



THE VOICE OF ANGLING

Angling Trust England Talent Pathway

Coarse Angling Information Booklet

England is well represented in the Home, European and World Championships for junior, senior, intermediate, female, veteran and disabled teams in all three disciplines. However in 2009 the Angling Trust identified that there was no structured, complete pathway in place to develop and prepare young talented anglers to compete at the highest level.

The Angling Trust conducted research and consulted with performance representatives, national youth squads and their coaches from each angling discipline in an attempt to gather views on how the existing system can be improved.

The findings were crucial to the development of an Angling Talent Plan in 2011 which sets out how an England Talent Plan will be delivered. The Plan focuses on developing and accelerating talent, resulting in more talented performers moving on to elite programmes and success at national and international level. Over the next five years the aim is to deliver the Angling Talent Plan 2011-17 that will include a talent pathway structure in nine regions.

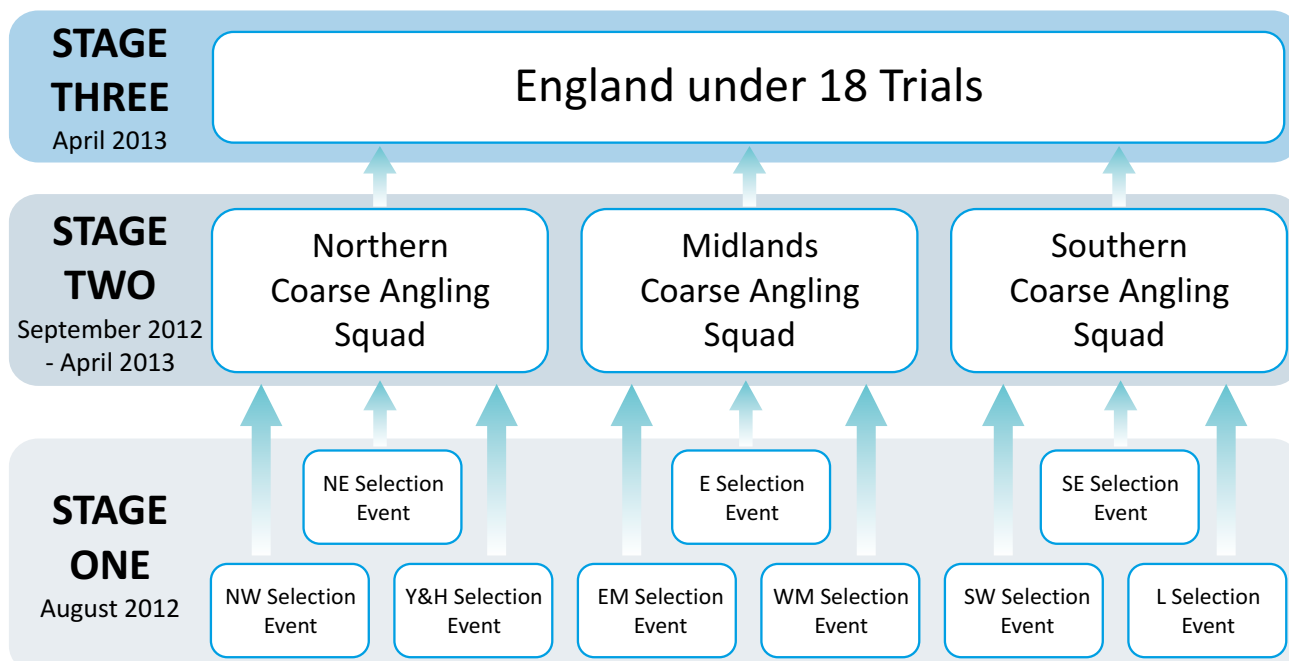
The long-term aim of the Angling Talent Plan is to raise the standard of sporting achievement in angling and ultimately improve international performance.

This Plan provides an integrated and strategic approach to the holistic development of talented young anglers.

The England Talent Pathway provides opportunities for talented young anglers between the ages of 14 to 21. The model consists of the following three stages:

- Stage 1 - Selection into the England Talent Pathway
- Stage 2 - Selection into Super-regional Squads
- Stage 3 - Selection into England Youth squads

Coarse Angling Talent Pathway 2012/2013



Principles of Talent Selection and Development

What is Talent?

