



Touching Base – Issue 2

Welcome to the Rounders England e-newsletter written specifically for County Sports Partnerships. Please forward this on to your fellow team members and anyone else that might be interested to know what is happening in the world of Rounders!

NEWS FROM HEAD OFFICE



Rounders England is pleased to welcome Dan Newton to the staff team. Dan has a strong sports development background, with experience in local authority, NGB and County Sports Partnership settings. Dan comes to Rounders from Derbyshire Sport where he was responsible for partnership working with NGB's.

A Word From Rounders England Development and Competitions Manager, Dan Newton

Welcome to the second quarterly newsletter, 'Touching Base'. The aim of this publication is to keep you informed of the developments and progress of Rounders England.

Over the last three months we have made progress on all areas of our whole sport plan through the efforts of our team and our partners.

- We are working with the Women's Sport and Fitness Foundation to refine the products that we offer. We will provide further detail before the end of 2011.
- We are refreshing our approach to club development and will launch details of a new structure and set of resources in October 2011.
- We are working with nine universities to pilot our Active Universities offer.
- As a phase three sport for School Games we are working with the Youth Sport Trust to develop our resources and offer ready for January 2012.

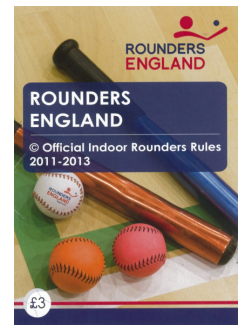
Our team is growing; in addition to the regional Rounders officers that we have in place within the East, the South East, London and the West Midlands, in September we will appoint an officer for the North West. We are also developing strong relations with a number of county sports partnerships within the regions that we do not have an officer. Over the coming months we will be attending regional governing body clinics to further these relationships.

If you would like to discuss the development of Rounders in your county, please contact Dan Newton: dan.newton@roundersengland.co.uk

Rounders England Resources - ON SALE NOW!



"The Small Games Cards & Skills Cards are excellent, they fit into a pocket and are a very useful memory jogger to carry around" (Hull Colligate School, April 2010)



Buy your official Indoor Rounders rule book (to be used alongside the Full Rounders England rule book) online now!



Successful Summer of Rounders Leads to Rounders in the Winter!

The return of Rounders has been declared a roaring success after more than 60 people took part in the GO Active Rounders tournament this summer in Oxfordshire. The event was organised following success over the last two years of "Return2Rounders" sessions in Oxfordshire which County Sports Provider, GO Active launched as a way of getting people active on a regular basis.

Amey Tostevin, Regional Rounders Officer South East said:

"The success of the summer Go Active Rounders Tournament has lead to a club being formed which will continue playing indoors throughout the autumn and winter."

Indoor Rounders makes Rounders an all-year-round sport. The indoor rules are similar to the traditional Rounders rules making it easy for people to play and coach, but with a few exciting variations.

This is a great example of a Governing Body working directly with a CSP to achieve a common goal, something Rounder England would like to emulate across the country.

Find out more about Indoor Rounders:

<http://www.roundersengland.co.uk/rounders/index.cfm/play/indoor-rounders/>

Case study: Rounders England working with CSPs to create a Rounders league run by 'local people'.

Rounders England have worked closely with local Rounders teams Luton and Bedfordshire by providing support and guidance to establish the successful Bedfordshire Rounders League in 2010. The League has resulted in the significant and rapid growth of participation and the laying of a foundation for a sustainable infrastructure for Rounders in Bedfordshire.

To take the league one step further and become self sustaining, Rounders England and the local CSPs teamed up to acquire funding to put on their own Rounders England umpiring course. The funding has ultimately created a Rounders league that is now run by local people.

For more information on the Bedfordshire Rounders League:

<http://www.roundersengland.co.uk/rounders/index.cfm/news/bedfordshire-rounders-league-launch-2010-an-example-of-positive-partnership-work/?keywords=Bedfordshire%20Rounders>

If you are interested in working with Rounders England, please contact your Regional Rounders Officer:

<http://www.roundersengland.co.uk/rounders/index.cfm/rounders-england/meet-the-team/development/>



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COMPETITION



Internationals England v Wales

2011 has been another successful year for England Rounders with the competition heating up between the international teams. The home matches between England and Wales took place on 24th July 2011 at Stafford Cricket & Hockey Club and some excellent Rounders was played by all teams. Overall the scoring ended with the England U21, U18 and U16 teams winning their matches but unfortunately despite a fantastic performance the adult team missed out by just one Rounder - the final score England 7 V Wales 8 .

