

# England Athletics Club Forum



Leeds – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018

# Welcome & Introductions – Myra Nimmo

- ✧ Housekeeping
- ✧ Who is who?
- ✧ Time to mix and share experiences
- ✧ Opportunity to inform what EA is doing
- ✧ How can we help you?
- ✧ What do you want to ask us?
- ✧ Rolling refreshments

# About England Athletics

- ✈ A grassroots membership & development body
  - ✈ A not for profit organisation
  - ✈ 30% dependant on government funding for its annual income
  - ✈ Other income from membership fees, activity income and sponsorship
  - ✈ Supporting volunteers at the heart of our strategy
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- ✈ c172,000 registered club athletes and runners
  - ✈ c1700 member clubs and organisations
  - ✈ c3,200 licensed road races
  - ✈ c22,000 licensed coaches and leaders

# England Athletics in numbers

- ✈ c4,500 licensed officials – a major concern
- ✈ c70k runtogether registrations, 550k bookings, 1,800 registered groups
- ✈ c7.2m people run monthly in England
- ✈ c45,000 volunteers working in clubs (minimum)
- ✈ 17 medals at Gold Coast 2018 and 15 medals at Commonwealth Youth Games Bahamas in 2017

# Our sport

- We are in the second running boom
- 7.2 million people are running each month - a **64% increase** in the last 10 years
- Women's participation between ages of 35-55 largely responsible for growth
- Sustained growth in road racing
- 56% of our member clubs are purely off track with at **least 85%** offering off track running of some kind
- Since 2008 there has been a growth in **new clubs of 46%**
- 172,000 registered club athletes and runners – up from 96k in 2007
- 50:50 gender split – was 60:40 in 2009.
- Majority of new clubs are **off track**
- 18% of EA clubs have a waiting list of some kind (T&F) – EA currently has an annual participant churn rate of circa 30%
- More than 50% of coaches and leaders hail from the off track community
- 40,000 people do track and field in clubs – mainly U20 and below
- Drop out from track and field is most prevalent around the **age of 16**
- 900,000 young people do athletics and running as part of the national School Games programme – the most popular activity but regularity is an issue

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# Useful information?

- ✈ Local Club Support [ehurst@englandathletics.org](mailto:ehurst@englandathletics.org) and [hbradley@englandathletics.org](mailto:hbradley@englandathletics.org) – for local support services
- ✈ Education Qualifications Coordinator [dberesford@englandathletics.org](mailto:dberesford@englandathletics.org)
- ✈ Yorkshire & Humber Regional Council – [gallagherm@supanet.com](mailto:gallagherm@supanet.com)
- ✈ Regional Awards Celebrations 18<sup>th</sup> September Wakefield
- ✈ Road Running Club Support [cfisher@englandathletics.org](mailto:cfisher@englandathletics.org) i.e. Club Run, Masters Age Group competitions, “Gun to tape” workshops, Road Race Championships
- ✈ Social Running - [www.runtogether.co.uk](http://www.runtogether.co.uk)
- ✈ Sustained financial support for English Schools AA, Northern Athletics and Counties to benefit club athletes and runners.
- ✈ EA Regional Coaching Lead contacts for the North – Nick Ridgeon, Helen Clitheroe, Jamie French, Andi Drake, James Hillier
- ✈ We coordinate c40 international teams to compete for England per annum

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- ✧ North hosting EA Senior T&F Champs and Manchester International on Aug 15<sup>th</sup>
- ✧ Sustained financial support to the Northern Officials Association conference
- ✧ Digital [www.englandathletics.org](http://www.englandathletics.org) and @englandathletic twitter and FB channel
- ✧ Welfare and club “compliance” support to member clubs – Jane Fylan [jfylan@englandathletics.org](mailto:jfylan@englandathletics.org)
- ✧ Free legal helpline for member clubs through Muckle LLP [www.englandathletics.org/muckle](http://www.englandathletics.org/muckle)
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