



STARS – Talent Assistance Scheme

1.0 Aims:

1.1 To provide support to Southend-on-Sea's leading elite sports performers, offering county level sports people free access at designated off-peak times to leisure and sports facilities for personal training and development. This is provided that there is no disruption to other users.

2.0 Eligibility:

2.1 For sportsmen and sportswomen of 10 years old and above who currently perform, train or compete at an elite level and who reside for the majority of the year in Southend-on-Sea.

Those who do not reside in Southend-on-Sea will only be eligible if they represent the borough within their chosen sport.

The scheme will be open to those sports people who are:

- Members of a national team or squad.
- Have a national ranking in the top 20 for their age group.
- Have a county ranking in the top 5 for their age group.

2.2 Evidence or confirmation of a performer's involvement at one of the above levels will be required from the appropriate governing body, as recognised by Sport England.

3.0 Terms and conditions:

3.1 Each STAR member will be entitled to free access at designated facilities during designated off-peak times, including weekends when they are open, providing there is no disruption to other users and no additional cost is incurred by the facility i.e. floodlighting or swimming pool lane hire.

3.2 STAR members below 14 years of age must be accompanied by a coach at all times. When a coach is unavailable a responsible adult must be present. Members over the age of 14 can attend alone.

3.3 Use of the fitness suites is only permitted to STAR members aged 14 years and above. Those using the fitness suites aged under 16 must be monitored by an adult or a Fusion instructor. ALL STAR members must have an induction before commencing in the fitness suites.

3.4 Only STAR members aged 16 and above will be allowed to access the group exercise classes.

3.5 STAR members will be able to use all designated facilities officially registered on the scheme. A list of facilities is available from the Fusion.

3.6 Each STAR member must meet with either, The Centre Manager or Duty Manager of their designated leisure facility (the facility most often used) prior to undertaking training to ensure that they are aware of the parameters for accessing that facility.

3.7 On arrival to a site the STAR member must sign in at reception. The STAR member must ensure they carry their valid membership card, otherwise entry may be refused.

3.8 Each STAR member accessing facilities under the STARS scheme must abide with the normal operating procedures at any site they use. Coaches are to ensure that they are familiar with the rules applicable to use.

3.9 Each STAR member will be issued with a STARS membership card, which must be produced on each visit when requiring free access.

3.10 STAR members will be allowed one free training partner if the sport so requires and/or a personal coach, if appropriate.

3.11 In order to maintain community usage and ensure facilities are still freely available to members of the public, swimming usage will be restricted to one coach/one swimmer on poolside. At any one time, due consideration should be given to fellow users.

3.12 In return for the benefits STAR members obtain from free use of the facilities, the following condition applies. The STARS member will be required to attend one or more community event during the year, as requested by Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and Fusion. Details of such events will be made available.

3.13 Membership of the STARS scheme is renewable every 12 months, pending continued sports performance at one of the above levels, as well as attendance at one or more community event.

4.0 Application Process:

4.1 An application form is to be completed stating relevant details and evidence of involvement in sport at the required level as stated in the criteria. Governing body endorsement will also be required. If you are unable to produce confirmation of ranking from your governing body, your application will not be processed, and will be returned to the address stated on application form. It should also state the facilities the applicant would like to use and a likely usage pattern.

4.2 If the application is successful a letter of confirmation will be sent to the applicant who then in order to receive their STARS membership card will need to visit the Customer Contact Centre located at the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, to have their card issued. Access arrangements need to be discussed between the sports person and facility management prior to first STARS session.

5.0 Administration:

5.1 This scheme runs under the auspices of:

Fusion
Department for Place, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

5.2 Fusion reserves the right to withdraw the STARS card from any holder who disregards the above conditions or commits any other act or offence which Fusion deem to be inappropriate.

6.0 I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the scheme:

Name of applicant:

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Signature of applicant:

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Date:

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I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the scheme:

Name of coach:

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Signature of coach:

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Date:

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