

ENGLAND ATHLETICS - RE-STRUCTURING

Sporting Counties with all or part of their area in Greater London:

	Population	% in G. London
Essex	2.71m	40%
Hertfordshire	1.35m	23%
Kent	2.56m	38%
Middlesex	3.10m	100%
Surrey	2.74m	61%

Existing AAAoE Development Regions

There are five sporting counties which cover the London region:

	Population in London	% of London
Essex	1.09m	15%
Hertfordshire	0.31m	4%
Kent	0.98m	14%
Middlesex	3.10m	43%
Surrey	1.69m	23%
Greater London	7.17m	100%

There are three sporting counties which cover the South East region:

	Population in SE	% of SE
Kent	1.58m	38%
Surrey	1.06m	26%
Sussex	1.49m	36%
South East	4.13m	100%

There are four sporting counties which cover the South region:

	Population in South	% of South
Berkshire	0.68m	17%
Buckinghamshire	0.81m	20%
Hampshire + CI	1.92m	48%
Oxfordshire	0.61m	15%
South	4.01m	100%

Proposed Hubs/Regions

The number of proposed hubs/regions varies between 9 and 10.

Total Population of England = 49.14m

If there are 10 hubs/regions then the average size would be 4.9m

If there are 9 hubs/regions then the average size would be 5.5m

A "London Hub" would be 7.2m and a "SE+S Hub" would be 8.1m

A Hub comprising the sporting counties of Kent, Surrey & Sussex would be 6.8m.

Keith Burchell - January 2005

NOTE. These figures are based on the 2001 Census as provided by the Office for National Statistics in 2002. The population of the Channel Islands is estimated as 145,000.

Future of Domestic Competition in Britain

The following is an extract from the statement issued by UKA on 7 October 2004. It only includes those items relating to County competitions:

Twenty key competition providers met in Birmingham on Sunday 3rd October to discuss 2005 fixtures but more importantly their reaction to the wide response they had received to the uka 'Future of Competition' paper with a view to implementation in 2006.

2006

Track and Field Season period- Duration of the senior outdoor season should be 1st weekend of May through until mid Sept. One or two leagues may use last weekend of April.

Permitting- There was general agreement that UKA should be the permitting authority with a cascade down to other bodies; for example the Territories issuing permits for the local/regional meetings. It was also agreed that there should be an appeals procedure and a policing arrangement put in place.

Fixture pecking order / designated weekends- Whilst it was agreed that there should be a top down pecking order, it was also agreed that there should be weekends designated for Territorial/ Hub events, league weekends and event specific weekends

Before bringing into effect either of the two recommendations above, a full paper as to the detail to be developed and agreed.

Hubs / Counties- It was agreed that Hubs should democratically determine, within the permitting and allocation principle set out above, their competition pattern and those of the counties within their area. Hence in some hubs they might decide to combine all their County champs into one Hub event, whilst others may wish to continue to hold all County champs...or indeed a mixture of both.

Inter counties Track and field championships- To be restructured by CAU to reflect the new Hub structures. The event to be moved to last weekend in August. (Bank Holiday)

Officials

It was accepted by the meeting that without officials volunteering their services that NO competition would take place...and that Officials were currently a shrinking resource. In considering the Competition programme the needs of Officials was paramount. Also that Officials length of 'work day' should be considered from a Health and Safety viewpoint.

SUMMARY

All the above proposals to be developed during the winter and then re-presented to the Competition providers group in March, before being tabled at UKA Congress in April 2005.

Roger Simons, Head of Track and Field PST, who chaired the meeting, commented that he was pleased with the large response to the questionnaires, especially as these contained some useful supplementary comments from the respondents. He further commented that he was pleased with the progress made at this meeting in response to the call for modernisation of the competition structure made within the Foster Report.