

# YOUTH TALENT PROGRAMME SELECTION POLICY

## SELECTION PROCESS

### STAGE 1: APPLICATION

Places on the Youth Talent Programme (YTP) are limited. Therefore, all athletes and coaches who meet the minimum eligibility criteria and would like to be considered for selection on the YTP must complete the application process by Monday 4 September 2023.

This is an important element of the process as it enables the programme selectors to understand the athlete/coach goals for the season and where the programme can potentially add value. Each year, the athlete cohort selected is based on age groups due to the Diploma in Sporting Excellence (DISE) element of programme, so athletes with birth dates between 01/09/2006 to 31/08/2007 need only to apply.

For criteria that the selection panel will consider please see stage 2 information.

Please see below link to the application form

## 2023-2025 Youth Talent Programme



## STAGE 2: SELECTION PANEL

The selection panel will consider all applications based against criteria that recognises and rewards current performance and demonstrates potential to continue to develop and progress to the next stage of the pathway.

The panel will be made up of members of the England Athletics Talent Pathway Team.

The following information, as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant, will be considered by the panel when assessing selection for the programme:

- ✓ Performance ranking
- ✓ Yearly progression profile and consistency in performances
- ✓ Major competition history
- ✓ Injury and training history
- ✓ Lifestyle and training environment
- ✓ Maturation (in primary or potential future events)

This information will be assessed by

- Application form and information provided by the athlete and coach. It is imperative that the application form is filled in with as much detail as possible to allow selections to be made with as much background information as possible.
- Power of 10 rankings
- Expert knowledge via the England Athletics Talent Pathway Team

## ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the programme, athletes will need to meet the minimum criteria:

- Are eligible to compete for England at the Commonwealth Games
- Be a British Passport holder eligible to compete for Great Britain and NI at international championships such as the Olympic or Paralympic Games
- Birth dates between 1 September 2006 to 31 August 2007
- Be on the 1<sup>st</sup> year of a 2 year educational programme in September 2023.
  - (i.e. A levels or BTEC)
- Not studying an apprenticeship between September 2023 and July 2025.
- While all athletes are eligible for the YTP only those in full time state education (or those in independent education with a scholarship or bursary at 50% or more) are eligible for the full DISE qualification. Those who are not eligible for the DISE qualification will receive the same experience but achieve an England Athletics Talent Pathway Certificate.

### **STAGE 3: INDUCTION**

Following athlete, coach and parent/guardian notification of selection for the programme, there will be an induction camp at the relevant regional training centre or Talent Hub. The aim of the day will be to outline the journey ahead and the programme expectations as well as meeting your YTP support team and wider athlete groups on programme.

Induction days will be held on either Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of September or Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October (TBC).

### **PATHWAY OPPORTUNITIES**

Athletes who are not successful through the initial selection process will be offered the opportunity to attend the England Athletics regional programme and there are multiple pathway entry points for athletes to join programmes at a later date. There will be a list of reserves for the YTP who maybe offered places after the first round of selections.

For more information about the regional coach and athlete training days visit the [England Athletics website](#).