

# SPORTSROUND

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

### Federation of Yorkshire Sport

The Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Yorkshire Sport has been scheduled for Tuesday 26 June at 6.00pm at Sandal Rugby Union Club – BUT the first item on the agenda will be a motion to adjourn the meeting until a date in September or October (to enable various ongoing matters related to CCPR and Sport England to be clarified) – therefore it is not anticipated that members need to attend (the Chairman and one member of the Executive Committee will be present to formally adjourn proceedings). If however you do intend to be present, please notify the Chairman, Robin Barron, at [rsport@blueyopnder.co.uk](mailto:rsport@blueyopnder.co.uk) so that he can arrange to meet you there. However, in accordance with the constitution, Nominations for election to the following positions are invited:

**The Chairman** - for a 2 year term of office. The existing officer, whose term of office expires but is eligible for re-election is Mr Robin Barron.

**The Treasurer** – for a 2 year term of office. The existing officer, whose term of office expires but is eligible for re-election is Mr Norman Taylor.

**4 individual members of the Executive Committee** to serve for a two year term. Existing members, whose term of office expires but are eligible for re-election, are Mr Glyn Robins, Mr Keith Aaron and Mr Bob Mortimer. One of the vacancies is expressly reserved for a female.

*To be valid, nominations must be proposed and seconded by persons entitled to vote at the AGM and must be forwarded to the Secretary at the above address to arrive not later than 5<sup>th</sup> June 2007. However, in the event of adjournment of the meeting, nominations will be re-opened,*

### Friends Provident Trophy Yorkshire v Durham

Thanks to sponsors Yorkshire County Cricket Club, Headingley Experience and Betfair.com, SportsAid Y&H is holding its 65<sup>th</sup> Luncheon at Headingley Carnegie Stadium on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June including tickets for the Friends Provident Trophy Match, Yorkshire v Durham. All money raised from the event will be matched pound for pound by Betfair and will go directly to SportsAid Y&H supporting the charity's work across the region. The event itself will begin at 10.30am in the Premier Suite at Headingley Carnegie Stadium which provides access to an exclusive viewing area for the cricket. Guests can enjoy breakfast before play begins at 10.45am. A sit down lunch will then be served at approx 2pm and as play continues in the afternoon a buffet will be opened at 4.45pm. A pay bar will also be available throughout the day. There are only a few tickets left for this event. Tickets are priced at £35 each. For further information or to book please contact Lynne Baird or Andrew Furness on 0113 242 7627 or e-mail [rdm@yorks-sportsaid.demon.co.uk](mailto:rdm@yorks-sportsaid.demon.co.uk).

### Government legislation & Sports Clubs

The CCPR are currently undertaking a research project which aims to understand the impact of current and future Government legislation on sports clubs. This will enable the CCPR to argue more effectively on behalf of sport and recreation. Please could you spare 10-15 minutes of your time to complete the following survey. Upon completion you will be entered into a prize draw to win your club £500 of sports equipment, courtesy of Decathlon! Please click on the following link.

<http://www.sportinginsights.com/ccpr/survey.htm>

### Consultation on gaming and lotteries

Many sports organisations hold race nights and lotteries to raise funds. DCMS is proposing that::

- lottery prizes should not exceed £500
- the total prize pot for other games should be raised from £400 to £600
- the combined cost of entry fees and stakes for such games should be raised from £4 to £6

The consultation documents are available at:

[www.culture.gov.uk/Reference\\_library/Consultations/2007\\_current\\_consultations/gambling\\_noncom\\_events.htm](http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Consultations/2007_current_consultations/gambling_noncom_events.htm)

and the closing date for responses is 22 June 2007.

### Charities Act 2006

The Office of the Third Sector and the Charity Commission are jointly running a series of events to inform organisations of the timeline for the Act's implementation and to help them prepare for the changes that the Act will bring. All organisations wishing to register as charities will need to meet the Charity Commission's public benefit test, and the Commission is also consulting on its guidance with regard to this. The consultation documents are available at:

[www.charity-commission.gov.uk/news/pbnewsindex.asp](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/news/pbnewsindex.asp) and the deadline for responses is 6 June 2007.

