Guidance on Personal Coach support for the 2026 Commonwealth Games

This document provides information on Team England & England Athletics approach to personal coach support at the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

Team England and England Athletics value all personal coaches and recognises the important role they play in their athletes' achievements.
Where possible we will aim to support as many personal coaches as possible and will always ensure that every athlete is fully supported within the Games environment, event(s) where a personal coach is not present.

Overview
Working closely with Team England, the Commonwealth Games Federation and the Commonwealth Games organising committees, England Athletics has managed to secure a limited number of Personal Coach Accreditations for the Games.
The number of Personal Coach Accreditations is linked to the team size and organising committee's accreditation limits.

Due to this limited number of Personal Coach Accreditations, England Athletics will only be able to accommodate a small number of Personal Coaches with access to the warm-up and competition environment.

Any coaches wishing to be considered for a Personal Coach Accreditation and meet the relevant criteria, set out below, must complete an Expression of Interest form by **Monday 8th June 2026**.
Please click here: Personal Coach Accreditation - Expression of Interest Form

Criteria for consideration
The following criteria will be used to allocate Personal Coach Accreditations:

- Coaches supporting athletes, who England Athletics deem to have the greatest chance of winning a gold medal at the Games, based on the data available.
- Coaches with more than one athlete representing Team England at the Games who England Athletics deem to have the greatest chance of winning a medal at the Games, based on the data available.
- The competition timetable. As some Personal Coach Accreditations may be transferable between individuals in the Games, England Athletics will review the timetable to try to maximise the access for personal coaches.
- Athletes who require specific technical input not covered by Team England's team coaches.

Conditions of Personal Coach Accreditation

- A maximum of one Personal Coach Accreditation will be available per athlete meeting the above criteria.
- In the case of two (or more) athletes meeting the above criteria having the same Personal Coach, only one Personal Coach Accreditation will be offered to the 'training group.'
- Athletes may not request more than one Personal Coach Accreditation for a personal coach or any staff within their coaching group.
- England Athletics will have the final decision around allocation of Personal Coach Accreditations based on the above criteria. It is within their discretion to alter the amount or allocation of Personal Coach Accreditations.
- Coaches in receipt of a Personal Coach Accreditation will be expected to wear Team England kit (supplied as part of the package) in the warm-up and competition environment.
- **Athletes and coaches can meet with the Friends & Family zone, at the Games, but no personal coaches are permitted to access the Team hotel and Games catering environments, even if provided with a Personal Coach Accreditation.**
- The Personal Coach Accreditation offers will be made by the Team Leader and are strictly subject to signing the Team Members Agreement.
- Please also note that Personal Coach Accreditations will not allow access to the official transport services.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Athletes Agents wishing to attend the Games.

In conversation the Commonwealth Games Federation, Team England have confirmed that that a number of Athletics Athlete Agent accreditations will be available for the Games, and these are managed by World Athletics.

Any registered Athlete Agent who wishes to secure an accreditation, will need to liaise with Jane Davies jane.davies@worldathletics.org who oversees this for the IF.

If the requests are approved, World Athletics will submit the agents details into the system.

Please note that this process is independent from Team England and England Athletics, and we are unfortunately unable to offer support in this matter.