The return away international against Wales was on 21st August at St Asaph Cricket Club and gave England the opportunity to win back the desirable Adult title. The day started off well with England again taking the first 3 games at U21, U18 and U16 levels, however, unlike previous years England had yet again met their match against Wales and were defeated by a very strong Welsh side 6 Rounders to 3 ½.

The England Adult team has previously dominated international Rounders and so it is great that Wales are now offering a high level of competition - we just can't wait to see what next season may bring!

Take a look at the international match reports 2011:

England V Wales – 24th July 2011:

<http://www.roundersengland.co.uk/rounders/index.cfm/news/england-v-wales/>

England V Wales – 21st August 2011:

<http://www.roundersengland.co.uk/rounders/index.cfm/news/england-u16-u18-u21-and-adults-and-wales-u18-u21-adult-b-and-adult-a-teams-meet-again-in-the-return-international-read-on-to-see-if-england-can-retain-their-unbeaten-status-at-st-asaph-cricket-club-wales/>



England Trials - 2011

The Rounders England trials provide an opportunity for players who have shown an outstanding ability in Rounders to try out for our England Squads.

The trails are open to everyone provided they are a member of Rounders England, either through a School, STAR Centre or Club. Rounders England also has an Individual membership package if they are unable to join through any other route.

This is an opportunity for players to enter and participate in an International team.

Please help us to promote the England trials to anyone that you think might be interested in trying out for an international sports team!



Rounders England Approved Suppliers

We strongly recommend that you purchase all of your Rounders equipment from Rounders England approved suppliers:

Safari Sports

www.safarisports.com



Aresson Sports:

www.aresson.co.uk



WAFT Sports:

www.waftsports.co.uk





Trial Dates:

U14 Trials – 8th or 9th Oct 2011 (Applications by 28/9/11)

U16 Trials – 15th or 16th Oct 2011 (Applications by 30/9/11)

U19 & Senior Trials – 23rd Oct 2011 (Applications by 7/10/11)

Please see our website for further information on how to enter and age groups and closing dates:

<http://www.roundersengland.co.uk/rounders/index.cfm/news/england-trials-2011/>

COACHING & UMPIRING

Rounders Coaching & Umpiring Courses

Winter is the best time for CSPs to look at training new coaches and umpires, meaning they will have a team in place and ready for the summer season. Take a look at the vast range of courses that we offer at Rounders England:

- 1. Rounders Young Leaders Award:** a 6 hour Rounders specific course which builds on the skills already gained during the Sports Leader Award.
- 2. Preliminary Coaching for Teachers:** is designed to introduce teachers and leaders to the basic principles of the striking and fielding activities of Rounders and is particularly aimed at Key Stages 1, 2 & 3.
- 3. Intermediate Coaching for Teachers:** is designed to help teachers and leaders develop the tactics involved in Rounders. It is particularly aimed at Key Stages 3 & 4.
- 4. UKCC Level 1:** This 2 day course provides the knowledge for Assistant coaches (working alongside a more qualified NRA Level 2 or UKCC Level 2 Coach) to deliver Rounders activities.
- 5. UKCC Level 2:** This 4 day course provides coaches who have an ongoing involvement in Rounders with an introduction to the processes and principles of coaching Rounders to adults and children.
- 6. Preliminary Umpire Award:** is valid for 1 year and provides candidates with a basic understanding of the Rounders Rules and teaches candidates the skills to provide advice on umpiring a game.
- 7. Intermediate Umpire Award:** prepares candidates to undertake a written test showing a high level of knowledge of the rules. The course also gives the candidate practical instruction and demonstration of game control.

Case Study: CSPs & Rounders England Work Together for Y10 Students in London

Anna Maguire, Regional Rounders Officer for London, recently ran a Preliminary Umpire Course for Y10 students from Knights Templar School. The school had been passed information about the various Rounders England courses from their local CSP.

The students attended the course and all passed with high marks. Keen to ensure that the students continued to use their new

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knowledge, Anna asked the school to keep her informed on any progress. She was delighted when the school e-mailed to say that the students had organised, ran and officiated a Year 5 Rounders festival with pupils from Hartsfield Primary School.

The festival was a great success and teachers felt that the Preliminary Umpires Course had provided the students with the confidence to be able to deliver such a high quality event.

Anna said "I was delighted that the students were able to put into practice all that they had learned on the course. Practical experiences will only help students gain in confidence and hopefully they will encourage more and more people to enjoy the sport. This is another terrific example of a National Governing Body (Rounders England) working with their local CSP to share and promote sporting information and it really paid off!"

For more information about running a Rounders England course:
<http://www.roundersengland.co.uk/rounders/index.cfm/coaching-umpiring/>



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