

Clean Sport Annual Report 2025

1. Vision

In alignment with the [UK Clean Athletics Education Strategy 2023-26](#), our vision is to:

- To create a generation of athletes who have confidence in their ability to succeed in athletics without resorting to the misuse of Prohibited Substances or Prohibited Methods.
- To create a generation of support personnel who understand that the athletes they work with can achieve their goals without resorting to Prohibited Substances or Prohibited Methods, and who embrace their obligations within the Clean Athletics principles.
- To create a generation of Athletics supporters who are sensitive to issues of doping in sport to increase their receptivity to prevention messages so that they can play their part in fostering Clean Athletics.

2. Ongoing Commitment to the Vision

Through a sustained programme of educational and promotional activity, England Athletics has fully embedded the UK Clean Athletics Strategy across its talent pathway, representative teams and competition operations. These actions are now part of our established business-as-usual approach, with ongoing refinement to ensure the athlete community continues to receive high-quality, up-to-date clean sport education.

Our aim is to ensure that all registered athletes (and parents of U18 athletes), licensed coaches, and support staff with regular access to athlete environments have consistent access to the latest clean sport information. These commitments now form the core of our routine practice:

1. **Produce an annual report on England Athletics Clean Sport activities for England Athletics Board oversight.** This is now a standard annual cycle, supported by the appointed Clean Sport Board Champion.
2. **Review and maintain up-to-date anti-doping rules, policies and guidance, and communicate them across the athletics and running community.** This process is embedded and continually updated to reflect annual and evolving requirements.
3. **Maintain adoption and ongoing alignment with the UK Clean Athletics Strategy and the UKAD Assurance Framework.** The strategy, adopted in June 2022, now underpins routine collaboration with UKA across the talent and performance pathway.
4. **Promote England Athletics as an active supporter of clean sport and the missions of UKAD and UKA.**
This is now a standard part of organisational communications, including through the England Athletics website and frequent social content updates.
5. **Deliver an established education programme for England Talent Programme and England Team athletes, their coaches, and (for U18s) parents.** Annual education delivery is now routine, with high completion rates. 90% of 2025-26 programme athletes have completed Clean Sport Training. Catch-up and refresher sessions continue as part of the ongoing schedule.
6. **Deliver an established education programme for England Team Coaches and staff.** All England T&F and Road Teams completed training in 2025. Ongoing work to educate Cross Country, Trail and Mountain England Team led by partner associations.
7. **Monitor, review, and evaluate the reach and effectiveness of education programmes, using findings to shape annual updates.** Education sessions are adapted each year to meet the evolving needs of athletes, coaches, and support personnel.

3. Other Actions

3.1. England Athletics Clean Sport Working Group

England Athletics has established an internal Clean Sport Working Group, with representation from talent pathway, competition, club support team, membership, education and communications staff. The group provides ongoing oversight and ensures consistent implementation of the UK Clean Athletics Strategy and UKAD Assurance Framework across all areas of the organisation.

England Athletics staff have strengthened operational communication channels with UKAD, particularly in relation to athlete resignation and re-registration processes, ensuring that clean sport obligations are met across the membership system. England Athletics Clean Sport leads also maintain regular dialogue with UKAD on the evolving requirements of the UKAD Assurance Framework, ensuring England Athletics remains aligned with national standards and emerging best practice.

3.2. Clean Sport Leadership Training

Clean sport training is established for all leaders of key athlete development programmes within England Athletics. The following training has been delivered in 2025:

- The Teams Operations Manager has completed the Clean Sport course
- The Talent Director holds an advanced level of Clean Sport training
- The England Athletics Board Champion has completed Clean Sport training through UKAD

3.3. Competition and Club Support

England Athletics continues to maintain strong governance and communication structures to support clean sport across clubs and competitions:

- The England Athletics membership system ensures all registered athletes, regardless of competitive status, are bound by UKAD rules through registration and the acceptance of the Code of Conduct.
- The England Athletics website provides current information on Clean Sport education courses and resources, and championship programmes and entry systems now clearly outline participant responsibilities.
- All licensed competitions are required to adopt UKAD rules under UKA governance. Guidance and a dedicated webinar for competition organisers and clubs available through Athletics Hub.
- Membership clubs have been advised to incorporate UKAD rules into their club registration and Codes of Conduct.

3.4. Enhanced Regional Education Through Talent Hubs

This year, England Athletics introduced an enhanced clean sport curriculum delivered regionally through the Talent Hubs for Youth Talent Programme athletes (16–18 years). The updated curriculum has:

- led to increased attendance for athletes, coaches and parents at clean sport education sessions
- ensured all YTP athletes have completed the required UKAD Athlete Courses
- embedded clean sport education as a core element of athlete development at the early talent stage

This regionalised delivery model has improved accessibility and engagement across the pathway, further embedding clean sport behaviours from the outset of an athlete's journey.

4. Future Direction

4.1 Formal Training of Wider Staff

England Athletics continues to ensure that all England Team staff, Talent Pathway coaches, and support service personnel working in athlete environments receive appropriate clean sport education and training. This now includes our expanded remit overseeing European U18 Teams, where we have introduced expectation for all athletes targeting this level to complete their European Athletics *I Run Clean* education before selection. This proactive approach strengthens preparedness and reinforces clean sport behaviours at the earliest stages of international progression.

4.2 Ongoing Updates and Communication

We continue to provide up-to-date anti-doping guidance and promote key messages across England Athletics social channels as part of our established communication plan. Regular updates ensure the wider sport has access to current information, including emerging themes from UKAD and changes in rules.

4.3 Ongoing Club Support and Wider Education

England Athletics remains committed to supporting clubs and the broader athletics community through ongoing clean sport education and awareness-raising aligned to the UK Clean Athletics Education Strategy.

4.4 Enhanced Clean Sport Education Curriculum As part of the continued evolution of pathway education, we are exploring opportunities to integrate lived experience contributions from athletes directly affected by doping. These insights will strengthen understanding, deepen impact, and help reinforce the long-term importance of clean sport values.

4.5 Staff Upskilling and National Training Capacity

An additional England Athletics staff member is scheduled to complete the National Trainer course in 2026 growing our internal capability to deliver high-quality clean sport education across the organisation.

4.6 Coach Development

England Athletics is in the process of developing a new Learning Management System LMS to advance the quality and consistency of coach education. This platform will have the capability to enable the creation of in-house training modules and supporting the ongoing development of the coaching workforce.