### Sport and immigration

The Home Office has published guidance notes for work permit applications specific to the sport and entertainment sectors. The notes can be accessed at: [www.workingintheuk.gov.uk/working\\_in\\_the\\_uk/en/documents/all\\_forms.html#WP](http://www.workingintheuk.gov.uk/working_in_the_uk/en/documents/all_forms.html#WP)

The Home Office has also published a new borders and visas strategy paper. The paper includes information on the visa waiver test, different categories of visa (including different lengths of stay) and a time-limited 'Olympic visa'. An international strategy paper will be published in the summer. For further information please visit:

[www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/6353/aboutus/Securing\\_the\\_UK\\_Border\\_final.pdf](http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/6353/aboutus/Securing_the_UK_Border_final.pdf)

### Community amateur sports clubs

Figures provided by Deloitte show there are now 4,267 clubs registered as CASCs with an estimated total cash benefit of at least £18.5 million in rate relief, corporation tax savings and Gift Aid repayments. The sports of cricket, bowls, lawn tennis, rugby union and football continue to grow in CASC terms and make up 71% of the total registrations. DCMS have produced a new leaflet, designed in conjunction with CCPR, highlighting the benefits of the scheme and how to apply. If you would like to help distribute these leaflets at your events or in a mail-out, please contact Christine Barnes at DCMS to arrange delivery of them. Christine's email address is [Christine.Barnes@Culture.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Christine.Barnes@Culture.gsi.gov.uk).

### Tackling Overweight and Obesity

The National Heart Forum, in association with the Faculty of Public Health and the Department of Health, has published an updated toolkit, designed to provide a starting point for developing a local strategy to tackle overweight and obesity. It includes useful statistics, practical initiatives, evidence of effectiveness, checklists, frameworks and examples of good practice. It also incorporates all the latest guidance from NICE (National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence) and other relevant organisations. The toolkit can be accessed at:

[www.heartforum.org.uk/Publications\\_NHFreports\\_Overweightandobesitytool.aspx](http://www.heartforum.org.uk/Publications_NHFreports_Overweightandobesitytool.aspx)

### Smoking ban

Acas has updated its 'Smoking at work' booklet to keep pace with the introduction of smoking bans across Britain. This is available at

<http://www.acas.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=696> along with a 'Q and A' covering some of the likely awkward questions, at

<http://www.acas.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=1262>

### Economic importance of sport

Research recently published by Sport England estimates that in 2003 almost £14 billion was spent on sport-related goods and services, which equates to 2.4% of total expenditure in England. Sport-related economic activity added more than £13.5 billion to the economy in 2003, an increase of 38% on 2000 and 1.7% of total Gross Value Added. In addition, more than 421,000 people were employed in sport in 2003, which represents 1.8% of total employment. The report assesses the economic value of sport for England as a whole and separately for each region, based on a methodology of national income accounting. It includes trend data for England going back as far as 1985, building on previous research. This report is crucial in demonstrating the economic importance of sport and adds to a growing evidence base in this area. The reports can be accessed at:

[www.sportengland.org/index/get\\_resources/research/mapping\\_the\\_landscape/sport\\_and\\_the\\_economy.htm](http://www.sportengland.org/index/get_resources/research/mapping_the_landscape/sport_and_the_economy.htm).

### Leeds Initiative

Work has been taking place over the last few months to develop an effective structure for the Leeds Initiative for 2007/08 and beyond. The current restructure has been focussing solely on the strategy groups and partnership groups - further work needs to be done to look at the corporate structure. The Board agreed that the eight new strategy and development groups for the Leeds Initiative should be: Children; Skills & Economy; Culture; Safer; Neighbourhood Policy; Healthy; Transport; and Climate Change.

### Leeds Ahead

Leeds Ahead's vision is to drive forward Leeds, harnessing collective resources, with all sectors working together, delivering practically in local communities. Leeds Ahead provides:

- Easy access brokerage
- Practical support for local regeneration
- Demystification of agenda
- Promotion of benefits
- Vibrant cross-sector network
- Events programme

Further information on Leeds Ahead is available at [www.leedsahead.org.uk](http://www.leedsahead.org.uk)

### Leeds Physical Activity Strategy

A successful consultation event for the strategy was held in February but it has not been possible to have a full draft strategy ready for a launch in May as previously planned. The Physical Activity group is now working towards having the strategy ready for a launch in July 2007. For further information on Healthy Leeds Partnership visit <http://www.leedsinitiative.org/health> or contact Christine Farrar on (0113) 224 3057 or email [christine.farrar@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:christine.farrar@leeds.gov.uk)

### Commission for the Future of Volunteering

The Commission for the Future of Volunteering continues to seek input from sport as it seeks to establish a long-term vision for volunteering. For further information visit: [www.volcomm.org.uk/getinvolved/](http://www.volcomm.org.uk/getinvolved/) and submit your responses by 25 May 2007.

