



**Harrogate District
Talented Athletes Academy**

**Application form
2022/23**



Application form

An academy for talented young sports people in the Harrogate district

The 'Talented Athletes Academy' was launched in 2013 across the Harrogate district as an Olympic Legacy project following the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Each year we award a maximum of 100 places in the academy (subject to each applicant meeting the minimum criteria) to help young sports people meet the fitness demands of their sport and achieve their full potential.

Successful applicants will be granted use of a Brimhams Fitness Centre and swimming pool to support their training. They may also be invited to act as sporting ambassadors at local events to support sports development work at a grassroots level and inspire the next generation of young people.

Application criteria and guidance

1. Applicants should be resident in the Harrogate district, or represent a club in the Harrogate district.
2. Applicants should be aged 25 or under. Applicants aged between 18 and 25 must be in full time education. Those aged 18 or over and not in full time education are ineligible for this scheme.
3. If you are 25 when you apply and/or are successful, you will be granted membership until your 26th birthday, even if this falls mid-year.
4. A full list of eligible sports can be found on our website <https://www.brimhamsactive.co.uk/children>
5. The minimum eligible level of performance can be found in section (C) of this form.
6. Applicants are required to obtain a reference detailing their talent and potential from a relevant teacher, coach or other qualified person under whom the young person is receiving training. In the event the programme is oversubscribed, applicants with higher achievements may be a priority.
7. You are requested to submit two photographs alongside your application, one portrait photo and one of you participating in the sport. In the event your application is successful, the photos will be used to help promote your individual profile and promote the project.
8. All decisions made by the panel are final.

The Harrogate District Talented Athletes Academy is administered by Harrogate Borough Council's Culture, Tourism and Sports. For further information, please contact Ian McAra:

Email: ian.mcara@brimhamsactive.co.uk

Address: Fairfax Wellbeing Hub, Fairfax Avenue, Harrogate, HG2 7RX



Please note that as a referee you must be a current instructor, coach or teacher of the nominated athlete. The completion of this form is required before any application to the Talented Athletes Programme can be completed.

All parts of this form must be completed and in printed text.

Part A - details of the applicant

Applicant name	Email address or parents email address if under 18
Home address	Home tel. no. Mobile tel. no.
Age	Date of birth
Name of school / college / university	Sport applying for
Full time education Yes / No	Sports governing body affiliation number
Name of the club, school or centre for this activity	Address for club, school or centre for this activity

Part B - to be completed by the coach/instructor

Coach/instructor details

Name	Email address
Address	Tel. no.
Position (for example, piano teacher, head coach, senior instructor)	Number of years the applicant has been part of your club/organisation
Governing body ID number	



Part C - to be completed by the coach/instructor**Form
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Performance level (tick one or more of the following)

The athlete must have achieved a minimum performance level to qualify to join our Talented Athletes Programme. Please tick all that apply and provide brief details including dates.

<input type="checkbox"/>	International or national athlete for instance, selected for England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland at national level or a GB squad
Please provide details and dates	

<input type="checkbox"/>	Selected for a Regional (North or North East of England) performance squad, elite squad or high performance centre
Please provide details and dates	

<input type="checkbox"/>	Selected for an England or GB Talent ID Programme through the National Governing Body (NGB) of your sport
Please provide details and dates	

<input type="checkbox"/>	Selected for World Class Start, World Class Potential or World Class Performance programmes
Please provide details and dates	

<input type="checkbox"/>	Selected for a scholarship programme or academy squad for a professional sports club for example, Leeds United, Leeds Rhinos
Please provide details and dates	

Part D - to be completed by the coach/instructor

The level of achievement written in Part C is correct at the date of completing this referral form.

Coach signature _____ Date _____

Forms submitted electronically do not need to be signed. Please print your name

Part E - summary of applicant personal achievements

IN ADDITION TO MEETING THE MINIMUM CRITERIA IN SECTION (C), PLEASE USE THIS SPACE TO TELL US ABOUT ANY OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS FROM THE LAST 12 MONTHS. PLEASE ENSURE YOU EXPLAIN ALL ACHIEVEMENTS FULLY, WITHOUT USING ABBREVIATIONS WITH WHICH WE MAY NOT BE FAMILIAR.

YOU MAY WANT TO TELL US ABOUT LEVELS OR GRADES ATTAINED, MAJOR COMPETITION RESULTS, AWARDS RECEIVED OR NOMINATED FOR, OR PERSONAL RECORDS MET/BROKEN. STARTING WITH YOUR HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT, LIST YOUR TOP FIVE. PLEASE NOTE YOU DO NOT NEED TO REPEAT INFORMATION FROM SECTION (C)

	ONLY WRITE ABOUT ACHIEVEMENTS FROM THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS. ANYTHING FROM BEFORE THIS WILL NOT BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.	DATE OF THIS ACHIEVEMENT
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Harrogate District Talented Athletes Academy terms and conditions

The application process

1.1 An application year will run from April to March the following year.

1.2 An application can be made at any time in that year, however if successful, access would only be granted until the end of the application year. An applicant must then re-apply in April if they wish to be considered for membership again the following year.

