

**Coaching Department  
National Council Report  
January 2014**

**Coach Education Staffing Restructure**

Following on from the Portas review the ETTA has almost completed its restructure. As a result of this, and the relocation to Milton Keynes in March this year, the ETTA will unfortunately be losing the valued and dedicated services of Dave Berriman (National Coaching Officer) and Collette Sargent (National Coaching Assistant) as they both take voluntary redundancy. Both members of staff have worked tirelessly to provide a high quality service to the great number of table tennis coaches, and have been part of some significant developments and improvements in coach education.

**Coach Education Priorities**

Over the next two months the coach education team has a number of priorities to complete prior to the relocation. These include:

- Completion of outstanding UKCC Level 3 assessments and portfolio reviews. There are a number of candidates waiting for this phase of the qualification to be completed and the coach education team will be in contact very shortly to arrange this.
- Implementation of the new coach education database. Currently the import of existing data is being completed in order that the system can be deployed across ETTA staff in early February. Once staff have been trained and have become accustomed to the new system it will be made available to coaches across the country so that they can review their coaching qualifications/progress, coach licence and gain access to a large number of resources.
- Handover of knowledge and development of process guides for new staff to ensure a smooth and safe transition to Milton Keynes.

**UKCC Course Programme**

The impact of the relocation and restructure goes beyond just staffing and unfortunately means that the ETTA will be restricting the number of UKCC courses available between January and the end of April 2014. This is due, in the main, to the departure of the coach education team and the need to ensure that a safe and efficient handover can be achieved to new staff in Milton Keynes. In addition it will provide an opportunity or window for the new staff to become accustomed to what is needed.

Over the coming weeks/months the new area teams will be reviewing what is required for the remainder of the season so that courses can be organised to start in May at the latest. Updates will be available on the ETTA website in the interim period.

**Coach Licensing**

To date the ETTA has received coach licence renewals for almost 500 coaches. There are a number still outstanding and would ask that if you know anyone that is yet to renew that you prompt them to do so.

From 2014 the renewal period will be changing, and will operate from 1st August to 31st July annually to bring it in line with other ETTA renewals and registration dates.

The criteria for eligibility for a coach licence will then change from 1st August 2014, as voted and agreed by National Council in April 2013. The following criteria will be introduced:

- Coaches must have a table tennis coaching qualification (ETTA or UKCC)
- Essential first aid (all ages) certification
- Safeguarding & protecting children workshop certification

- Have a valid DBS check within the last three years (processed by TMG for the ETTA)
- Attend a minimum of one CPD event per year (details to be published shortly).

This was communicated via the ETTA website and further information will be circulated to all coaches in the near future.

### **Regional Coaches**

The last three months has been a challenging time for the regional coaches. They have had to endure consultation meetings regarding their future, followed by interviews for positions within the new staffing structure of the ETTA. I am pleased to report that during this time they have continued to conduct themselves in a very professional manner, particularly in the following areas:

- Club visits are continuing and the regional coaches have spent time making sure that the majority of coaches are in place to continue the development and monthly sessions around the regions, while they take on new roles within the ETTA.
- Regional training days have taken place on a monthly basis with some regions organising joint regional sessions/matches. The regions that joined together to deliver this day saw it as an opportunity to meet new coaches and share/exchange ideas. Coaches within the region are invited to attend to upskill their knowledge and share ideas.
- Forty coaches have been mentored in the regions by the regional coaches from October-December 2013 on a variety of topics.
- Talent ID has taken place at national events as well as local tournaments this season (19 in total). The regional coaches have identified the talent scouts and events within their regions for the new season.
- The regional coaches have arranged several joint camps within the regions as well as camps in Wales during weekends and school holidays, which have proved to be popular and very beneficial.
- The regional coaches are working very closely alongside the development team to ensure a co-ordinated approach in each region. They are also working closely with the ETTA Communications team and are very active with the various social media opportunities.
- Paul Whiting, Natalie Green, Craig Bryant and Stephen Gertsen were awarded their degrees at the University of Central Lancashire in December and I am pleased to say that they have also been awarded UKCC Level 4 awards.

### **Staff Appointments**

After their successful interviews in November the following regional coaches will take on new posts in 2014:

- Matthew Stanforth – National Talent Development Coach
- Sally Shutt – Coach Development Officer (North)
- Helen Lower – Coach Development Officer (Central)
- Craig Bryant – Coach Development Officer (London/South)
- Aled Howell – Coach Development Officer (South West)
- Paul Whiting - Talent Development Centre Coach (Plymouth)
- Jane Barella - Talent Development Centre Coach (BATTS)

**Regional Coaching Activity  
October 2013-January 2014**

<b>Regional Coach Activity: October 2013 - December 2013</b>												
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>London</b>	<b>South West</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>South East</b>	<b>West Midlands</b>	<b>East Midlands</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>North West</b>	<b>North East</b>	<b>Yorkshire</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Distinct clubs visited		3	1	12	3	15			7	2	3	46
Club sessions visited		3	15	12	18	30			19	3	8	108
Club sessions coached		3	15	12	18	30			19	3	7	107
Regional/Development squad sessions conducted		48	18	28	47	43			39	59	44	326
Regional coach education days conducted		1	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	1
Youth development & England youth squad coaching days		0	2	0	0	2			2	5	1	12
No. of international competitions		0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0
No. of days in international competitions		0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0
Coaches under official mentoring		5	6	6	6	8			3	3	3	40
Days on UKCC courses		1	0	1	1	2			0	1	0	6
UKCC resits		2	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	2
Days on ETTA course		0	0	0	0	0			0	0	2	2
Days Talent ID competition		2	1	0	0	1			7	4	4	19
Meetings/days with Regions		1	3	3	0	0			3	2	1	13
Meetings/days funding partners		1	0	0	0	0			0	2	2	5

April 2013-January 2014

<b>Regional Coach Activity: 2013 - 2014</b>												
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>London</b>	<b>South West</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>South East</b>	<b>West Midlands</b>	<b>East Midlands</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>North West</b>	<b>North East</b>	<b>Yorkshire</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Distinct clubs visited		13	6	37	10	35	5	8	16	10	8	148
Club sessions visited		25	45	41	41	81	18	15	40	22	17	345
Club sessions coached		25	45	41	41	81	17	15	40	16	16	337
Regional/Development squad sessions conducted		151	74	75	130	141	55	40	97	175	151	1089
Regional coach education days conducted		1	1	0	0	1	1.5	0	0	0	1	5.5
Youth development & England youth squad coaching days		0	2	6	6	8	0	7	2	9	2	42
No. of international competitions		0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	1	7
No. of days in international competitions		0	0	0	26	0	0	6	0	0	5	37
Coaches under official mentoring		21	15	18	18	23	16	8	14	10	9	152
Days on UKCC courses		1	2	2	1	3	0	0	0	8	1	18
UKCC resits		3	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	6
Days on ETTA course		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.5	2.5
Days Talent ID competitions		11	5	2	4	6.5	2	2	11	8	10	61.5
Meetings/days with Regions		19	8	13	3	0	6	3	7	9	7	75
Meetings/days funding partners		4	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	6	18