### Economics of Professional Sport

Manuscripts are invited for the special edition of the European Sport Management Quarterly in any of the areas below or other areas within the general topic of the economics of professional sport and the media:

- Broadcast demand for professional sport
- Structure of the supply side of broadcasting
- Theoretical perspectives on the economics of sport and the media
- Procedures for the sale of sports rights
- Innovation in the sport broadcasting industry
- Pricing policy
- Integration between professional sport and broadcasters

Manuscripts should conform to the APA standard (5th edition). They should be submitted to the guest editor, Chris Gratton and Harry Arne Solberg no later than June 1st 2007. to: Chris Gratton, Sport Industry Research Centre, Sheffield Hallam University, A115 Collegiate Hall, Collegiate Campus, Sheffield S10 2BP e-mail: [c.gratton@shu.ac.uk](mailto:c.gratton@shu.ac.uk)

### Football training

Football training programme that will be delivered at Leeds Thomas Danby. Includes: FA Level 1 Coaching Award; Careers based workshop; Sport based trips. Candidates must be unemployed, aged 16-65yrs, and from a BME group. There is no cost. Registration by end of May, and the course will start 4<sup>th</sup> June. The course will be delivered two days a week over 6 weeks. Please contact Natalie Mallinson on the details below to reserve your place:

Physical Activity and Sport Development Officer, Leeds Thomas Danby College, Roundhay Road, Leeds LS7 3BG Tel:0113 284 6330 Mob: 07785 394471 Email: [natalie.mallinson@thomasdanby.ac.uk](mailto:natalie.mallinson@thomasdanby.ac.uk)

### Free guided walks in Roundhay Park,

- June 4<sup>th</sup>: Gardens Walk - Walk through the specialist gardens, including the new 'Friends of Roundhay Park Garden' and the famous Canal Gardens.
- June 11<sup>th</sup>: Ravine Walk - Walk past the upper lake and through the ravine. The path is rougher and there are some very muddy sections. This is the wilder area of the park with a chance to see wild flowers and wildlife including the odd deer or two if we're lucky!

Walks last no longer than an hour, please wear suitable clothing and footwear on the day. After the walk we have arranged a discount in the café at Canal Gardens where you can chat, relax and enjoy a nice cup of tea! For further information or to book a place please call Craig on 0113 2007745/44 or email [craig.fgf@unityha.co.uk](mailto:craig.fgf@unityha.co.uk)

### Community Sports Network Investment Plans

All twenty-one Community Sports Networks in Yorkshire have produced draft investment plans, which outline their investment priorities for sport in 2007-8. This marks major progress as, for the first time, nearly every local authority area in the region is a step closer to having a clear investment plan for sport. Over the coming months these plans will be further refined

### Humber Sports Partnership

The Partnership's 12 Board members provide a wealth of expertise across the health, voluntary, leisure and local authority sectors, to further support and direct the work the Humber Sports Partnership is currently driving across the Humber. Former Head of Humberside CID, Geoff Ogden, chairs the Board.

### West Yorkshire Sport Board Chairman

Meanwhile, West Yorkshire Sport has appointed Howard Posner, former Chief Executive and Managing Director of HBOS General Insurance as Chairman of its Board. Howard is an experienced board director and business leader with a deep understanding of the financial services and insurance sector, coupled with a real passion for sport.

### South Yorkshire Sport Director & Network Manager

Bruce Kelsey, former Cultural Services Strategic Planning and Policy Manager with Lincolnshire County Council will head up the six-strong team, based in Sheffield. As the Director of South Yorkshire Sport, Bruce will be working to create sustainable and accessible delivery structures for sport at a local level as well as ensuring that these local opportunities are linked to regional and national development structures.

**Helen Cund** has been appointed to the role of Partnership Network Manager. As well as managing the team at South Yorkshire, Helen will play an important role in the development of the Community Sports Networks in South Yorkshire.

### Delivery Manager for North Yorkshire Sport

Damien Smith, who has experience as a Governing Body officer and local authority senior sports development officer, has been appointed as Delivery Manager for North Yorkshire Sport. Damien will be working sub-regionally to lead on the development of links with Governing Bodies and the development of competition structures within North Yorkshire. He will also be working locally as the key contact for the Community Sports Networks.

### Workforce Development Survey

Over 800 organisations in Yorkshire took part in the Workforce Development Survey, which was completed in March 2007. The survey findings have provided the Yorkshire sport sector with an evidence base that begins to demonstrate the needs of the region's workforce, including information about skills gaps and shortages. The findings will inform the sub-regional workforce development plans.

### Volunteering

The 4 County Sports Partnerships, Sport England and Volunteering England coordinated four sub-regional volunteer events in February which:

- Brought together the CSPs and CSNs with their local Volunteer Centres and/or Volunteer Development Agencies
- Helped them understand each other's aims and services in order to achieve those aims more effectively
- Encouraged better use of the services of the Volunteer Centres and better partnership working.

