

# Recognising the secrets of our success

# England Athletics 2011 Awards



## Who's helped you along the way?

The volunteers who run our sport are often the unsung heroes of athletics. Behind any successful performance are numerous people who have given their time and effort to help the athlete on their way. An athlete's hard work and effort has to be supported by many people in the background – volunteers who will have helped many others become involved and develop in the sport.

The 2011 England Athletics Regional and National Awards provide a unique opportunity to recognise the outstanding contributions made to our sport by these people – who give their time, energy and expertise on a voluntary basis.

The awards, supported by Sweatshop, Athletics Weekly and Sunwise, give us as a sport the opportunity to reward the contributions and commitment to our sport these people have shown over the past 12-months. There are also several lifetime service awards.

- ◆ As in previous years, the programme will begin with nine English Regional Awards events held during September and early October. Details of the events will be published on our website.
- ◆ All Regional Awards winners will automatically be considered for recognition at the National Awards (although this doesn't mean all will be shortlisted).
- ◆ At the England Athletics National Awards & Hall of Fame Evening at the Hilton Metropole, NEC Birmingham, on Saturday 22 October 2011. National Award winners will be honoured side-by-side with the 2011 Hall of Fame inductees.
- ◆ Full details of the England National Awards & Hall of Fame Evening, ticket purchase and associated information, will be provided in the coming months.

The Awards have gained extensive coverage in Athletics Weekly with in-depth coverage given to the Awards night. But then after the winners were announced Athletics Weekly highlighted the importance of volunteers (whether coaches, officials or in other roles) by running a series of features profiling the individual award winners. These features gave an insight into their lives, their role in athletics and the impact their involvement in the sport as a volunteer has had on athletics.



[www.Englandathletics.org/awards](http://www.Englandathletics.org/awards)

# Award Categories and Criteria 2011

Please read carefully before making your nomination.

Nominations must demonstrate clearly why the contribution of the nominee should be recognised, taking into account the criteria in each category.

Where possible please work with others to ensure the supporting information in your nomination is as comprehensive as possible – this will enhance your nomination's chances of success. In the event of multiple nominations for one candidate being received the supporting information will be aggregated.

## Clubs

### 1: Development Club of the Year

**Criteria:** Recognising the achievements, over the past 12 months, of an individual club to tackle the fundamental elements of club development, from induction programmes for new participants through to the development of talented athletes, coaches and volunteer structures to demonstrably increase and retain members and improve standards of performance. This club would improve access to disadvantaged groups and link to wider community partnerships involving schools and colleges, including McCain Athletics Networks and the delivery of initiatives such as Athletics 365.

### 2: Athletics Network of the Year

**Criteria:** An award recognising the strength and productivity of partnerships between clubs, and involving other community partner organisations, to further the sport of athletics in the local community over the past 12 months. Such a successful partnership must involve more than one club and demonstrate impact locally, particularly in growing and sustaining participation through specific actions. This Award is open to non-funded networks of clubs and community partners as well as McCain Athletics Networks.

## Coaches

### 1: Services to Coaching

**Criteria:** An award specifically recognising a contribution to coach development as well as long-term high achievement. A coach who has only worked with children could also be eligible for this award.

### 2: Development Coach

**Criteria:** An award for a coach who has shown a significant contribution to supporting athletes below the age of 16 during the past 12 months. Priority will be given to those coaches supporting the development of a multi-discipline approach, and to those who have contributed, through partnership with other coaches, to the transition from junior level to senior success.

## Volunteers

### 1: Young Volunteer of the Year

**Criteria:** A person aged under 25 years of age who has contributed significant time and energy to their club, county or region, or who has come up with a new idea or exciting project to help their club, county or region during the last 12 months or beyond.

### 2: Services To Volunteering (Aged 25 plus)

**Criteria:** A person aged 25 years or older who has contributed significant time and energy to their club, county or region, or who has come up with a new idea or exciting project to help their club, county or region during the last 12 months or over a longer period.

## Officials

### 1: Official of the Year

**Criteria:** An official who has supported other officials in their region, and who may have helped to improve education and training over the past 12 months.

