

The benefits of being affiliated to Athletics Northern Ireland include:

Public Liability Insurance - UK Athletics provide insurance for affiliated clubs during their period of affiliation with Athletics Northern Ireland. For more details on the insurance cover provided via UK Athletics please see the following link:

<http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/governance/insurance/> Coaches are insured through valid British Athletics coaching licences. Failure to affiliate or have appropriate insurance means that clubs/individuals leave themselves liable should anything happen during a session.

Athletes Registered with an Affiliated Club can compete in Athletics NI Sanctioned Events - Eg NI Senior & Age Group Championships

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Unregistered Athlete £15.00

Club Coach Development Opportunities and Qualifications - Athletics NI provide a number of development opportunities, workshops and conferences for affiliated clubs - E.g. 2016/17 coach education qualifications will be approximately £20 cheaper for affiliated clubs.

Access to Funding - Affiliated clubs can benefit from the support of Athletics NI in helping them to access various funding schemes and associated grants. E.g. Belfast City Council look much more favourably on grant applications received from clubs who are affiliated with their National Governing Body.

Club Development/Coaching Support - Athletics NI can provide specific support that may include assistance with the Clubmark quality assurance scheme, junior club development initiatives, coach mentoring and coaching support from Active Communities/Everybody Active coaches. E.g. Orangegroove AC and North Belfast Harriers benefited from a 12 week junior club initiative in 2015 that provided mentoring for the coaches with a focus on the multi event approach.

Club Welfare - Affiliated clubs have the opportunity to benefit from the services of Athletics NI Welfare Officer. E.g. Booking a safeguarding course for your club, assistance in dealing with coach/athlete conduct issues.

Eligibility for Club Places at Specific Events - Many major events provide special benefits for NGB members that are not open to the general public. E.g. Each affiliated club can apply for London Marathon places.

Eligibility for Recognition as part of Annual Awards - Only affiliated clubs will be considered for club awards at Athletics Northern Ireland's annual awards evening. Other award schemes will only consider clubs affiliated with their National Governing Body. E.g. Sport Northern Ireland Coaching Awards.