

'Access for All - No Barriers' Registered Charity No. 1133406 The B-Hive, Unit 2 Yew Tree Warehouse, Yew Tree Farm, Punchbowl Lane, Boston, Lincs. PE20 3SB

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# **England Athletics Suspension Update**

#### Dear Member

We are working positively with England Athletics to lift the club suspension. We have begun working on an agreed action plan with Emma Hurst, Club Support Manager at England Athletics, to ensure that we are operating with good governance and that we are providing a duty of care to all members at Boston & District AC. I have provided some updates on this process below.

### Competition

Whilst Boston & District Club are suspended, it is England Athletics intention to support athletes from the club to be able to compete. Therefore, if you have any issues registering for, or entering a competition, please email <a href="mailto:registration@englandathletics.org">registration@englandathletics.org</a>, who will liaise with the competition provider to request that individual entries are accepted.

## Coaching

We are looking to increase the number of coaches that we have supporting our athletes. There is some funding available to pay for courses and qualifications and we hope to run a course in Boston in the coming weeks. If you are interested in completing a 'Coaching Assistant' course, and would be happy to volunteer at least a small amount of time each month to support the club's coaches, please let myself (Mark.Bowler@beds.ac.uk) or Nanette (nanettejohnson1953@gmail.com) know. Further information about the Coaching assistant course is available here, but please contact me if you have any questions. The minimum age for a Coaching Assistant is 16 years and you do not need to be fit or possess specific knowledge or skills. What is required is a willingness to learn new skills and support the development of athletes.

#### Committee

We have recently appointed some new committee members and will place their details on the website for you to access. We have a new Welfare Officer, Emma Penson, who many of you will know within the club. Emma's role, under the guidance of the club committee, is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members. You can contact Emma using the details below:

email:emmapenson77@gmail.com Tel: 07787 574767



We are in the process of training a second Welfare Officer. Whilst they undertake this training, you can, of course, report any concerns to myself, or any of the club committee. You can also report any concerns to the governing body using the details below.

Concerns of misconduct - England Athletics <a href="welfare@englandathletics.org">welfare@englandathletics.org</a>
Safeguarding concerns - UK Athletics <a href="safeguarding@uka.org.uk">safeguarding@uka.org.uk</a>
In an emergency and/or if you are concerned that someone is at immediate risk of harm, please call the police without delay on 999.
All clubs members can access the England Athletics safeguarding policies and procedures on the <a href="EA website">EA website</a>.

We are committed to resetting our club so athletics and running in Boston can return safely and that members of the club have a positive experience.

Best wishes

Mark Bowler, Club Chair

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