles such as teaching, training or supervision. Earlier this year, the Government consulted on the Act's implementation and in its response to this has indicated that it will:

- provide further guidance on 'frequency and intensity' – it is likely that those working with children at least once a month or overnight will be required to register
- create an exemption for those operating 'open age' sporting activities in which 16 and 17 year olds may participate alongside adults
- enable national governing bodies to access 'vetting and suitability information'
- address the lack of clarity relating to self-employed people operating in what would otherwise be a registered activity.

The response indicates that under the ISA scheme NGBs will continue to maintain oversight of those engaged in their sport. However, the individual sports club will remain the Regulated Activity Provider, and is therefore responsible for checking that its coaches and volunteers are ISA registered.

## Government response to visitors' visa consultation

The Government's response to the visitors' visa consultation, published 25 June, provides promising developments for sport. It specifically notes how convincingly the sports sector lobbied for the inclusion of a sports visa. Both amateur and professional sports people will now be able to take place in events and series of events in the UK without entering through the points based system and will be able to use a multiple entry six month visa - an extension from the three months expected. Sports could also benefit from specific events visas which could reduce visa costs for spectators and special events. CCPR will continue to work with sports stakeholders and the Border Agency to determine the criteria needed to qualify for special events. To view the full report visit:

<http://ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/firmbutfairnewrulesforshortterm>

## British Waterways consults on long-term moorings

British Waterways (BW) has commenced a 12-week public consultation on the pricing and allocation of its long term directly managed moorings. A consultation paper considering the options available for allocating and pricing vacancies has been published on the BW website. The consultation document summarises BW's moorings policies and explains the framework within which BW must set the prices for its long term moorings. It analyses five options for allocating vacancies, namely returning to waiting lists, adopting the tendering system currently being trialled, modifying the tendering system, moving to open auctions or a fixed price lottery process. The formal consultation period runs until 20 August 2008. Documents are downloadable from [www.britishwaterways.co.uk/mooringconsultation08](http://www.britishwaterways.co.uk/mooringconsultation08)

## Healthy Towns

The Healthy Communities Challenge Fund totals £30 million and aims to encourage towns across England to come up with innovative ideas to improve public health, with ideas including increasing the number of cycle lanes, walking promotion schemes or providing local health initiatives. The £30m will be invested over three years, between 2008/9 and 2010/11 and will be given to a small number of interested local areas to build on existing work in their communities and test out their ideas on what further action needs to happen to make regular physical activity and healthy food choices easier for people. In each case the local areas will be expected to match any resources they receive from Government. There is a two stage selection process for deciding which areas will become 'Healthy Towns'. At stage one PCTs and local authorities are invited to submit a joint application indicating their interest in the Healthy Community Challenge Fund. Successful bids will go forward to stage two and submit a more detailed proposal and delivery plan by September 2008. Towns wishing to gain 'healthy

town' designation will need to take a holistic approach covering both nutrition and activity. The bidding documentation includes reference to an Australian scheme involving sports clubs, which suggests that sports clubs could play a role in this initiative. To download the bidding guidance visit: [www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/DH\\_085328](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/DH_085328)

## Physical activity in the workplace

The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) has issued guidance for employers on how to encourage employees to increase their levels of physical activity. The guidance is aimed at employers in all organisations who have a responsibility or a role in improving health in the workplace in particular staff responsible for human resources or occupational health. Recommendations include:

- Develop a plan or policy across the organisation to encourage and support employees to be physically active, then introduce and monitor a programme based on the plan.
- Encourage employees to walk, cycle or use another mode of transport involving physical activity to travel part or all of the way to and from work.
- Help employees to be physically active during the working day, eg. providing information about walking or cycling routes or putting up signs to encourage them to use the stairs.

The guidance 'workplace health promotion: how to encourage employees to be physically active' is available at: [www.nice.org.uk/PH013](http://www.nice.org.uk/PH013)

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