**Elite Athlete Scheme**

1. **Objective and Issue**
	1. The Active, Healthy Community Department’s objective is to ensure that help is given to amateur athletes participating at International level
2. **Registration Form**
	1. To be fully completed by the applicant (with verification completed where applicable)
	2. Supporting Qualification / Documentations to be attached to form (where applicable)
	3. Forms kept securely within the centre
	4. Confirmation on status of registration will be given along with any relevant information, i.e. Centre information on opening times, timetables, etc.
	5. If there is a request to renew, then the above process must be repeated in order to determine on-going eligibility.
3. **Scheme details**
	1. Use of facilities for up to 8 weeks prior to an International event will be granted where the athlete has been selected to represent UK and/or N.Ireland, Ulster or the Republic of Ireland at a forthcoming international competition
	2. No other assistance will be provided through Leisure services other than access to non-bookable sporting areas, ie. Swimming, gym, etc.
	3. There should be no financial loss to Council from members of the public being unable to use the facilities during training time
4. **Qualifying Criteria**
	1. Athlete must represent UK and/or N.Ireland, Ulster or the Republic of Ireland at a forthcoming international competition
	2. Sport must be recognised by Sport NI or the Irish Sports Council
	3. The governing body of sport for the athlete must make the request on behalf of athletes supporting same and confirming details of the event and status of the athlete
5. **Relevant Forms/Supporting Documents**
	1. Membership Application Form
	2. Relevant Centre Information