



**Youth Talent Programme  
Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q What is the selection process for the YTP?**

A The selection policy can be found here :  
<https://d192th1lqal2xm.cloudfront.net/2020/07/EA-YTP-Selection-Policy-2020-22.pdf>

**Q Is the programme only for athletes who can compete for England?**

Yes. Please note change from previous programme.

**Q Does the programme run annually?**

A Yes. We will be inviting athletes to apply for the programme each year

**Q When will athletes receive confirmation of their place on the programme?**

A Following the deadline (7th September) the panel will go through all the applications and make contact with the successful athletes and their coaches by 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

**Q Where are the regional centres located?**

A Bath  
Birmingham  
Loughborough  
Manchester  
Leeds  
London

**Q Where will the national event specific days be held?**

	Location of National Event Specific Day			
Regional Centre	Speed	Endurance	Jumps & CE	Throws
London	London	London	London	London
Bath	Birmingham	Birmingham		Loughborough
Birmingham	Birmingham	Birmingham	LJ, TJ & HJ Birmingham	Loughborough
			PV + CE Loughborough	
Leeds	Leeds	Leeds	Loughborough	Loughborough
Loughborough	Loughborough	Loughborough	Loughborough	Loughborough
Manchester	Loughborough	Leeds	Loughborough	Loughborough

**Q Is there a cost to be part of the programme?**

A The programme is free for athletes, parents and coaches. Cost is time, commitment, travel and accommodation

**Q As a coach with multiple athletes on the programme, will the athletes be located at the same centres?**

A Choice of centre is down to the athlete and their event. So the coach should have a conversation with their athlete before completing the application.

**Q I have a couple of coaches that work with me, will they all be able to attend or just the lead coach?**

A The lead coach, but the intention is to work closely with the England programme to work closely with the coaches.

**Q Is the programme also open to para athletes?**

A Yes, para athletes are nominated by the Paralympic Pathway Manager

**Q What is included in the personal coaches package?**

A Movement Skills 1 & 2, Event group modules and integration day, online communities of practice. All coaches will need to be licensed and there are prerequisites for the specific courses which can be found on the EA coach education website.

**Q What is included in the parents package?**

A Parents can attend all of the YTP days plus pathway parent webinars

**Q If the coach cannot attend, what is the process of them getting the information they have missed?**

A The talent event leads (TEs) delivering the YTP national event specific training days will inform the regional staff so they can update the IAP. The personal coaches can also contact the TEs directly.

**Q What are the athlete academic requirements?**

A Need to be in a full-time education programme either BTEC / A levels etc. or approved part time study, but not an apprenticeship. You will need to be in your first year i.e. Year 12 (first year of further education) Ideally you would need 4's GCSE Maths & English, or will be retaking. You will need to be in a state funded school i.e. not an independent school / fee paying school. (Some exemptions do apply if you are at an independent school please contact; [Thomas.boardman@loughborough.ac.uk](mailto:Thomas.boardman@loughborough.ac.uk)).

**Q What is the difference between Talent Hubs and the YTP?**

A Talent Hub is umbrella programme that is piloting in Leeds and Birmingham and hosts an upper tier of performance athlete as well as YTP.

**Q Are their similar programmes in the other Home Nations?**

A Yes, there are. Please see links below:

Scotland -

<https://www.scottishathletics.org.uk/athletes/performance/performancesupport/national-academy/>

Wales – <https://www.welshathletics.org/en/page/national-development-programme>

Northern Ireland – <https://athleticsni.org/Athletes/Youth-Academy>