

# Surrey County Athletic Association



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Dear Secretary

This letter is being sent to the Secretary of all those clubs affiliated to SCAA which are known to participate in Track & Field competition.

All Club Secretaries should have received a letter, dated 17<sup>th</sup> September 2007, from SEAA which included the following:

*“Competition Survey*

*The English Regions in the South, the East Region, the South East Region and the London Region are discussing future competition requirements with the Association. It has been agreed that clubs and counties should be an integral part of the consultation process. England Athletics have circulated the County Associations with a questionnaire but we feel that it is just as important at this early stage, that clubs who’s athletes compete in many of the events that may be threatened should have their say in future competition.*

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*If you wish to participate please e-mail the SEAA Office and you will be sent the questionnaire..... The returns are required by 15<sup>th</sup> October so please don’t delay. ....”*

At the SCAA General Committee Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2007 this matter was discussed. It was disclosed that on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007 UKA had published on its website an item covering “*The second stage of UKA’s competition review*”. The article states “*Whilst we have been consulting competition providers during this year a number of earlier drafts of this report have been circulating. This is the final model and it incorporates many of the suggestions made whilst keeping true to the principles of the original document.*” The attached report with associated papers consists of 34 pages! None of those attending Friday’s meeting (which included the secretaries of local and territorial leagues) had been included in this consultation process nor had they been sent the report. The report covers issues which we consider fundamental to the delivery of track & field competition for clubs and their members. These include new age groups, the combining of schools events with non-schools events and a change of emphasis from leagues to open meetings.

What is not clear from the documents is how the consultation will be undertaken. The only information we have, at present, is that provided by SEAA (see above) which gives a closing date for responses which is less than 4 weeks after the relevant documents appeared on the UKA website. SCAA believe this to be inadequate and will be contacting UKA/EA to make this point. We think that clubs should have sufficient time to consider and discuss the proposals with their members and that they could benefit from a meeting of Surrey clubs to exchange views.

We urge clubs to download the UKA report and to obtain the questionnaire from SEAA. You are welcome to make your views known to SCAA by writing to the County Secretary, Don Turner, 40 Rosedale Road, Stoneleigh, Epsom, Surrey KT 17 2JH (E-mail: donturner@btinternet.com). If you have comments that could be published in SCAN then please send them to scan@surreyathletics.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

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