

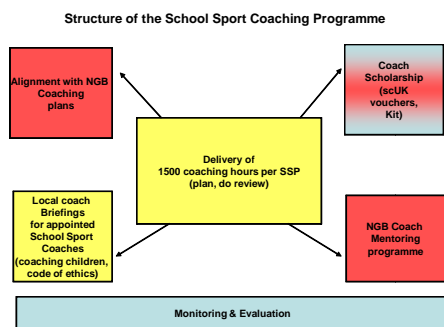
School Sport Coaching Programme

Programme information sheet

WHAT IS IT?

The School Sport Coaching programme is one of 10 strands which make up the new PE and Sport Strategy for Young People (PESSYP) which builds on the previous PE, School Sport and Club Links (PESSCL) Strategy.

Its aim is to increase the number of coaching hours delivered through school sport by 675,000 hours per year. This will be achieved through creating a step change in the recruitment, training and deployment of sports coaches working in school sport



The focus of the School Sport Coaching programme

The coaches are expected to support participation in out-of-school hours settings at a school site or appropriate facility. The aim of the coaching is to support participation of those young people into the fifth hour of participation per week. The coaching programme will also align where possible to national governing bodies (NGBs) coaching and competition programmes through joint planning and co-ordination at a local level.

Funding for the programme

Funding for the School Sport Coaching programme will be available to school sport partnerships from September 2008 in each year for a maximum of three years. The payment for the coaching will be included in the school sport partnership's annual grant. Partnerships will be asked to develop a simple plan which will be based on the priorities arising through their self-evaluation process and through consultation and review with local NGB representatives.

The funding will be based on a rolling programme of top-up grants that the school sport partnership will receive each year for three years, with the funding being confirmed year on year. Every school sport partnership will receive this funding and it supersedes the existing DCSF Community Sports Coach funding.

Coach numbers and management

The national model will see each school sport partnership employing a team of coaches who will deliver 1500 coaching hours per year.

The delivery of school sport coaching hours will be managed by the Partnership Development Manager (PDM) or another lead for coaching from within the school sport partnership. Sports coach UK will also be providing a scholarship programme which will provide three free CPD modules including analysing your skills, positive behavioural management and fundamentals. Coaches will also receive free kit and coach's log. As Level 2 is the minimum requirement for the programme, school sport partnerships

can apply for some Level One bursary support to help with supply.

NGB involvement

On a rolling programme of engagement NGBs of sport will be supporting the School Sport Coaching programme through joint planning of delivery and, where possible, support for appointing coaches through partnership agreements.

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

The Youth Sport Trust have appointed Institute for Youth Sport to measure the impact of the programme. All coaching hours will be logged by the coaches via the online portal which can be accessed through the Youth Sport Trust's home page (www.youthsporttrust.org)

It is envisaged that the programme will:

- Create a step change in the quantity and quality of coaching offered to young people through the coaching.
- Provide coaching within schools and therefore connect competition, leadership and volunteering and club links.
- Provide, enhance and strengthen pathways for young people.
- Ensure coaches are deployed effectively, and developed and valued by trained 'coach managers'.
- Maximise resources through the creation of a culture of co-coaching and coach mentoring.
- Transform the coaching of children through the promotion of fundamental movement skills and fundamental sport skills by a multi-sport and multi-skill approach.
- Establish a network of coach development hubs within the education setting.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The School Sport Coaching programme is a three year programme. In each year of rolling out school sport partnerships receive top up grants to recruit their team of coaches (maximum of five) to deliver a maximum of 1500 additional coaching hours per year.

The focus is on the 21 competition framework sports and the target is those young people currently doing four hours of high quality PE and school sport to get to five hours.

For further information on the School Sport Coaching programme please contact Liz Suffolk, Programme Officer at sport@youthsporttrust.org