Sport England Yorkshire and the four Yorkshire County Sports Partnerships are currently producing a leaflet to help volunteer coordinators support their volunteers. Four sub-regional versions of the leaflet will be published next month.

### SportsAid smashes fundraising target

SportsAid Yorkshire and Humber has exceeded its fundraising target for 2006-7. The Yorkshire and Humber arm of the national charity has raised £110,000, which is £10,000 more than its target of £100,000. The charity works with Governing Bodies to support emerging athletes and plays a key role in the pathway that allows these individuals to achieve their full potential.

### West Yorkshire Sport achieves Equality Standard Foundation Level

West Yorkshire Sport has achieved the Foundation Level of the Equality Standard for Sport. The CSPs in South and North Yorkshire and Humber have also submitted their files for assessment. The Equality Standard is a framework for assisting sports organisations in widening access and reducing inequalities in sport and physical activity from under-represented individuals, groups and communities, especially women and girls, ethnic minority groups and disabled people.

### The Promoting Sport Toolkit

Sport England is developing an online resource to help partners promote sport. The website will be packed with practical communication tools like high-quality downloadable images, how-to guides and a calendar of professional sports events and awareness campaign dates, e.g. National Bike Week. The resource is currently being tested and will be available to partners in June.

### New Websites

West Yorkshire Sport and South Yorkshire Sport have both launched brand new websites. Both are excellent resources for sports organisations and stakeholders. On them you'll find information about sport in West and South Yorkshire, including sections on clubs, coaches and volunteers, equity and safeguarding children in sport. Of particular interest on the West Yorkshire site

are the find a club database and the calendar of events. The South Yorkshire site features a new, searchable coach education database. Contact South Yorkshire Sport if you would like your course adding to the database. Both County Sports Partnerships are keen to promote partners' good news stories through their websites so get in touch with them with your success stories. Visit the websites at [www.westyorkshiresport.co.uk](http://www.westyorkshiresport.co.uk) and [www.sysport.co.uk](http://www.sysport.co.uk)

### **Meeting of the EU Sports Ministers**

An informal meeting of the European Sports Ministers was held in Stuttgart on 12 and 13 March. 26 EU Member States were represented at the meeting, with Commissioner Jan Figel attending on behalf of the European Commission. The meeting discussed the potential of sports clubs as places for social integration and in particular training and certification opportunities. On the subject of anti-doping, the German Federal Ministry emphasised that a key aim of its presidency was to seek greater co-operation of national anti-doping organisations. The meeting also addressed the economic impact of major sports events, such as the Football World Cup and the Olympic Games. It was agreed that better European data on the economic benefits of sport, especially employment benefits, were needed.

### **Professional football and security at games**

At a plenary session on the 28 and 29 March, the European Parliament discussed the report on the future of professional football in Europe and security at football matches. The European Parliament has adopted the report 'The future of professional football in Europe', which calls for greater investment in youth, a better competitive balance and greater legal certainty. The report is the result of a year of intensive work in five committees of the EP. In order to clarify the legal standing of sport and to prevent decisions being primarily determined by legal rulings, the Parliament now proposes to increase the dialogue between political and sporting bodies.

### **Doping penalties**

In a significant judgment the European Court of Justice (ECJ) has criticised the application of the law in the Meca-Medina case. In the case of David Meca Medina and Ivor Majcen (two professional swimmers), the Court of First Instance (CFI) had confirmed the Commission's earlier decision that IOC Doping rules and practices do not infringe Article 81 or 82 of the EC Treaty. The CFI reiterated that such IOC rules are not intended to restrict competition and are solely enforced to combat doping – a purely sporting consideration. Although the CFI acknowledged that the rules may limit an athlete's freedom, it concluded that this limitation did not go beyond what is necessary to achieve the objective of combating doping. The ECJ noted that sport will be subject to Community law insofar as it constitutes an economic activity. Instances of 'pure' sporting rules might be the offside rule, or the rule concerning the height of goal-posts, but the Court commented that other rules which appear to be matters solely of 'sporting consideration' do have an economic impact on the activities of professional sportsmen (who will either be employed or providers of services). If the sporting rule or activity falls within the scope of the EC Treaty, the rules governing that activity must therefore satisfy the requirements of the Treaty, including the requirements to ensure freedom of movement and establishment, freedom to provide services and the

