

SPORTSROUND

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Round-Up of Sports News & Information for Yorkshire Region

Licensing Act 2003 – progress report

CCPR's campaign to reduce the impact of the Licensing Act 2003 on sports clubs has received significant Parliamentary support. The CCPR believes that Ministers now understand that sport has real case for reduced fees, but it is important to supply the Independent Licensing Fees Review Panel with as much evidence as possible to support this case. **The full interim report can be accessed at:**

www.culture.gov.uk/alcohol_and_entertainment/monitoring_and_evaluation/ifreview.htm

The Panel is continuing to receive information from a number of stakeholder interests in order to gather the evidence that will inform their final Report, which is due to be published in the autumn.

European Association for Sport Management

14th EASM Congress will be hosted in Cyprus, (6-9 September, 2006) by Intercollege and Cyprus Sports Organizations. The Congress website www.easm2006.com is fully accessible. A great number of on line reservations have already been made. For all related information regarding the congress and hotel reservations, please visit the website. In due course, the detailed congress programme and key note speakers will be announced in the website. Further information from Anna Hadjimanoli: E-mail: mailto:easm@imh.com.cy

Physical Activity Framework for Yorkshire and Humber – online now

Go to www.sportengland.org/yorkshire and click on the Physical Activity Framework link from the home page.

The Benefits of Balance programme

The Benefits of Balance is an Investors in People Work Life Balance Sport England partnership programme, which has received funding from the Department of Health. Offering places for up to 40 organisations from Yorkshire and Humber, The Benefits of Balance is a programme of seminars, one to one consultancy support and Work Life balance assessment. For further information contact Linda Howell at YHAL, 1 Cardale Park, Harrogate, HG3 1RZ
Email: benefitsofbalance@yhal.org.uk

Big Lottery Fund Well-Being programme

The Big Lottery Fund's £165 million Well-Being programme focuses on three strands: mental health, healthy eating and physical activity. There has been a lot of information and many ideas developing for the Health and Wellbeing Fund, which was discussed with over 120 regional partners at the recent Regional Physical Activity Forum on 19th May. Read more at: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/programmes/well_being/index.htm

Hey Coach, sportscoach UK's newsletter

Please find the following links to the latest addition of Hey Coach, Yorkshire and Humber's very own newsletter for coaches edited by Julie Anderson sports coach UK Coach Development Officer
www.sportscoachuk.org/NR/rdonlyres/FA6CA2A7-7E90-4E1B-88A5-FA4E354681A0/0/NEYHCoachesNewsletterMay0631.pdf

runningsports resources

The new 'runningsports' training and development resources to support volunteers in sport. Visit the new website at www.runningsports.org/

Everyday Sport at the Great Yorkshire Show

Sport England is taking the Everyday Sport campaign to the Great Yorkshire Show from July 11-13 2006. There will be an area in the Discovery Zone where have a go events will be staged by Sport England courtesy of partners including UK Squash, Harrogate Squash and Fitness Club, North Yorkshire Sport and the North Yorkshire Local Authorities. Confirmed partners so far also include the Youth Sport Trust, South Yorkshire Sport, the Federation of Disability Sports Organisations, Inclusive Fitness Initiative, and Women's Sports Foundation. If you would like us to promote your work at the Show, please contact: caroline.gilbert@sportengland.org

Inclusive Fitness Initiative Newsletter

In this month's edition of the IFI Newsletter the EFDS gives an update on their Inclusive conference, Inclusive Activators share their examples of good practice and the IFI looks at the image of the fitness industry.
www.inclusivefitness.org/inclusive-fitness-initiative/newsletters/0/0/0/

Local Area Agreements – Sport Playing its Part: online resources

Following the Yorkshire Plan for Sport Seminar - Sport Playing its Part in Local Area Agreements last month, Sport England has added a page of information and links to the website at:
www.sportengland.org/yorkshire_index/yorkshire_get_resources/iyr_local_area_agreements.htm

Yorkshire sport gets 400,000 Reasons to Learn with SkillsActive and the TUC

Boxing and rugby league club employees and volunteers in the Yorkshire area are being encouraged to improve their literacy, numeracy and language skills through a TUC funded learning programme. The GMB Union, working in partnership with SkillsActive, put forward a bid to the TUC's Union Learning Fund for £400,000 for the two year "Conversion to Learning" programme, which will build a platform of regional

learning for the future. The Conversion to Learning programme encourages people working with clubs, in both a voluntary and paid capacity, to improve their basic skills. Read more in the Skills for Business newsletter, Involve Issue 132, at:

www.ssda.org.uk/ssda/default.aspx?page=18

West Yorkshire Youth Games

On Sunday 25th June 2006 the West Yorkshire Youth Games take place at the Carnegie Sports Centre, Beckett Park, Leeds, courtesy of Leeds Metropolitan University. For further information visit www.westyorkshiresport.co.uk/

