

NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2008

SportTayside & Fife

NEW AGENDA FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN PERTH & KINROSS

A new post of Physical Education (PE) Development Officer was created in October 2006 to review the current provision of PE across Perth & Kinross and move towards the recommendation of two hours PE per week for all pupils from August 2007.

The project was planned to improve quality and frequency of delivery of physical education, to increase motivation in young people and to develop choice within the physical education programme across schools. The project also looked to develop greater inter-agency working between the physical education curriculum and Active Schools and Sports Development, Perth & Kinross Leisure, and Sport Tayside and Fife.

To ensure a broad and balanced range of activities, a revised PE programme has been developed for primary schools setting out learning outcomes which are planned and progressive. The PE specialist working in primary schools follows the PE specialist segment in the PE programme. The class teacher programme is more flexible and allows class teachers in negotiation with Head teachers to add activities and change blocks to suit individual school needs.

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The benefits of the new programme are that we now have a PE specialist in primary schools delivering 1 hour of quality physical education to every pupil. They now feel a valued member of the school staff as they are at the same school every week. A more balanced range of activities is offered to all pupils. The programme is supported through CPD and links with Active Schools and Sports Development is enhancing the delivery of PE. An events calendar for primary pupils further enhances the programme and offers some performance opportunities for more able pupils.

The Health Promoting Schools/HMI target of 2 hours of quality PE per child per week is being achieved in many primary schools in Perth and Kinross.

GAIL HALLY
PE Development Officer
Perth and Kinross Council

FURTHER SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS TO ENHANCE THE DELIVERY OF PE IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

In August 2006 more teachers of Physical Education were appointed to enhance provision to primary schools and this meant a total of 27 staff working in full and part time posts.

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PE staff cover 50 minutes of RCCT (Reduction in Class Contact Time) for the class teacher with a 10 minute changeover which allows the class teacher to consult with the specialist.

The class teacher delivers the other hour and they are expected to work in partnership with Active Schools Co-ordinators and Sports Development Officers to develop their own skills and enhance the delivery of PE and ensure, where possible, what happens in the curriculum links to what happens in local sports clubs and communities.

BASKETBALL ● BASKETBALL ● BASKETBALL

basketballscotland / SportTayside & Fife TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (BOYS & GIRLS)

basketballscotland and SportTayside & Fife are delighted with the players and coaches response to the 2007/2008 Talent Development Programme trials.

A combined 35 players attended the Under 15 Boys' and Girls' trials, which players from Grampian and Highland were also eligible for, with the Head Coaches having tough decisions to make as to which players made the final squads.

The trial for the Under 14 Boys and Girls squads, which was only open to Tayside & Fife players, was also hugely successful with 29 boys and 19 girls all turning up to show off their basketball skills and impress the coaches enough to be selected.

The popularity of these squads remains as high as ever, and with this season's new emphasis on Long Term Player Development principles combined with the Under 14 Development league, the improvement in most of the players is already noticeable even at this stage of the season.

Unfortunately, letters to players informing them of their selection (or not) were delayed for which we again apologise. However, all players should now have received their letter advising the next stage of their player development, be it in the squads or continuing with their current club and school basketball opportunities.

For the selected players only, details of the first day camps have been released. These are not trials, and are only open to players that have been specifically invited. The coaches will be finalising the squads at the first day camps as follows:

Under 15 Boys Talent Development Programme First Day Camp

Sunday 24th February 2008 10:00am – 4:00pm Duloch LC, Dunfermline, Fife

Under 14 Boys & Girls Talent Development Programme First Day Camp

Sunday 2nd March 2008 10:00am – 4:00pm Mayfield Sports Centre, Dundee

Under 15 Boys & Girls Talent Development Programme First Day Camp

Sunday 2nd March 2008 11:00pm – 5:00pm Saltire Leisure Centre, Arbroath, Angus

This year, Under 14's are players born on or after 1st January 1994, with players eligible for Under 15 being born on or after 1st January 1993.

basketballtayside & fife – TABLE OFFICIALS MENTORING / DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES!

This season, we have qualified over 40 new Level 1 Table officials in Tayside & Fife and upgraded six to Level 2. We also have Ruth Mitchell, Bill Shepherd and Sara Spink "working the table" on Scottish Rocks games in the BBL. Indeed, Ruth and Bill have been recognised at international Level this season by tabling on the GB Senior Men v Albania game at Meadowbank in Edinburgh.

