

## **Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme**

Hampshire County Council provides support services to help Hampshire's most talented athletes reach world class podiums e.g. Olympics, Paralympics, World Championships. Support starts at county level and goes through to athletes competing internationally. As the performance pathways for different sports vary hugely, each National Governing Body (NGB) of sport is consulted to ensure that support is given at the right level. Disciplines not supported by the NGB or without clear performance pathways will not be eligible for HTAS support.

A variety of factors will influence the level of support provided to an athlete. These factors include national and international rankings, national and international competition results (for individual sports) and selection for national and international teams (for team sports).

### **Funding for international competitions**

As part of its Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Programme Hampshire County Council has allocated £5000 to help athletes with the costs of competing internationally. Athletes are invited to apply for up to 50% of their expenses attached to competing internationally, to a maximum of £500.

Athletes must fulfil the criteria laid out in the guidance notes on the ['How to apply'](#) page and cannot be in receipt of HTAS funding for this calendar year.

### **Non-Grant package**

Applications for the services below are accepted throughout the year and processed on the 1st and 15th of each month.

- Free access to [participating leisure centres](#)
- [Fast track-physiotherapy service](#)
- Sports science support from Southampton Solent University
- Public speaking and presentation skills training

### **Unitary authority support**

The Hampshire Talented Athlete Scheme covers people who live in one of the boroughs or districts of Hampshire. This includes Test Valley, Basingstoke and Deane, Hart, Rushmoor, East Hampshire, Havant, Gosport, Fareham, Eastleigh, Winchester and the New Forest.

The unitary authorities (Portsmouth, Southampton and Isle of Wight) have their own services. Please contact the relevant person if you live in one of these areas.

**Please note:** If you are not sure which area you live in, please check your council tax bill.

Southampton - [james.grant@solent.ac.uk](mailto:james.grant@solent.ac.uk)

Portsmouth - [matthew.birch@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:matthew.birch@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)

Isle of Wight - [Elaine.Tracey@IOW.gov.uk](mailto:Elaine.Tracey@IOW.gov.uk)

Additional funding from Hampshire County Council is currently available to NISA athletes. **Applications will be open from 22 January to 20 March 2015.** If you would like further details about the required performance level for your sport please let me know.

### **Funding for overseas matches**

As part of its Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Programme Hampshire County Council has allocated £5000 to help athletes with the costs of competing internationally. Athletes are invited to apply for up to 50% of their expenses attached to competing internationally, to a maximum of £500.

Criteria:

- Aged 11+
- Competing in an [HTAS supported sport](#) at the required level (please contact Nicola Wright, Sports Development Officer (Performance) [Nicola.j.wright@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Nicola.j.wright@hants.gov.uk) for individual sports criteria)
- Live in the administrative county of Hampshire (excludes Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight)
- Selected by NGB for an overseas tournament/ match as part of the performance pathway.
- Tournament/ match must be within the next 3 months
- Athlete must **not** be in receipt of HTAS funding for that year.

### **£5000 fund**

Will pay up to £500 towards the cost of the trip

Will not pay more than 50% of costs

Must provide evidence of costs.

Applications will be taken on a first come, first served basis. To apply please visit [www.sportshampshireiow.co.uk/talentedathletes](http://www.sportshampshireiow.co.uk/talentedathletes) (information will be live on 22 January.)