Talent becomes obvious through training and it is the physical, technical and mental attributes that contribute to performance.

What is Talent Selection?

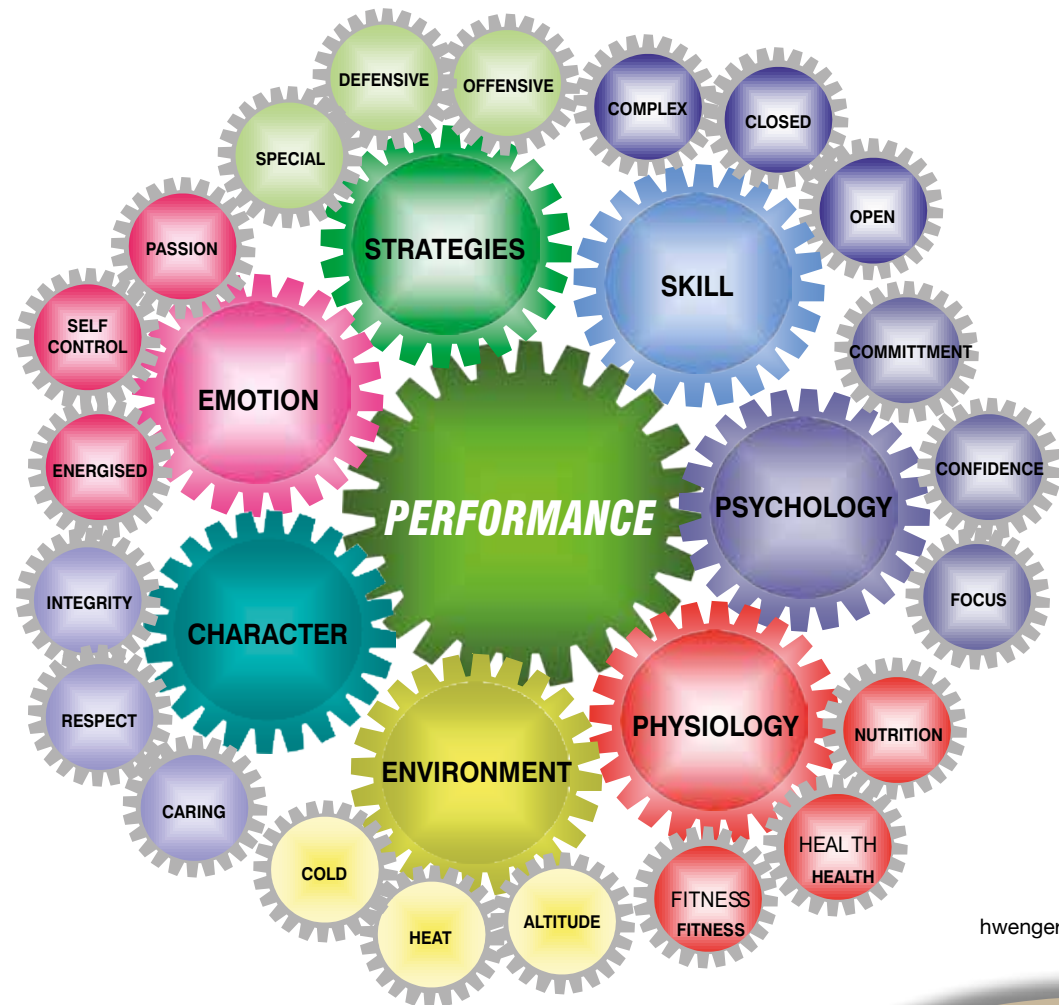
The screening of young anglers currently taking part in the sport using experienced coaches to assess psychological and physiological attributes to identify those most likely to succeed.

What is Talent Development?

Providing an adequate infrastructure to enable talented anglers to develop to their full potential.

This includes the provision of appropriate coaching, training and competition programmes along with access to facilities, equipment and sports science/medicine. It requires the development of a performance pathway.

Elements of Performance



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Northern Coarse Angling Squad 2011/12



How the Pathway Works

Stage 1

Stage 1 of the pathway begins with regional screening events in 9 regions, North East, North West, Yorkshire & Humber, East, East Midlands, West Midlands, South East, South West and London.