Independent European Sport Review

The Independent European Sport Review, initiated by Richard Caborn MP during the UK European Presidency, was published at the end of May. Although entitled 'sport review', the main focus is football and it includes an evaluation of various issues including: the central role of the football authorities; ownership, control and management of clubs; players' wages; activities of agents; the system of player registration and movement; the distribution of revenue within the sport; funding for mass participation; and investment in safety and security in stadiums. Included in the recommendations are the need for salary caps for players, a greater share of wealth between clubs, a call for a European version of the UK's 'Supporter's Direct Organisation' and greater clarity over which EU laws are applicable to football. The review also discussed the implications of the sport article within the Nice Treaty, which has lost ground since the demise of the new EU Constitution. 300,000 people responded to the online consultation and the report has been favourably received by UEFA. However, other responses have been mixed, particularly from the UK Government which has distanced itself from the report and indicated that it would not support greater EU involvement in national sporting issues. To read a copy of the report, visit www.independentfootballreview.com

Discrimination in amateur football

A Dutch amateur footballer who is based in Portugal has challenged the Portuguese Football Federation's rule that only one non-national player is allowed on a team. The rule has barred the player from playing in affiliated competitions – even at amateur level. SOLVIT (a department in the Internal Market and Services Directorate-General which processes complaints from citizens in order to guarantee the continued function of the Common Market) was asked to investigate the complaint and subsequently the Portuguese Federation has withdrawn the rule. This case follows on from the European Commission investigation into the Spanish Football Association over the same issue last year. Access to sport is a right for citizens in EU Member States and sports associations are advised to ensure that their rules do not run counter to this ruling.

FIFA case sent to European Court of Justice

The European Court of Justice (ECJ) is set to decide on whether the FIFA rules on compulsory player release for international matches comply with EU laws on competition and free movement of workers. The debate was started by the Belgian Club Charleroi demanding compensation when one of its players was injured whilst playing for his national team – Morocco. The compensation claim was rejected but the matter of compulsory release has been referred to the ECJ. It is

hoped that this will initiate a new period of negotiation and dialogue between FIFA and various football organisations (G14 etc) as the ECJ is not expected to rule on this matter before Spring 2008.

Simplified application procedure for EU Funding

The European Commission plans to make procedures for funding applications simpler and shorter from the start for 2007, particularly for smaller grants. Non-governmental organisations, schools etc will be confronted with less red tape in the future and required to submit less documentary evidence. The management of funds is also to be made more flexible and Member States will be permitted to manage grants in conjunction with EU institutions. The improved system still needs to be approved by the Council and the Parliament before it can be implemented but it is hoped that this would enable more UK sports organisations to access funding in the future.

New health portal

The European Commission has launched an EU-wide Health Portal. It enables citizens to obtain information on a variety of health related topics; including healthy lifestyles, health risks at work and the positive impact of sport and recreation on health and well-being. The site also lists various sport-related projects in the Public Health Programme. Please visit <http://health.europa.eu> for further information.

European Youth and Sport Forum 2006.

Following on from the successful forum in the UK last November, the European Youth and Sport Forum 2006, "Youth - A Future for Sport in Europe", will take place from 26 September to 1 October 2006 in Pajulahti, Finland. 100 to 120 young people from all over Europe are expected to attend the Forum, which will precede the informal EU Sport Directors meeting on 5-7 October 2006 in Finland. The EYSF 2006 will build on the results of last year's forum, focusing specifically on Youth and health, Equality and Volunteering. Participation in the Forum is free and travel expenses will be reimbursed to a maximum of €200. Participants must be aged 18 to 30 and be active in sport, recreation and volunteering. If you have anybody interested in attending the Forum please contact Judith Wood email: wood@ccpr.org.uk or 020 7854 8532. The deadline for applications is July 15 2006.

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www.yorkshiresport.org.uk

Further information about the Leeds Sports Federation can be obtained from www.leedssport.org.uk

Further information about Sport England Yorkshire from www.sportengland.org/yorkshire_index.htm