2.0 What the applicant agrees to do

2.1 Applicants must agree to us using their photograph and list of achievements and also provide a 6 monthly update on their achievements when requested. These achievements will be listed on a Brimhams display board, and also on our website. They may also be used on some promotional material.

2.2 Applicants must also agree to act as a Local Sporting Ambassador, attending at least one event during the year, if requested.

2.3 Successful applicants aged over 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)

2.4 Applicants agree to complete an end of year evaluation, if requested - which will help us to establish the success of the scheme and make any amendments required for the following year.

3.0 What Harrogate Borough Council agrees to do

3.1 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.

3.1 Successful applicants will also be able to access free swimming at any one of our five swimming pools.

Brimhams staff will discuss with you the times of sessions you can attend, and you card will be set up to allow access only during these times. However, the table below shows what you would be offered based on your age.

Age	Gym access	Pool access
16-25	Unlimited free access to one named Brimhams Fitness Centre ONLY within specified (quieter) times	Unlimited free access to any of our five swimming pools ONLY during 'General Swim', 'Adult' or 'Ladies only' (if applicable) sessions, lane swims and early bird swims
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, lane swims or early bird swims
11 or under	NO ACCESS to gym facility	Unlimited free access to any of our five swimming pools ONLY during 'General Swim' sessions, lane swims or early bird swims (must be accompanied by a paying adult if under 8)

4.0 Induction

4.1 For the safety of yourself and other gym users, a member of the Brimhams Fitness Team must carry out an induction before you can start using the facilities.

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4.2 The induction itself is free to members of the Talented Athletes Academy, however due to the large demand for inductions, there may be a charge incurred if you cancel within 12 hours of your appointment time. The induction will last about an hour, and following this you will be given information about using the facilities.

4.3 To book an induction either ask at one of the Brimhams reception desks or call 01423 556775 (Harrogate) 01423 711442 (Nidderdale) or 01765 601353 (Ripon)

5.0 Exercise classes

5.1 Membership of the Talented Athletes Academy does not entitle you to attend exercise classes in the studio, pool or outdoors. These can be booked and paid for on a pay-as-you-go basis at the time of booking. Normal terms and conditions for class bookings will apply, please ask at Reception.

6.0 Family membership

6.1 If any siblings or family members wish to access the gym facility, they must join under their own membership and cannot access the gym without being a member.

7.0 Access to swimming sessions

7.1 Swimming is permitted at any time there is an adult only, ladies only (if applicable), general swim, early bird or lane swim session. In all cases under 8s must be accompanied by a fee-paying adult, and swimmers must be over 16 for adult only and ladies only sessions. It is best to check the timetable of your local pool for up to date swim sessions and times.

8.0 General

8.1 All Talented Athletes Academy members will follow Brimhams user guidelines, code of conduct and terms and conditions to ensure safe exercise principles are adhered to. If you have any queries, please ask a member of staff or contact reception. A full list of membership guidelines is kept at reception.

8.2 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.

8.3 All standard terms and conditions of Brimhams Fitness Centres will apply. All further information, terms and conditions, guidance notes, application forms and reference forms related to the Talented Athletes Academy can be found on our website

<https://www.brimhamsactive.co.uk/health-wellbeing/talented-athlete-academy>

9.0 Declaration

9.1 I have read and agree to the terms and conditions for the Talented Athletes Academy.

9.2 I take full responsibility for my conduct whilst in the centre (if over 16)

9.3 If I am under 16, my parent or guardian takes responsibility for my conduct in the centre.

PART F applicant declaration

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I certify that all the information given on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and agree to the terms and conditions set out above.

Photograph submission - please tick all that apply below

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I have attached (if emailed) or enclosed (if posted) two photographs of myself, one portrait and one of me taking part in this activity.

Signature of applicant

Date

If aged under 18

Name of Parent/Guardian

**Signature of
Parent/Guardian**

Forms submitted electronically do not need to be signed - please print your name

Completed applications should be returned:-

By email to: ian.mcara@brimhamsactive.co.uk

or by post to Ian McAra
Fairfax Wellbeing Hub
Fairfax Avenue
Harrogate
HG2 7RU



For further information, please contact Ian McAra on the above contact details.
Further copies of both forms and further information can be downloaded from our website.

Please visit <https://www.brimhamsactive.co.uk/health-wellbeing/talented-athlete-academy>