

Harrogate District Talented Athletes Academy guidance

The application process

- an application year will run from April to March each year
- there are a maximum number of places. When this number is reached any further applications in that application year will be rejected
- an application can be made at any time in that year, however if successful, access would only be granted until 31 March. An applicant must then re-apply in April if they wish to continue the following year
- to apply, an applicant must complete the application form; the form must be completed by the applicants coach/instructor and signed. We may contact your coach directly to confirm the information is correct

What Harrogate Borough Council has to offer

- if successful, an applicant will be offered access to one named Brimhams Fitness Centre. We will try to match this to the centre closest to your home address; however you may be offered an alternative centre to enable us to balance usage across all three centres in the district
- successful applicants will also be able to access free swimming at any one of our five swimming pools in the district

Your membership card will state the times of sessions you can attend. However, as a general guide, the table below shows what you would be offered based on your age.

Age

Age range	Gym access	Pool access
16-25	Unlimited free access to one named Brimhams Fitness Centre only within specified times	Unlimited free access to any of our five swimming pools only during 'general swim', 'adult', 'lane swim' or 'ladies only' (if applicable) sessions
12-15	Unlimited free access to one named Brimhams Fitness Centre only during 'Teen Tone Zone' sessions	Unlimited free access to any of our five swimming pools only during 'general swim' sessions
11 or under	No access to gym facility	Unlimited free access to any of our five swimming pools only during 'general swim' sessions (must be accompanied by a paying adult if under 8)

3.0 Meeting the criteria

(3.1) minimum criteria in addition to at least one of the (3.2) performance criteria, in at least one of our (3.3) listed sports. The table below gives specific criteria in each section.

3.1 minimum criteria Must meet all five	3.2 performance criteria Must meet one or more	3.3 listed sports Must compete or participate in one or more of the listed sports
3.1.1 Resident in the Harrogate district, and/or represent the Harrogate district or a club in the Harrogate district	3.2.1 International or National Level athlete (all home nations)	This list has been derived from Sport England's recognised sports. It also includes all Olympic and Paralympic Sports.
3.1.2 Aged 25 or under at the time of applying (membership would end on your 26 th birthday if you were successful at age 25)	3.2.2 Selected for a performance squad / elite squad / high performance centre which is a regional squad for either the 'North' or 'North East' of England	The list can be found on our website www.brimhamsactive.co.uk/health-wellbeing/talented-athlete-academy
3.1.3 Be in full time education if aged between 18 and 25	3.2.3 Selected for an England or Great Britain Talent ID Programme by your National Governing Body of Sport	
3.1.3 Verify your application with evidence of your performance level (for example, a selection letter or certificate)	3.2.4 Selected for a UK Sport 'World Class Performance / potential / talent programme'	
3.1.4 Submit a reference from your coach, verifying these achievements and supporting the application	3.2.5 Supported by the 'Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme' (TASS)	
	3.2.6 Selected for Sports Aid funding for the Yorkshire and Humber Region	
	3.2.7 Selected for a scholarship programme or academy squad for a Professional Sports Club for example, Leeds United, Leeds Rhinos	

4.0 What the applicant agrees to do

- applicants must provide two photographs along with their application. One portrait photo and one of you competing / participating in the sport
- applicants must agree to us using their photograph and list of achievements and also provide a six monthly update on their achievements when requested. These achievements will be listed on a display board in the centre you have been granted access to, and also on our website
- applicants must also agree to act as a Local Sporting Ambassador, attending at least one event during the year, when requested
- successful applicants over the age of 16 will be issued with a Brimhams membership card, and agree to adhere to the terms of usage they are issued with (including access times for their allocated gym)
- all successful applicants will be issued with a 'Talented Athletes Academy' membership card to prove they are part of the scheme
- applicants agree to complete an end of year evaluation, which will help us to establish the success of the scheme and make any amendments required for the following year

5.0 General

- acceptance into the Talented Athletes Academy is at the discretion of Harrogate Borough Council, and we reserve the right to cancel the scheme or alter the terms and conditions of usage at any point throughout the year. In this case, you would be given written notification of any changes
- all terms and conditions of Brimhams Fitness Centres apply. These are available separately and applicants must sign a declaration to agree to the terms and conditions
- all further information, terms and conditions, plus application forms and reference forms can be found on our website www.brimhamsactive.co.uk/health-wellbeing/talented-athlete-academy

6.0 Declaration

- I have read and agree to the terms and conditions and criteria for the Talented Athletes Academy
- all of the information supplied on my application form and my coaches' reference form is the truth to the best of my knowledge
- I take full responsibility for my conduct whilst in the centre (if over 16)
- if I am under 16, my parent or guardian takes responsibility for my conduct in the centre