

Kent F.A.C.S Scheme – Thanet District

Eligibility & Conditions of Scheme

Eligibility

FACS membership is open to all sportspeople (including those with disabilities) who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- 1 Reside for the majority of the year in Thanet District boundaries.
- 2 FACS members must perform at a County or Regional level which can be recognised in any of the following ways (not including school sport):
 - Part of a county and/or regional team or squad
 - Successful in any County or Regional age group competition (top 10 finish) in the last 12 months
- 3 National Governing Body verification & confirmation that FACS applicants meet the above criteria must be submitted with the application for membership.
- 4 Only sports recognised by Sport England are eligible.

F.A.C.S. Scheme Conditions

FACS members will be allowed to have free training at any of the facilities involved in the Scheme on the following basis:

- Access will only be free at "off-peak" times (which may vary between facilities) unless local negotiation between the member, the facility and the local authority Leisure Services allows for other local arrangements
- There should be no disruption to other users
- There should be no additional cost incurred by the facility e.g. floodlighting
- Turn up and play only. In some cases booking arrangements for use of facilities, can be negotiated locally between the member, the facility & the local authority Leisure Services.
- Facilities used by FACS members are to be related to their training programme and cannot be used simply for recreational purposes.

- Sports courses and instructor led classes are excluded. The only exception to this is for under 16s who can make use of 'Junior Gym' sessions to solve the issue of supervision/health and safety.
- Membership is renewable every 12 months provided that the member continues to meet the eligibility criteria
- Existing or potential FACS members who are injured and require facilities for rehabilitation purposes can retain or obtain membership provided that written evidence is supplied by the National Governing Body and/or a medical specialist/consultant.
- FACS members will receive a membership card which must be shown at each facility in order to gain free access
- If a FACS member loses their membership card they must contact the Thanet District Council sports development department regarding the re-issuing of a card. Any card re-issued will have a new membership number and the old membership number will expire to ensure it is not used by another person
- FACS members are allowed one (but no more) free training partner if the sport so requires and/or a personal coach if appropriate
- As a condition of membership FACS members will make every reasonable effort to attend promotional events as requested by any of the participating local authorities or facilities to act as 'Sports Ambassadors' for the local area.
- Members must also make reference to the support of Thanet District Council in any press relating to their achievements.
- FACS membership is not transferable to any other person. Failure to comply with this condition may/will result in members being removed from the scheme