



**Causeway  
Coast & Glens  
Borough Council**

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# Elite Athlete Scheme

## Guidance Notes

**Please read these Guidance Notes carefully before completing the application form**

**For further information or queries, please contact:**

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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](mailto: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

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Disciplines</b>	<b>National Governing Body</b>
<b>Air sports</b>	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
<b>American Football</b>		American Football Ireland
<b>Angling</b>	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)
<b>Archery</b>	Field Target	Athletics NI
<b>Athletics</b>	Cross Country Mountain/Fell Road Track and Field	Athletics NI
<b>Badminton</b>		Ulster Branch Badminton Union of Ireland (Badminton Ireland)
<b>Basketball</b>		Basketball NI (Basketball Ireland)
<b>Boccia</b>		Boccia UK
<b>Bowls</b>	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
<b>Boxing</b>		Ulster Provincial Boxing Council (Irish Athletic Boxing Association)
<b>Brazilian Jiu Jitsu</b>		UK Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Association
<b>Camogie</b>		Ulster Camogie Council (The Camogie Association)
<b>Canoeing</b>	Slalom Sprint Surf Kayak Wild Water Racing Freestyle Marathon Open Canoeing Polo Sea Kayaking	Canoe Association of NI
<b>Caving</b>	Cave Diving Pot Holing Mine Exploration	Speleological Union of Ireland
<b>Cricket</b>		Cricket Ireland
<b>Cycling</b>	Road Track BMX Downhill Mountain Biking Cycle Cross	Cycling Ulster (Cycling Ireland)

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

	Sprints Time Attack Trials	
<b>Mountaineering</b>	Indoor Climbing Outdoor Climbing Hill Walking Mountaineering	Mountaineering Ireland
<b>Netball</b>		Netball NI
<b>Orienteering</b>		NI Orienteering
<b>Parkour</b>		Parkour UK
<b>Pool</b>		Northern Ireland Pool Association
<b>Powerlifting</b>		British Powerlifting
<b>Rambling</b>		Ulster Federation of Rambling Clubs
<b>Roller Sports</b>	Speed Inline Hockey Artistic Skater Hockey Freestyle Roller Hockey Roller Derby	British Roller Sports Federation
<b>Rowing</b>		Rowing Ireland Ulster Branch (Rowing Ireland)
<b>Rugby League</b>	Touch	Rugby League Ireland
<b>Rugby Union</b>	Tag Sevens Touch	Ulster Branch Irish Rugby Football Union (Irish Rugby Football Union)
<b>Sailing</b>	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
<b>Shooting</b>	Clay Target Pistol Small-bore Rifle Rifle Muzzle Loaders	Ulster Clay Pigeon Shooting Association NI Small-bore Shooting Association Ulster Rifle Association
<b>Snooker and Billiards</b>		NI Billiards and Snooker Association
<b>Squash</b>	Squash Racquetball	Ulster Squash (Irish Squash)
<b>Surfing</b>	Short board Kneeboard Long board Body board Skim board Stand up Paddle	Irish Surfing Association

	(SUP) Body Surf	
<b>Swimming</b>	Swimming Diving Synchronised Water Polo Open Water	Swim Ulster (Swim Ireland)
<b>Tennis</b>	Tennis Table Tennis	Ulster Branch Tennis Ireland (Tennis Ireland)
<b>Tenpin Bowling</b>		NI Tenpin Bowling Federation
<b>Triathlon</b>		Triathlon Ireland
<b>Tug of War</b>		NI Tug of War Association
<b>Ultimate</b>		UK Ultimate
<b>Volleyball</b>		NI Volleyball Association
<b>Water Skiing</b>	Barefoot Cable Ski Kneeboard Racing Tournament Wakeboarding	Irish Water Ski Federation (NI Sub Committee) (Irish Water-ski Federation)
<b>Weightlifting</b>	Weightlifting Olympic Para Powerlifting	British Weightlifting
<b>Wheelchair Basketball</b>	Wheelchair Basketball	British Wheelchair Basketball/Basketball NI
<b>Yoga</b>	Yoga	Yoga Fellowship of Northern Ireland