**Applying for coaching funding**

As a coach, you will be expected drive up coaching standards in the club and disseminate up to date technical knowledge and generic information. You may also have a mentor function within the club.

# In a supporting statement you will need to demonstrate:

* That you are in your second consecutive membership year of Springwell RC;
* That you have attended training regularly\*;
* That you have a basic knowledge/interest across all running events;
* That you have good team building skills;
* That you are an excellent communicator; and
* That you are willing to be Access NI checked.

\*Applicants who have not been members of Springwell Running Club must present a rationale as to why their application form should be supported. This category will primarily relate to parents or guardians who have not been active members but who wish to participate in a coaching or volunteering capacity.

# As a coach, what you will do:

* Be a point of contact for members
* Disseminate technical knowledge
* Liaise with other coachesto ensure quality coaching is taking place to drive up standards
* Contribute to the establishment and implementation of a mentoring and or buddying system within the club
* Liaise with Athletics Northern Irelandand the local council *Development and Active Community officers*

# How much time will it take?

This role in most cases will take between 2-3 hours per week, mainly in the evenings and weekends, with additional time if you are attending competition. The higher the level of athlete you are working with is likely to mean greater time commitment.

# Committee assessment of applications:

The committee will assess how each application satisfies the “You will need” section above by reviewing a ***supporting statement provided by the candidate*** seeking support. In addition candidates will be required to meet the following requirements, and indicate this in their supporting statement:

1. Candidates must confirm that they commit to coaching at all Springwell Running Club venues, however every effort will be made to accommodate them in their “home” venue.
2. Candidates must indicate what level they would prefer to coach – fun to run participants, juniors, or seniors.
3. Candidates seeking club funding or support, must commit to coaching with Springwell Running Club for at least 25 hours per annum.
4. Candidates must be able to demonstrate that they have good teaching ability.
5. Candidates will be required to indicate that they will adhere to the Club Code of Conduct and Coach Induction guidelines.

**Committee assessment of applications cont...**

1. Applications for funding will be considered on the basis of the Clubs needs for coaches and the demands of any particular geographical area.
2. Candidates are required to liaise with the Club Secretary to present their application for committee approval.
3. Once approved the cost of the course will be funded by Springwell Running Club
4. Springwell coaches will not be remunerated.
5. Any Springwell member who is supported by the Club in obtaining a coaching qualification, should note that it is in breach of club rules to receive financial reward for coaching either within or external to the club. Furthermore, any coach who leaves the club within one year of receiving the funding, will be required to repay the club subvention in full.1
6. Likewise, any club-funded coach who receives remuneration in breach of club rules, within one year, will be required to repay the club subvention in full.

# What applicants will get out of coaching:

The satisfaction of knowing that your coaching team is delivering to best of their ability and that your athletes are achieving their potential will be intrinsically rewarding. You will not only have the respect of your club but also of other coaches and athletes in the sport.

1 In extenuating circumstances, the club committee may consider exceptions to this rule, and applications should be made outlining the context and rationale for the application, in the first instance, to the committee.