### 2: Services To Officiating

**Criteria:** An official who has made a significant, long-term contribution, supporting other officials in their region, and helping to improve education and training.

## Disability

### 1: Services to Disability Athletics

**Criteria:** This award will recognise an individual or organisation that has supported the development of integrated and inclusive athletics opportunities, consistent with the guiding principles of the England Athletics Disability Action Plan, in the last 12 months or beyond.

## Services to Athletics

### 1: Services to Athletics

**Criteria:** This award recognises long-time, outstanding service to the sport from an athlete, coach, official, club volunteer or community volunteer over a sustained period of time. Nominations should clearly demonstrate that the nominee has had a significant impact on the shape of the sport in the region or further afield.

## Schedule

*Friday 1 April*

**Awards Launch.** Nomination forms made available.

*Friday 19 August*

**Closing Date** for nominations for Regional Awards.

*Early September*

Regional Awards Panels meet to decide regional winners.

*September-October*

**Regional Award presentations**

Details to be announced via [www.englandathletics.org](http://www.englandathletics.org).

*Late September*

National Awards nominations gathered, shortlisted and candidates notified.

*Saturday 22 October*

**England Athletics National Awards & Hall of Fame**

**Ceremony** and dinner at Hilton Metropole, NEC

Ticket details will be confirmed on our website.

*Late 2011*

**UKA Awards**

England Athletics will send details of our National Award winners to UKA who will prepare shortlist for UK awards and notify nominees. Details to be announced via [www.uka.org.uk](http://www.uka.org.uk)

You can nominate someone for your Regional Awards online at [www.englandathletics.org/awards](http://www.englandathletics.org/awards) until Friday 19 August 2011

(Alternatively complete this nomination form and return it by post)

[www.englandathletics.org/awards](http://www.englandathletics.org/awards)

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## Nomination form

An online nomination form is also available at [www.EnglandAthletics.org/awards](http://www.EnglandAthletics.org/awards)

### Your details as the nominator



Your name	<input type="text"/>
Your position	<input type="text"/>
Your address	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>
Phone number	<input type="text"/>

### Details of the nomination

Nominee's name	<input type="text"/>	
Club / organisation	<input type="text"/>	
Region:		
<input type="checkbox"/> East	<input type="checkbox"/> East Midlands	<input type="checkbox"/> London
<input type="checkbox"/> North East	<input type="checkbox"/> North West	<input type="checkbox"/> South East
<input type="checkbox"/> South West	<input type="checkbox"/> West Midlands	<input type="checkbox"/> Yorkshire and Humberside
Award title nominated for (please tick):		
<b>Clubs</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Development Club of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Athletics Network of the Year
<b>Coaches</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Services to Coaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Development Coach of the Year
<b>Volunteers</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Young Volunteer of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Services to Volunteering
<b>Officials</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Official of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Services to Officiating
<b>Disability Athletics</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Services to Disability Athletics	
<b>Services to Athletics</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Services to Athletics	
Nominee's address	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	
Email address	<input type="text"/>	
Phone number	<input type="text"/>	

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## Reasons for nomination

Please detail in the spaces below and on any additional pages (up to 200 words maximum per box) the reasons for nomination using the tiles provided. Please include as much information as you feel is relevant to the Awards Panel regarding the person / team you are nominating and the award for which you are nominating them:

### Why the nominee should receive the award

(Complete this section with reference to the selection criteria in the guidelines)

### Supporting information

(Summarise the best achievements of the year)

**Closing date for nominations 19 August 2011**

Return this form to England Athletics Awards 2011, England Athletics, PO Box 10584, Braintree, Essex. CM7 5WU  
Email [awards@englandathletics.org](mailto:awards@englandathletics.org)

### Coach? Official? Club volunteer? Could you be a future Volunteer of the Year?

Do you want to get involved in volunteering? Speak to someone at your club about how you can get involved with supporting the sport where you are or see [www.englandathletics.org/volunteer](http://www.englandathletics.org/volunteer)