There is a depth of experienced people willing to help train and mentor our younger or less experienced table officials, helping them to improve and to perform on a bigger and better basketball games.

Table Officials courses have all now been delivered for this season. However there are plenty of opportunities for Table Officials to use their new qualification and expand their experience at their club games in Tayside & Fife or National League games and at special events such as:

T&F U14 Central Venue League - Sun 9th March 2008
FIPRE Glenrothes Scottish Universities Basketball Cup Finals - Wed 19th March 2008

Dundee University
Abertay University Mixed
Tournament - Sun 22nd March
2008 DISC, Dundee
Tayside & Fife SM & SW Cup
Finals - Sun 11th May 2008
Venue to be confirmed
British Masters Basketball
Championships - Sat/Sun
14th+15th June 2008 DISC +
Dundee Univ.

If you wish to improve your
Table Officiating and are
available to help out at these
events, contact Chris Dodds
at **SportTayside & Fife**.

**TAYSIDE & FIFE UNDER
14 AND UNDER 16
CENTRAL VENUE
DEVELOPMENT LEAGUES**

This season's Tayside & Fife
U14 Central Venue
Development League
(CVDL) is now in full swing
and has various successful
events at Mayfield SC in
Dundee and at Arbroath SC
in Angus. The teams that
have taken part in the
Leagues so far are:

Boys Teams

Perth Phoenix
Menzieshill Madsons
Kinross Cavaliers
Arbroath Musketeers
Dunfermline Steel
Dunfermline Reign

Girls Teams

Perth Phoenix
Forfar Academy
Arbroath Musketeers S2s
Menzieshill Madsons
Grove Academy
Arbroath Musketeers S1s

The next U14 CVDL event is
scheduled for Sunday 9th
March 2008, and for the first
time will be hosted in Fife at
the FIPRE in Viewfield Road,
Glenrothes between
11:00am and 4:00pm.
For further details or to
register your club's entry for
U16 or U14 Boy's and Girl's
basketball Central Venue
Development League's for
next season (2007-08)
please contact me.

Any information for inclusion
in the next newsletter should
be submitted by **Wednesday
14th May 2008**.

GREAT NEWS! BRITISH MASTERS BASKETBALL IS COMING TO DUNDEE SAT 14th & SUN 15TH JUNE 2008

Following a lot of hard work and canvassing by NCR Nationals
Basketball club and some of the **basketballtayside & fife**
committee, we are delighted to confirm that the 2008 British
Masters Basketball Championships is to be hosted in Dundee
over the weekend of 14th & 15th June 2008.

Britain's top tournament for Men (over 40) and Women (over 35)
will see 32 teams and over 300 players (some of them former
internationalists and professional basketballers) from all over
Scotland, England, Ireland and Wales compete in four categories
at Dundee International Sports Complex (D.I.S.C.) and Dundee
University Institute of Sport and Exercise (I.S.E.) in Dundee.

The 2008 Masters sees the event come to Tayside for the first
time and there will be over 60 basketball matches played on six
courts at the two venues. Entries are closed however there are
plenty of opportunities for Tayside & Fife table officials, referees
and volunteers to be involved in a fun, exciting and high quality
standard of basketball in Dundee that weekend. Sponsorship and
advertising opportunities also exist – for full details please contact
Chris Dodds.

SEASON 2007/08! SENIOR MEN'S AND WOMEN'S LEAGUES AND CUPS

The Men's league of 12 teams has now reached the half way
stage, and the top six and bottom six have split into a gold and
silver section for the final part of the season. In the Women's
League, the clubs are all fulfilling their fixtures on schedule and
both leagues are in good shape.

Further details of the Men's/Women's Leagues and Cups are
available at **www.basketballtaysidefife.org.uk**

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LONG TERM PLAYER DEVELOPMENT SESSION FOR ACTIVE SCHOOLS IN ANGUS AND DUNDEE!

The Tayside & Fife Partnership increased awareness of the importance of LTPD by bringing together Angus and Dundee Active Schools and Sports Development Teams.



