

## **SPORTSAID EXTRAS 2012**

SportsAid is the charity for sports people, raising funds from institutional and commercial sectors, to help the next generation of young British sportsmen and women to succeed. Since 1976, SportsAid has distributed more than £30 million and currently gives close to 2,000 awards per year across all sports. Last year SportsAid allocated £143,000 solely to athletics.

The SportsAid nomination process is an online “by nomination only” system. Athletes will be nominated by UKA and invited to submit an online nomination form via an email. However, due to the unpredictability of email addresses, UKA accepts no responsibility for those who do not receive an invitation - the onus remains with the athlete to request a nomination/invitation if they believe they meet the criteria and have not been contacted by **8 January 2012**.

Please note that nomination is the first stage of the process and is in no way a guarantee of an award.

### **Important Dates**

- **By 31 December 2012** - Eligible athletes will have been notified of their nomination.
- **By 22 January 2012** - Athletes who believe they meet the criteria but who have not received an invitation should contact Mary Edwards via email at [medwards@uka.org.uk](mailto:medwards@uka.org.uk)

There is no exception to this deadline or nomination process.

### **Who is eligible?**

- UK athletes in the Under 20 or Under 17 age group during the summer of 2011 and not already funded through the first round of SportsAid, UKA Futures, WCPP Development or Podium Programmes.
- All athletes should be ranked in the top one non-funded (Behind first round of SportsAid, Futures or WCPP) in the UK in their age group (outdoor 2011 season).
- U20s should be above the 2011 U20 Power of 10 UK 10 target line.  
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- Walks and marathon events - where there is no Power of 10 line – will be looked at on a case by case basis and in discussion with the National Event staff but athletes would still need to be in the top two non-funded in their event group.

### **Performance and Progression Criteria**

- Performance level and ranking will be key criteria in deciding nominations and in prioritising the nominees. Consistency, development and performances especially at the major age group championships may be taken into consideration, as may performances and progression in previous years.

### **Commitment Criteria**

- The athlete will be expected to show how they envisage spending any funding awarded to them. It is expected that any grant would be used to benefit to their athletics development. Guidelines on this will be sent at a later stage.
- The Coach should demonstrate a desire for their professional development, as well as the athlete.

- The athlete may be expected to make some appearances or to communicate regularly with SportsAid and its sponsors and this would be discussed and arranged at a convenient time.

**Prioritising of grants**

- Combined Eventers followed by Pole Vaulters will be prioritised over other event groups.

Only those athletes who meet the criteria should apply via this process. Podium, Development, Futures and first round of SportsAid funded athletes will be published on the UKA website in early January therefore you will be able to ascertain if you qualify as a top one non funded athlete.

All queries should be directed by email to Mary Edwards at UKA [medwards@uka.org.uk](mailto:medwards@uka.org.uk)