



## 2022/23 Team Leicestershire Talent Young Athlete Support Programme Eligibility Criteria & Application Process

**Team Leicestershire Talent is a Young Athlete Support Programme. It aims to support young talented athletes & sportspeople across Leicestershire, Leicester City and Rutland to achieve their potential through the delivery of a bespoke annual programme of practical and theory workshops delivered by experts in athlete development.**

The programme is open to all young aspiring athletes & sportspeople, whether they are already performing at Regional, National or International level, or still at the start of their sporting journey locally, aiming to "be the best they can be", either as an individual or as part of a team, through talent pathways and performance programmes.

**PLEASE NOTE: Before beginning the application process, consider carefully all the points below as applications which don't fully meet these criteria will not be considered.**

- **Athletes accessing Team Leicestershire Talent (TLT) should be 11-23 years by 31 December 2022 with discretionary flexibility at the top end of the age group for athletes taking part in Para-Sports.**
- Athletes must live in Leicestershire, Leicester or Rutland (i.e. **pay council tax**) and attend the local education system. If athletes are currently studying away at College/University, their parent's/non term time address should be in Leicestershire, Leicester or Rutland. We will **not accept applications from** athletes studying at any Further Education or Higher Education establishment if they are not from Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland.

**There are 3 "Levels" of the Team Leicestershire Talent programme available for you to access. (Outlined below)**

**However, at this stage you are simply applying to be a part of the programme. Allocation of "levels" will be made once all applications are received and have been assessed.**

### **Application process**

An application form to become part of the **Team Leicestershire Talent** programme can be found at [www.teamleicestershire.org/talent](http://www.teamleicestershire.org/talent)

The application window will run **Mon 1<sup>st</sup> August – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022**

**Please contact us if you require a hard copy of the application form or if you need it in an alternative format to suit your personal requirements.**

For this, or any other additional enquiries, please contact:

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## **Ambassadors**

A small number of funded athletes of whom there will be expectations in terms of Active Together involvement given the level of funding provided.

**In addition to funding, Ambassador status will also include:**

- **Complimentary access to the Team Leicestershire Talent athlete support package** (outlined below under the 'Athletes' level of support)
- **Provision of additional resources such as training kit** for branding purposes such as use in social media posts

**Ambassador expectations** will include elements such as:

- Monthly website blogging and regular social media engagement
- Promotion of the **TLT** programme of support and the impact it has on their progress / development
- Support / mentoring of aspiring athletes in the programme including engagement in workshops
- Attendance / support at local Active Together competitions / events
- Support with the continued development and promotion of 'Virtual Together' platform

*NB: Un-funded "Ambassadors" may also be selected if they are in position personally and within their sporting career to be an advocate for Active Together & **TLT** without the financial incentives.*

Selections for Ambassadors may take several factors into consideration including, but not limited to:

- validated by their NGB as being current or likely potential to achieve elite status
- high level athletes relative to their standing within their sport
- representative of the local community in LLR

## **Athletes**

**Supported Athletes will receive complimentary access to a range of ongoing support structures and an annual support programme outlined below.**

**Athlete Support Package:**

- **Online**
- 6 x Mental Fitness sessions (Approx. 1 per month between Nov – May)
- *NB: A Doodle poll will be conducted to ascertain most popular evenings for sessions (Mon – Fri)*
- **Face to Face**
- 8 x Sat morning sessions
- 10am – 1pm
- Approx. 1 per month between Oct – June
- These will have S&C focus with elements of Psychology and Nutrition embedded
- Venue: TBC
- **Plus**, access to any additional workshops that may be added to the programme
- Elite Athlete and Former Athlete Keynote and Q&A sessions

- Group mentoring from **TLT** Athlete Ambassadors and previous Alumni
- Opportunity to submit applications to a funding pot available for small scale and ongoing / additional requirements such as physio, travel, equipment, etc. or CPD opportunities such as coaching bursaries, to those in need of financial support (*Evidence of financial need, as well as evidence of expenditure, required*)
- Possible provision of additional resources such as training T-shirt for branding purposes such as use in social media posts

## **Futures**

Any athletes not attaining **Ambassador** or **Athlete** status will be offered access to the **Futures** level.

These athletes will be given the opportunity – *availability allowing* – to attend the workshops outlined above. For this level of the programme, there will be a **small cost** – Outlined below.

**Mental Fitness Workshops\***: £60.00 for the series of 6 sessions

**Saturday Morning Sessions\*\***: £10 per 3hour session (*or £75 for all 8*)

*\*=Online sessions / \*\*=Real life sessions (Venue TBC)*

Or sign up to all 14 sessions at the start of the programme for a total cost of **£120.00**

*NB: For athletes that can demonstrate the financial need, a subsequent funding application can be submitted to **Team Leicestershire Talent** to cover the cost of accessing the sessions through the **Futures** level.*

## **Financial Support Applications\***

As mentioned previously, in addition to the ongoing support outlined above, **ALL** athletes accessing any level of the **Team Leicestershire Talent** programme will have the opportunity to submit applications to a funding pot available for small scale and ongoing / additional requirements such as physio, travel, equipment, etc. or CPD opportunities such as coaching bursaries, to those in need of financial support (*Evidence of financial need, as well as evidence of expenditure, required*)

Again, as previously stated, this can include bids to cover the cost of **Futures** fees outlined above.

*(\*Evidence of need such as household income – and where applicable, expenditure – will be required for such submissions)*

## **Applicable Criteria Financial Support Applications**

- **Team Leicestershire Talent** operates a **means testing process** where any financial support provided is only able to financially support those athletes who can demonstrate a **financial need** for the funding. Athletes will be asked to outline how the financial support provided by **TLT** will be valuable to their progression. They will also have to provide evidence of expenditure. **Household income will be considered but will not be the only measure considered.**
- **Team Leicestershire Talent** works in partnership with 'Everyone Active Sporting Champions'. As a result, those athletes who are unsuccessful with financial support from **TLT** may be eligible to receive financial support and/or free leisure centre access from Everyone Active. Relevant applications will be forwarded on for consideration. Similarly, applications may be forwarded on to the athlete's local authority for local grant consideration.

**In addition to the main criteria listed above, applicants for any financial support must also adhere to the following;**

- Athletes who already receive direct funding through the Lottery or TASS will need to demonstrate a **financial need** to receive further funding from this scheme
- Athletes who are financially supported through contracts with professional sports clubs are **ineligible**
- Repeat recipients must clearly demonstrate the impact of previous funding and the necessity for a repeat award. If no impact can be demonstrated, a grant may not be awarded, unless circumstances are detailed within the application
- Successful recipients of funding may be asked to undertake supportive roles and responsibilities for Active Together. These may include, but are not limited to; attending sporting & celebration events and having your image/blogs on the Active Together website, social media sites, including YouTube, and relevant publications. Failure to support Active Together in these roles will result in funding being withdrawn
- Appropriate recognition must be given to Active Together / TLT in any media and social media coverage involving the individual
- Active Together will request details and evidence of expenditure as to how funding has been used to support athlete development – E.g: equipment, competition expenses, etc.
- Active Together reserve the right to reclaim any funding that is deemed not to have been used against costs and / or expenses identified in the agreement

**Financial support applications will be prioritised based on the following criteria:**

- An athlete's **financial need**, including (but not limited to) household income, nature and cost of the sport.
- Funding provided in previous years may be considered, along with engagement in athlete duties as outlined in the criteria
- Priority may be given to individuals who have not received funding previously

Please note, athletes who have received support and / or funding previously are not guaranteed future **Team Leicestershire Talent** support.

