

# MPAGB Framework Document

## SECTION 1

### **The Aim for Modern Pentathlon**

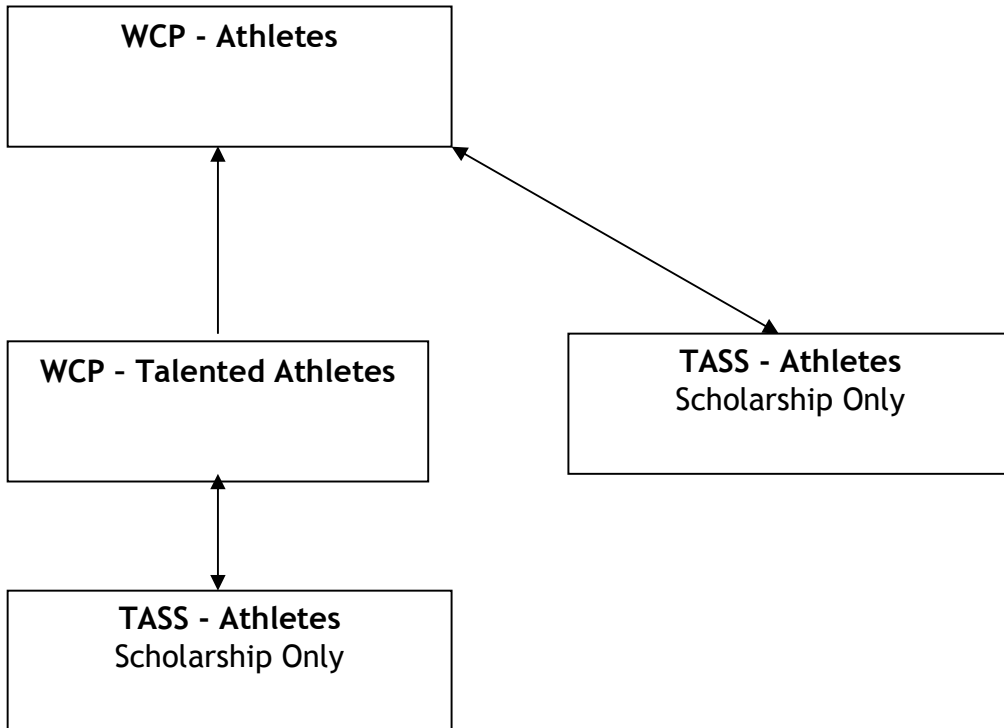
The TASS programme will aim to provide a seamless transition for Modern Pentathletes filling the gap in current provision and providing a stepping stone for 'Non-Funded' athletes to the World Class Programmes, while encouraging athletes to pursue an academic career.

TASS IS an integral part of 'Pentathlon's World Class Performance Programme and Long Term Athlete Development Model (LTAD).

Due to the level of support for the whole Performance Programme Pathway from UK Sport and Sport England which has resulted in a smaller number of athletes the TASS programme will have a greater impact in supporting those athletes wishing to combine studying with training.

The MPAGB have a track record of success at the highest level and are committed to build and continue this . The level of support that TASS offers the athletes makes it an integral part of delivering this aim.

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## SECTION 2

### Funding

TASS Scholarships will be given in the form of Scholarships 16 -21 of up to £3,000

### Breakdown of the Awards

Funding Category	Scholarship 1 (16 - 21)
Coaching Fees	£1000.00
Strength & Conditioning	£600.00
Sport Science & Medicine	£450.00
Domestic Competitions	£250.00
Training Equipment	£550.00
PALS	£200.00

Table 3

Note: The distribution of TASS scholarship to the athlete may vary depending upon the needs of the individual athlete which will be established by the National Development Coach.

## **Rationale**

### **Coaching Fees**

This would be assessed on an individual basis - part of athletes annual appraisal

### **Strength & Conditioning Sport Science & Medicine**

1 x 2 hour session a week with a strength and conditioning coach.

*Essential to be in consultation with the WCPP Strength & Conditioning Coach.*

### **Domestic Competitions**

Entry fees and travel to the following events maybe claimed for up to the values of agreed amount.

- National Biathlon Championship
- National Triathlon Championship
- National Tetrathlon Championship
- National Pentathlon Championships/Senior/Youth
- National Selection Competitions
- British University Sports Association (BUSA) Pentathlon and Biathlon Championships.

Any of the other consideration competitions listed in the MPAGB Team Selection Policy Document issued on the MPAGB Website.

### **Equipment**

An agreed equipment list will be provided in respect of the allocation towards training equipment. Athletes can “cherry pick” from this list and submit receipts for reimbursement.

