

# TEAM DEVIZES – MOONRAKERS AC

## NEWS LETTER

### We are Team Devizes – Moonrakers AC

As most of you know we have been working hard to become an affiliated athletics club independent of Wessex and Bath AC since Feb 07. It has taken some time and a lot of effort by all concerned to work through this process and we finally had verbal confirmation of our success.

For our athletes this means you can now compete under the name of Team Devizes – Moonrakers AC whenever you undertake an athletics competition. It also means we are in charge of our own funds and will need to raise money to buy equipment, fund training facilities and cover costs of coach education.

### Membership and Training Fees

When we spoke to parents and athletes earlier this year we explained that there will be two sets of fee's which will be payable.

#### Training Fees

This fee is already being paid by you either on a weekly basis for £2 a week or on a seasonal basis of £20 for the outdoor season and £30 for the indoor season.

We use the training fee to pay for training facilities.

#### Membership Fees

The Membership Fee, which is now payable, is paid annually and is a necessity.

This fee is used to:

- register athletes with England Athletics
- ensures athletes are insured
- pay annual fees to any bodies which we must register with
- buy equipment
- subsidise (where possible) travel to competitions

*Please be aware that Coaches are not paid for their time or travel*

### Hoodies

You will see on the Membership Application form we have mandated the purchase of a team Hoodie. This is to help us easily identify individuals, promote the team ethos, advertise the club and to ensure athletes bring a warm top to training sessions.

### Training Kit

When attending training sessions please could all athletes ensure that they bring at a minimum a warm top and a waterproof jacket. We have had a lot of young athletes turning up for training in just shorts and t-shirts and with the weather being as unpredictable as it is we have trained on a number of occasions in the rain.

#### Kit List

- Water
- Warm Top
- Waterproof jacket
- Sports trainers (not flat fashion trainers)

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- Tracksuit bottoms

## **Coaching and Membership Numbers**

We are in desperate need of volunteers to assist with our weekly coaching sessions and to get involved in the general running of the club. We have 4 to 5 regular coaches but need more particularly to assist with the younger athletes.

Without any further assistance we will be shortly raising our minimum age (currently 8 to 10 or 11) and starting a waiting list for membership.

If you would be willing to assist and become interested in obtaining a basic coaching qualification we can find funding to pay for the course.