



## ENGLAND ATHLETICS FAQ SHEET 1 FOR CORONAVIRUS

FAQ	RESPONSE
<p>With the April 1<sup>st</sup> Club Affiliation &amp; Athlete Registration process looming, is EA considering a delay for payments to be made or indeed a change to the pricing structure for the 2020-2021 year?</p>	<p>We are reviewing our position and will be making some decisions on this next week. We will communicate our decisions thereafter. We are conscious that April 1<sup>st</sup> is looming and that club membership secretaries will require clarity.</p> <p>Despite there being a period of practical inactivity during this suspension we are still very much operational behind the scenes – people are required to close down activities and to reschedule them for later in the year and there are existing activities scheduled to take place in the summer onwards that we hope will continue to take place as planned so this will require income to ensure continuity in this respect. Affiliation and athlete registration fees are an important part of our total income and therefore we need funds to ensure the organisation can function. We are acutely aware of the challenges that clubs will also be facing at this time. More details will be provided as soon as we have them.</p>
<p>What will you be doing as England Athletics during this period of suspension?</p>	<p>We know this is a hugely difficult time for our members club and organisations and we're continuing to talk to as many of you as possible to get a fuller picture about the impact coronavirus (COVID-19) is having.</p> <p>To date we have received well over 100 responses from our member clubs and we are working through those to help shape how we respond in the coming days and weeks. This situation is of course changing daily at present, so we ask that members bear with us as we work to make decisions that best support the sport at all levels and ensure the longer-term health of the organisation.</p> <p>In the last week we stated to our members that over the coming weeks we are committed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting the Athletics &amp; Running family in England to ensure that we come through this period together in as strong a position as possible.</li> <li>• Working with you, our members, to understand what specific support is required across our clubs to sustain our sport in the short and the long term.</li> <li>• Changing the way in which we communicate and provide our services so that we are doing everything we can to encourage people to stay active, wherever possible, which we think is now more important than ever.</li> <li>• Rescheduling specific activities and programmes for our members and participants</li> </ul> <p>Owing to the unprecedented and uncertain times we find ourselves in as a sport and wider community, we understand that clubs and other athletics</p>

	<p>bodies will be experiencing some unforeseen and unplanned pressures in the immediate term.</p> <p>If you haven't already been in touch, please <a href="#">complete the form</a> and let us know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How coronavirus is impacting you or your club or organisation?</li> <li>• The type of help you think would be most beneficial.</li> </ul> <p>We are actively working to postpone and reschedule a range of activities that were planned to take place during the coming period in light of the suspension. We are also working actively to support our clubs, coaches and volunteers through our staff – particularly our <a href="#">Club Support Managers</a>, our <a href="#">Regional Coaching Event Group Leads</a>, and our <a href="#">Membership Services Team</a>.</p> <p>We are also coordinating the production of a range of activities and services utilising digital platforms and systems to ensure that some support can be provided to people working in the sport as volunteers and to ensure that communication continues during this uncertain period.</p> <p>Visit: <a href="http://www.englandathletics.org/resources">www.englandathletics.org/resources</a></p>
<p>What support resources are available to coaches and leaders?</p>	<p>A regular programme of online coaching forums and presentations with our experts will start in the next week with more details to be communicated on our website and social media channels shortly.</p> <p>By way of example A webinar on youth development will be hosted by Scott Grace on Saturday 28 March.</p> <p>The content for your “go-to” place for coaching resources <a href="http://www.athleticshub.co.uk">www.athleticshub.co.uk</a> launched earlier this month and efforts are now going into populating this site with more material for coaches, leaders and assistants to upskill themselves during this fallow period (and for you to share the appropriate links with your athletes and runners if relevant) for home training. You only need to sign up once to the site and follow the instructions. You can tag your ‘favourite’ items, sort according to preference and return whenever you want to.</p> <p>For those parents with children over 11 years old and who hold a licensed Leader in Running Fitness or Coaching Assistant, or higher qualification, with a current DBS, we are making the Athletics 365 resource app FREE for a period of 12 months. Instructions on how to download the app will be provided in the next week.</p> <p>In advance of the Autumn launch to primary schools of the new England Athletics funetics programme, which is supported by Katarina Johnson Thompson and Usain Bolt, we are making some of the video resources available next week. Many of these are adaptable for home practice so please share with parents with 5 – 11-year-old children at home whilst schools are closed and group activities are cancelled.</p>

<p>What are we planning on doing with regards to those competitions that may be cancelled in the coming period?</p>	<p>We are working actively with UKA, the other Home Countries and competition providers to best understand what is possible in this regard and will be looking at whether parts of the domestic competition season can be extended into the months of September and October as a direct result of the coronavirus impact. There will be challenges with doing this naturally. As soon as this is clearer, we will communicate our intentions. Inevitably it will be difficult to reschedule some competitions due to simple calendar congestion.</p>
<p>What about the impact on people's mental health and wellbeing during this period?</p>	<p>You and your athletes, runners and members might be worried about coronavirus and how it could affect your life. This may include not training, competing or running with your group/club, being asked to stay at home or to avoid other people. This might feel difficult or stressful. But there are lots of things you can try that could help your wellbeing and to maintain your physical fitness and that you can share with your runners. <a href="#">Click here for guidance</a> from our friends at <a href="#">Mind, the Mental Health Charity</a> about Coronavirus and your wellbeing. Also visit <a href="#">our #RunAndTalk webpage</a>.</p>
<p>Can I get a refund on EA postponed qualification courses?</p>	<p>To avoid missing out on your training opportunity we will be re-scheduling all courses during the autumn and will be allocating all candidates onto a fresh course. The original payment for this course will of course remain valid. For further information, including the transfer of your booking please contact our customer services team <a href="mailto:hcooper@englandathletics.org">hcooper@englandathletics.org</a>. We apologise for the inconvenience caused and hope that you will still consider a leader, coaching or officiating qualification in athletics and running in the future. If you are unable to attend the new date, a refund will be issued. <a href="http://www.athleticshub.co.uk">www.athleticshub.co.uk</a></p>
<p>Why did we set an initial end of April deadline for suspension of Athletics training, activities and competitions?</p>	<p>The situation is very fluid and we are reviewing this on a regular basis with our partners UKA and the other Home Country Athletics Federations so we are looking at all options and timelines with a view to making the best decision for the health and welfare of our athletes. We are directly informed by the current government guidance on Coronavirus and we feel it is important that as an athletics and running family we are putting the health and wellbeing of everyone first above and beyond our sport at this current time. We feel that it is the right thing to do and for the greater good of our society. We will be reviewing the guidance on a regular basis and updating accordingly as government guidance changes. We will be looking to review our end of April deadline in the coming weeks and communicate this as and when we are confident that we have made the right decision based on the facts available to us.</p>
<p>Is EA doing anything to help people stay active and engaged?</p>	<p>Across all our programmes we are looking to provide advice and tips and we will be sharing these as soon as possible. Visit us at <a href="http://www.englandathletics.org">www.englandathletics.org</a> <a href="http://www.athleticshub.co.uk">www.athleticshub.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.runtogether.co.uk">www.runtogether.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.funetics.co.uk">www.funetics.co.uk</a> <a href="https://twitter.com/englandathletic">@englandathletic on twitter</a></p>