## SECTION 3

### Management of TASS

The TASS will form part of the WCP Programme and will be led by the National Performance Director working with the Performance Team.

The day to day management / liaison of the TASS scheme will be carried out by the National Development Coach.

### Key Members of the Performance Team

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### Administration

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### Monitoring and Evaluation

The monitoring and evaluation of pentathlon programmes that make up the TASS Pentathlon Centres will be the responsibility of the National Development Coach, in consultation with the National Performance Director, Talented Athlete Programme Manager and HQ MPAGB. Annual consideration will be given to whether the programme continues to meet the original identification criteria. If this is not the case, then the MPAGB reserves the right to withdraw its endorsement of the programme as a TASS Centre, giving a minimum of 2 months notice.

The monitoring and evaluation of athletes' performances will be the responsibility of the NDC. In undertaking an annual review of each TASS funded athlete, consideration will be given to whether the athlete continues to meet the original identification criteria. If the athlete does not continue to meet the criteria, then the MPAGB reserves the right to withdraw TASS funding, giving a minimum of 2 months notice.

The monitoring and evaluation of services delivered to TASS funded athletes will be the responsibility of the NDC, in conjunction with the English Institute of Sport (EIS). In undertaking a continuous review of the services that are delivered to TASS funded athletes the following should be considered:

- Feedback on the services provided from the athletes;
- Feedback from the Coaches delivering the programme;

- Feedback from the English Institute of Sport.
- Feedback from the TASS Regional Officer

## SECTION 4

### Number and Selection of Athletes

In initial discussions with TASS in 2004-5 a provision of up to 30 athletes was made. Realistically for the year 2005-6 we would like to have the provision of up to 20 athletes

### Selection

#### Criteria for identification

The following criteria are to be used to identify athletes selected to the TASS programme:

- Aged between 16 – 21 years, and;
- Continuing to improve, and;
- Commitment to an agreed annual training programme (minimum of 18 hours for Scholarship 1 (16 – 21 years) and 18 + hours per week for Scholarship 2 (18 –21 years));
- Commitment to an agreed annual competition programme, and;
- Meet minimum academic entry requirements, specified by the University/College.
- The final selection to TASS will be at the discretion of the MPAGB Selection Panel
- Awards are made by TASS but MPAGB has the responsibility to nominate athletes to TASS, athletes having met the above criteria.

Discipline Category	Scholarship 1 (16 - 21)
Run/Swim Biathlon	<p>Criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Athletes who have reached the WCP Standards for inclusion on the WCPP but have decided to voluntarily removed themselves from a World Class Programme because of balancing education with providing 18+ commitment to training.</li> <li>2. Athletes that meet the World Class Programme standards and 18+ commitment to training.</li> <li>3. Athletes that have been de-selected for failing to achieve World Class Programme modified standards with a strong commitment to the training programme and the potential to reach them within 12 months</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;">MPAGB Selection Panel convened by HQ Will select athletes for TASS</p>
Run/Swim/Shoot Triathlon	
Run/Swim/Shoot/Fence Tetrathlon	
Run/Swim/Shoot/Fence/Ride Pentathlon	

### WCP Standards

These standards are clearly identified within the published Selection Policy which is reviewed and published in the autumn of each year. The 2005 Selection Policy is attached in Appendix A

## **Appeal Procedures**

These are contained within the WCP Selection Policy which are:

*“Athletes may appeal on the following grounds:*

- Relevant information was ignored or not considered*
- Unreasonable bias or conflict of interest*
- Policy/criteria not adhered to*

*Any appeal must be made in writing to the Performance Director or Team Manager within 24 hours of the publication of the relevant decision and before selection is formally announced stating the grounds of the appeal.”*

*Page 10, Version 7 of MPAGB Selection Policy 2005*

## **Child Protection Policy**

### **MPAGB Child Protection Policy Statement:**

The MPAGB has a duty to safeguard all young people involved with the MPAGB from harm. All young people have a right to protection, and the needs of disabled young people and others who may be particularly vulnerable must be taken into account. The MPAGB will ensure the safety and protection of all young people involved in the sport through adherence to the Child Protection Policy adopted by the Association.

Full Policy in Appendix B

## **SECTION 5**

### **Priority Areas**

The MPAGB's High Performance Centre is based at the University of Bath. This is supported through two regional centres at Hartpury College and Millfield School. Both have full and or part time staff available.

Currently we have a number of TASS supported athletes at HE establishments throughout the country. The MPAGB have a wish to establish strong centres in London/South East and North West.

If athletes chose an establishment outside of these areas they will be supported through the identification of suitable coaches and venues to develop their potential – in all probability the coaching service would be delivered outside of the educational establishment.