In conjunction with Clive Brewer, **sportscotland**, **SportTayside & Fife** provided a Long Term Player Development awareness session on Thursday January 24th at Angus House, Forfar. Thirty-three attended the session including Active School Coordinators, Managers and Sports Development Officers. The session highlighted current issues in coaching and the wide variations in the physical, cognitive, emotional and social developments between children and the impact sport can make on participation. Participation Pathways and Basic Movement Competencies were discussed, creating an understanding of Physical Literacy and the **FUN**damentals of Long Term Player Development. The **FUN**damentals coach will encourage year-long participation and lead the way in integrating the new United Kingdom Coaching Certificate and reflect the core values of LTPD development. If you would like more information on the progress of Long Term Player Development in your sport, contact **SportTayside & Fife** or your Scottish Governing Body.

COACHING UPDATES

FIRST AID FOR SPORT

During January/February 2008, three First Aid courses have been delivered across the Partnership for Perthshire Rugby Club, University of Abertay, Dundee and Strathallan School, Perth. Fifty-Three rugby coaches, students, teachers and pupils attended the three courses. A full menu of First Aid Courses is now available for clubs and individuals. For tailored Club First Aid courses contact **SportTayside & Fife** for more details.

COACHING EDUCATION

An Msc in Sports Coaching is now available at University of Stirling. The course will commence during the Autumn Semester from Wednesday September 17th 2008, running for fifteen weeks and continue from mid February of 2009. This will create an avenue for experienced performance coaches in Scotland and CPD opportunities for professionals. The wider target audience will include: Coaching Development Officers, Scottish Institute of Sport Staff and Area Institute personnel, SGB Coaching and Performance Managers. For further details contact: MSC Sports Coaching, **Karen Caldwell on 01786 466 498** or Karen.caldwell@stir.ac.uk but for a more general set of FAQ's go to www.external.stir.ac.uk/post-graduate-study.

COACHING UPDATES

ANGUS HOCKEY COACH PLACEMENT SCHEME

A Hockey Coach Placement Scheme has been set-up in Angus to support local hockey. Partnership working will strengthen links with Further Education, Sports Development, the volunteering sector and local clubs. Courses and educational support will be provided by the Partnership.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Almost £5,500 has supported thirty-seven coaches through the **SportTayside & Fife** Coach Scholarship Programme. The programme is currently assisting Level 1 up to Level 3 coaches across the target sports along with tutor development and Strength & Conditioning coaches. Do you want to improve your coaching skills? For scholarship information and how it can support your efforts to improve as a coach, go to SportTayside-Fife.co.uk

DUNDEE COACH VOLUNTEER GROUP

On Tuesday February 12th the above group met to progress the development of a local integrated Coach Training Calendar, Coaching Pathways and funding initiatives for local coaches.

COACHING AWARDS

On Wednesday February 6th the Dunfermline & West Fife Sports Council held their Annual Sports Awards 2007. The **SportTayside & Fife, Coach of the Year 2007** was presented to swimming coach, **Garrie Roberts** of **Incas Swim Club** based in Inverkeithing.

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COACH MENTORING PROGRAMMES

SportTayside & Fife and Scottish Rugby have progressed to the second stage of one-to-one discussions and practical sessions between mentor and coaches. A personal analysis has highlighted a need for game and player analysis. A few coaches have been provided with access to player analysis after selected Professional Magners League Edinburgh Rugby games with European and former World Cup Winning Coach, Andy Robinson.

Further Mentoring programmes have initially been agreed with Swimming and **club**golf. These programmes will allow inexperienced coaches and clubs to benefit from human and financial support through professionals and full-time coaches across the Partnership.



WHAT'S ON!

Below are a selection of courses and workshops available across the Coaching Network in Tayside and Fife.

SportTayside & Fife

Course: Podiatry: Looking after your Sporting Feet!

Date: Thursday March 13

E-mail: derek.welch@dundeecity.gov.uk

Course: Planning a Season in Your Sport

Date: Wednesday March 26

E-mail: derek.welch@dundeecity.gov.uk

ANGUS EDUCATION

Course: Safeguarding and Protecting Children

Date: Wednesday March 12

E-mail: mclean@angus.gov.uk

DUNDEE EDUCATION

Course: Coaching Performers

Date: Wednesday April 23

E-mail: alex.knight@dundeecity.gov.uk

FIFE EDUCATION

Course: Safeguarding and Protecting Children

Date: Thursday March 13

E-mail: anna.tizzard@fife.gov.uk

PERTH & KINROSS EDUCATION

Course: Introduction to Core Stability

Date: Wednesday April 16

E-mail: jmcusine@pkc.gov.uk

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