

## Club Accreditation Scheme

The three local authorities and local sports councils within Grampian have joined forces through Grampian Coaching to develop a Sports Club Complete Accreditation Programme (CLUBCAP) as a means of acknowledging clubs, which operate in a structured way and in accordance with certain criteria. Aberdeenshire Sports Council were the initial drivers of this scheme which they have been rolling out successfully over the past year throughout Aberdeenshire. The accreditation programme is a scheme where sports clubs work towards certain levels of achievement to prove they are running in a well-organised manner. The required standards can be achieved by large and small clubs, whatever their sport. Staff at Moray Council are available to help your club meet the requirements of the programme.

Grampian Coaching are confident that clubs will benefit from the programme, in terms of the financial and practical benefits of accreditation, and by improving the way the club operates.

As Colin Pearson, the Director of Developing Potential at sportscotland stated;

'Clubs are an important part of local communities. They provide a way for people to have lifetime involvement and participation in sport and are key to Scotland's future sporting successes.

Grampian Coaching's CLUBCAP scheme presents many opportunities and demonstrates the commitment and vision required by clubs to enable increased participation in sport. This will in turn help towards delivery of a long term Player Development Pathway in the area.

Sportscotland welcomes the establishment of CLUBCAP and recognises the value of the programme. It will ensure dedicated support is provided to clubs. Club development schemes provide a vehicle to help clubs achieve their long-term goals and are vital for strengthening the club infrastructure and increasing the membership within sports clubs throughout Scotland.'

The Grampian Coaching CLUBCAP scheme has two accreditation levels; standard and enhanced. The four areas where evidence is required to achieve either the standard or enhanced level are club management, equity and ethics, coaching programme and duty of care and child protection.

The other benefits to this scheme will include a number of free places on generic coach and club development workshops, use of the approved CLUBCAP logo, promotion and recognition by Grampian Coaching, your local authority and local sports council and access to enhanced grant funding.

The Grampian CLUBCAP scheme will be officially launched towards the end of 2007, aiming to be in place by October. In the meantime for further details contact the Sports Development Officer on 01343 563657 or the Active Schools Manager on 01343 557145.