competition provisions. The ECJ held that a sport must consider whether enforcing rules whose consequential effects are to restrict competition or threaten livelihoods, is necessary for ethical/sporting reasons. The ECJ took into account the fact that anti-doping rules are necessary to ensure that sport is fair and equitable. Thus, while the rules limited the swimmers' ability to earn money from their profession, they were held not to breach Article 81 as the limitation on freedom is inherent in the proper conduct of competitive sport. This does not mean, however, that the regulatory bodies can impose whatever penalties they like in doping proceedings. Unjustified penalties resulting in unwarranted exclusions from sporting activities could conceivably be in breach of Article 81(1). The rules (and consequent penalties) must not, therefore, go beyond what is necessary to ensure the proper conduct of competitive sport. This comment is a new development in the application of community law to sport and will need to be looked at in greater depth by governing bodies. This decision is important in further clarifying the relationship between sport and European law. The result is that very few aspects of sporting activity are likely to be outside of the EC Treaty and, in particular, the competition rules. The Court has effectively held on this and previous occasions that sporting bodies have a type of 'conditional autonomy'; those rules truly necessary for the organisation of a particular sport will be sheltered from EC law even though they have economic effect but only insofar as the rules pursue a legitimate objective.

### **Commonwealth Games 2014**

The race has officially got underway as Glasgow and the Nigerian capital Abuja handed over the official bid documents for the right to host the Commonwealth Games in 2014. The lodging of the bid documents marked the firing of the starting gun for a contest which will end in Sri Lanka in November when the 71 delegates of the general assembly of the Commonwealth Games decide which city is victorious. Staging the Commonwealth Games has become a more keenly coveted prize since the successful 2002 games in Manchester and last year in Melbourne. Even so, it is a financial gamble. A third contender, Halifax, in Canada, dropped out in March amid fears over the expanding budget. Derek Casey, bid director of Glasgow 2014, says the city would not face the same financial woes as London 2012 where the construction budget has trebled. Seventy per cent of the Glasgow venues are complete and there is little capital expenditure in the £288m games budget. The Scottish executive is contributing 80%, and Glasgow city council the remainder. They plan to use existing venues, such as Hampden (track and field), Ibrox (rugby 7s) and Celtic Park (opening). The Games village will be built on banks of the Clyde at Dalmarnock, available for sale and social housing after 2014. The only new venues to be built are hockey pitches, an additional 50m pool and squash courts

### **Taking Part Survey**

More than nine out of ten adults in England have engaged in at least one form of cultural or sporting opportunity during the past twelve months reveals the report. Headline results for the year include:

- 70 per cent of adults attended a historic environment site
- 69 per cent participated in active sport

- 67 per cent attended an arts event, and 53 per cent participated in the arts
  - 48 per cent attended a library, and
  - 42 per cent attended museum/gallery
- Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport Tessa Jowell said: "This comprehensive survey shows the vital role culture and sport play in the life of our country. It tells us how people are getting involved - be it playing sport, visiting our national museums or stately homes, playing a musical instrument or tracing their family history. It allows us to focus our efforts on where we need to do more so that everyone is able to enjoy inspiring activities. And the news that adults encouraged to play sport during childhood are much more likely to stay active in later life is proof positive of why our drive to promote sport among young people is so important." The survey was commissioned by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport with culture and sporting bodies English Heritage, Arts Council England, Museums, Libraries and Archives Council and Sport England.

### Definition of a Charity

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) has produced a briefing which highlights the changes to the definition of a charity in the Charities Act 2006. Since the Act charities must pass a 'public benefit test' to show that they benefit the public. You can read the briefing using the following link and also find out about consultation events to promote understanding and awareness of the changes: <<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/policy/index.asp?id=1136#briefing>> For further information about the charity definition changes or the consultation events email Belinda Pratten: <<mailto:belinda.pratten@ncvo-vol.org.uk>>

### National Sports Development Seminar 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2007, East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham

The National Sports Development Seminar is held every year and once again the event promises cutting edge debate with both ISPAL's new chairman, Peter Mann, and industry newcomer, Sport England's Jennie Price, speaking on the first morning whilst John Eady's session on "Unplugging the Electrodes" will be sure to challenge us all. The *National Sports Development Seminar* is about more than expert speakers. There are six Intelligence Sessions, nine Soap Box Sessions and twelve 100 Minute Workshops, not to mention the unrivalled networking opportunity that this event represents with delegates, facilitators and speakers already booked from all corners of the UK and from across the broad range of the sports development industry. You will find full programme details at [www.ispal.org.uk](http://www.ispal.org.uk). Enquires: 07721 530115 / 07711 432745 /or email [conference@firstcityevents.co.uk](mailto:conference@firstcityevents.co.uk)

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