

March 1st 2010

Dear Secretary,

Regional Council Elections -2010.

England Athletics' Terms of Reference for Regional Councils require that one third of elected members must stand down from each council every year; retiring members are able to stand for election for a further three year term.

Regional Councils still play an increasingly important role in the development of the sport following the restructure of England Athletics; it is the main vehicle by which all volunteers are able to influence the delivery of our strategy to clubs, coaches, officials and other volunteers. A fuller note on the work of Regional Councils is attached.

Nominations are needed in all regions from all sectors of athletics to ensure that the membership of Councils is representative of the whole sport within their region. The numbers of vacancies that must be filled in this election are:

East	2	East Midlands	2	London	3
North East	3	North West	3	South East	3
South West	2	West Midlands	2	Yorkshire & Humberside	2

In the past, take up of places in some regions has been disappointing but it's important that all councils are fully constituted if they are to work effectively and are to represent the views of the volunteers within their region. More and more there is evidence that the Regional Councils are having a major influence on the sport at the highest level.

If you know of someone who is passionate about our sport and has the drive and commitment to make a difference then please nominate them, subject to their willingness to stand for election, for a place on your regional council. Nominations will close on April 16th 2010.

If you wish to make a nomination you will find the necessary form and instructions at www.englandathletics.org/election. Alternatively you may request a form by post or email from John Temperton at jtemperton@athleticsservices.org.uk or call on 0121 713 8493.

Yours sincerely



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