

SportTayside & Fife

DEVELOPING SPORTING PATHWAYS IN TAYSIDE & FIFE

I am delighted to be able to introduce the second of our Partnership newsletters to update you on our recent progress and outline some of the exciting developments ahead.

Planning for Sport

Our Partnership sits across local, regional and national organisations and therefore it is important that we take a planned approach to developing sport within Tayside & Fife to maximise our effectiveness and make a positive impact. We are therefore taking a lead role in this process to ensure selected Scottish Governing Bodies of Sport's national strategies are filtered through to local level and the sports move forward in a co-ordinated manner in line with the rest of Scotland.

We are currently writing a strategic framework for the Partnership and each of our sport specific and coaching team are undertaking a similar exercise for each sport in order to:

- Strengthen the infrastructure of sport in Tayside & Fife
- Increase participation in sport leading to lifelong involvement
- Improve performances of our developing athletes to achieve national standards or Area Institute of Sport level

Whilst the regional team will concentrate on Coaches, Officials, Volunteers, Clubs, Facilities and sport specific Player Improvement Programmes we will work in partnership with local partners to provide more participation opportunities at local level in our priority sports (Athletics, Basketball, Clubgolf, Gymnastics, Hockey, Rugby, Swimming and Girl's & Women's Football).

Over the coming few months, the regional team will be consulting with sporting communities through development groups and regional associations on how we hope to work with you for the next three years. If you would like to get involved in this process, I would urge you to contact the team directly.

Player Improvement Programmes

Coming soon! Some of our sports will be launching new Player Improvement Programmes to support our developing athletes at regional level. This programme aims to enhance the current provision within the sport and support the athlete / player development pathway in partnership with clubs, coaches and parents.

Farewell

On a personal note, I will be moving on to take up post as the Area Manager of the Tayside and Fife Institute of Sport in September. I have worked with the **SportTayside & Fife** Partnership for four years and I would like to thank all who have worked with me and supported me throughout my time here. I'd like to wish the new management and the Partnership well and look forward to continuing the good partnership working between both organisations.

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DEVELOPING GYMNASTICS IN TAYSIDE & FIFE

Creation of Tayside & Fife Area Squad programme

Through positive partnerships with performance clubs operating within Tayside & Fife a new Tayside and Fife area squad programme is to be implemented in October this year. The squad will be coached by a High Performance Coach who will be assisted by senior coaching staff to deliver a comprehensive programme to ten Gymnasts on a monthly basis. The programme will initially run with the agreed set criteria however, the implementation of the Regional Academy programme will be the future direction of the squad. The squad will be managed and supported by the **SportTayside & Fife** Gymnastics Development Manager.

Physical Literacy – Pre-school

A focused positive partnership with Sports Development Team in Angus and **SportTayside & Fife** has resulted in the forthcoming delivery of a pre-school assistant course. The course will run on 10 - 12 November in the Saltire Leisure Centre in Arbroath.

The course will cover all practical and theory session relating to the delivery of the fundamentals to pre – school children.

Judging Workshop

SportTayside and Fife will be holding a parent/coach judging workshop which will be delivered by a fully qualified brevet judge on the Saturday 23 September at the Lynch Sports Centre in Dundee.

The objective of this workshop is to introduce judging in a basic format, so that candidates gain an understanding of the subject matter. It is envisaged that the delivery of this workshop will encourage candidates to attend the forthcoming floor and vault judging course to be run by Scottish Gymnastics. Dates for the judging course will be notified at the workshop.

Scholarship Programme

Currently a comprehensive coach education programme is provided by the National Governing Body, Scottish Gymnastics. However, it is hoped that a fully comprehensive CPD programme targeting education staff will be on offer through an effective partnership with Scottish Gymnastics, **SportTayside & Fife** and all education providers.

SportTayside and Fife also offer guidance and financial support to individuals wishing to personally develop their coaching skills. The scholarship programme that is currently operating within Tayside and Fife has been conducive to the development of many coaches who reside within the local areas.

UK School Games

The UK School Games is a multi-sport event for the most talented teenagers across the UK. The inaugural event will be staged between the 7th and 11th of September 2006 in Glasgow.

The games will feature 1000 athletes competing in five sports in the first year of which gymnastics is one. In each sport both male and females will participate in a single age group selected by their sports. Each of the five sports will be combined into four-day Games in an

environment designed to replicate the feel of the Olympic and Paralympic Games with an opening ceremony and competitor's village. The following Scottish National Squad Gymnasts have been selected to represent their home nation in these games:

Girls selection

Brogan Archibald – Perth
Lauren Beck - Cumbernauld
Charlotte Griffin – Fife Network
Samantha Murray- Fife Network
Megan Slater - Zodiak

Boys selection

Steven Brunsyeels Glasgow
Byron Curruthers - Largs
Liam Davie – Glasgow
Grant Isdale – Falkirk
Steven Sneddon - Falkirk



The selected girls and boys are currently honing their skills, within their home clubs, in preparation for this prestigious event and are keen to emulate previous successes attained by the Commonwealth Squad Team members in Australia.

DGC2K Podium Success

Three local Dundee Gymnasts competed in the Heathrow Invitational competition in June 2006.



The girls have been honing their gymnastics skills on a weekly basis in preparation for this special event. The gymnasts and their coaches were delighted to achieve their goals and be recognised for their hard work and dedication to the sport.

The medal presentation resulted in Kirsty Cambell attaining first position on floor and overall Silver medal position. Jordan Archibald attained first on vault and overall Bronze medal position. This running success was followed by Hannah Killcullen who was placed in overall sixth position.

The girls are coached by Beate Petersen and Tess Inglis from DGC2K Performance Club and are members of Dundee Performance Squad programme and the Scottish National Performance and Regional Squad programme.

This is a fantastic result for these young Dundee Gymnasts and a testament to the quality of Gymnastics coaching staff in Dundee.

If you require further information on any of the above topics, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you wish to submit any information for the next newsletter please do so by Monday 13th November