

MEETINGS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE GIAAC

Looking forward – how we want the future of the GIAAC to look

A series of meetings to discuss our athletics club.

Dear GIAAC member

We are in the middle of a very busy and successful athletics season:

- Our track and field sessions continue to attract large numbers and the competitions have generated quality performances across the Club
- Our road and cross country calendar continues to grow, built around a series of popular, well-established events such as this week's All-Terrain Challenge
- Our Island Games team demonstrated strength in depth at the elite end of athletics
- Our Colts and juniors sections remain buoyant as we struggle to accommodate the numbers of youngsters who want to take up the sport
- Our sport is represented in a positive light which in turn enables us to attract sponsors whose support enables us to prosper financially

Although most of us prefer to be out there participating, officiating or coaching, from time to time we do need to reflect on our sport and in particular to think about the future of the GIAAC.

For that reason the GIAAC committee would like to organise a series of meetings where club members have the opportunity to comment on the future of the GIAAC.

We are proposing that each of the meetings has a similar format. The questions which we would like to address are:

What is the Club doing at the moment?

What do we want to be doing in the next three years?

What's getting in the way of the club achieving those goals?

How do we overcome those difficulties?

If we had a three year plan - what should it look like?

We have addressed each of the meetings to a particular sector of the Club. We therefore hope that all members of the Club feel that their interests have been included, if not please let us know and we can try to rearrange the schedule.

Suggested schedule for the meetings:

1. Senior and Under 20 athletes - Wednesday 19th August – Two meetings at Footes Lane:

7.00pm – 8.00pm. A meeting for those athletes likely to qualify for the Commonwealth Games 2010.

8.00pm – 9.00pm. All Senior/Under 20 athletes.

We are running these meetings one after the other as the 'elite' group have particular requirements but they also share much in common with other senior athletes so there may well be much in common between the two meetings

2. Wednesday 26th August – 7.00pm . Meeting at Footes Lane
This meeting is for all athletes aged 13-17 years (including parents).
Our focus here will be slightly different as we want to hear from you but we also want to make clear to you what the club can offer to young people.

3. Colts/ juniors meeting – Wednesday 9th September.7.00pm Meeting at Footes Lane
This meeting will be for parents of colts and juniors

4. Coaches and officials meeting and thank you reception. Monday 21st September at Les Rocquettes Hotel
Our final meeting is intended for coaches and officials when we will also be holding an informal reception to thank you for all your hard work in supporting the club

We will provide more information as the meetings approach.

Please do contact us if you have any comments/ observations

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