Anglers will fish in a competitive situation with the focus on being performance rather than results. Pole and waggler tactics will be used during the session, and local fishery rules will apply. The screening will give coaches an opportunity to observe and communicate with the anglers on a 1-1 basis. Coaches will assess anglers based on their performance.

Parents can support the anglers from a designated area. Following completion of stage 1 events, coaches will select between 12-16 anglers to progress to Stage 2 of the pathway. Each angler will receive individual feedback on their performance and written notification within 14 days of the final screening event regarding the outcome of the selection process.

Stage 2

Anglers selected to attend Stage 2 will enter a training programme focused on international tactics, techniques and rules, pole, waggler and natural baits.

Anglers will be issued with a Personal Development Log to support their learning and progression through the pathway. Talent Pathway coaches will facilitate this learning throughout the duration of the programme.

Anglers should be committed to the full programme by:

- attending all sessions, including the Inter Super Regional match between the Northern, Midlands and Southern squads;
- maintaining their personal development log;
- providing own bait;
- purchasing a permit for all sessions at rates negotiated with fisheries by the Angling Trust.

If selected for Stage 2, there may be a large amount of travelling involved as venues will be spread throughout the country, depending on which squad anglers are selected to represent. There may be opportunities to car share which will be explored at the beginning of the programme. Team England managers or coaches will attend a number of stage 2 events to assess whether any angler should be invited to attend U18 trials.

Stage 3

Anglers invited to attend England U18 trials will receive confirmation and full details from the Angling Trust. Anglers will be expected to provide their own transport, bait and equipment. This event will mark the end of the annual Talent Pathway programme and those anglers that fall within the age bands will have an opportunity to get involved in the programme the following year.



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Talent Selection

The Angling Trust will screen anglers in a match environment in order to select talented anglers to enter the pathway. A robust system to select talent is essential to ensure the steady and continuous development of anglers in performance angling, our talent selection method is linked with that of the national squads.

Regional Screening

Coaches will consider 3 categories of performance, mental, technical and tactical. Each angler will be assessed in these areas throughout the duration of the event.

Catching fish and winning section points is clearly an important factor in match angling and this will be reflected in the assessment with anglers being awarded points for section placements.

It is important to remember that while catching fish is very important, our holistic approach means anglers selected will show ability in each of the key assessment areas and not solely on what is in the anglers keep net.



How Performance is Measured

Angling Trust Coarse Angling Selection Criteria

Anglers Name:			D.O.B:				Age:	
Venue:			Peg No(s):					
Name of Talent ID observing:			Assessment Date:					
Criteria		Method of assessment	Assessment				Comments	
			1	2	3	4		
			Requires Improvement	Satisfactory	Good	Exemplary		
Mental	Preparation general questions about how angler prepared	question & observation pre & during match						
	Motivation	observation						
	Concentration & mental stamina remains focused on his/her fishing area & for duration of match	observation						
	Positive attitude shows positive attitude throughout	discussion pre & post match observation						
	Ability to perform under pressure Carry out task given efficiently & effectively	observation during match						
Technical	Shipping 11.5 or 13m pole Ship out pole with feeder pot without spillage & accurately line up with marker	observation						
	Waggler set up Understanding of set up used	question & observation						
	Casting Demonstrates accurate and consistent cast to a given target	observation						
	Feeding Demonstrate accuracy of loose feeding by catapult and by hand	observation						
	Striking Appropriate application of timing & power to hook fish in relevant situation	observation						
	Playing Demonstrate line and rod control when playing fish of different sizes and species.	observation						
	Landing Demonstrate smooth and efficient landing, handling and unhooking of fish	observation						



How Performance is Measured

Tactical	Appropriate selection of tackle & terminal tackle (demonstrates understanding & logic)	discussion pre match & observation during						
	Bait selection Appropriate for species targeted	discussion pre match & observation during						
	Bait awareness Effective & efficient feeding patterns	discussion pre match & observation during						
	Rules Demonstrates understanding & compliance)	discussion pre & observation during						
	Watercraft Apply suitable tactics to suit weather & water conditions	discussion pre & observation during						

Section final position	Weight	Section Points

Mental	Technical	Tactical	Section Points	TOTAL POINTS

Signed Angler:

Signed (Coach/Assessor):

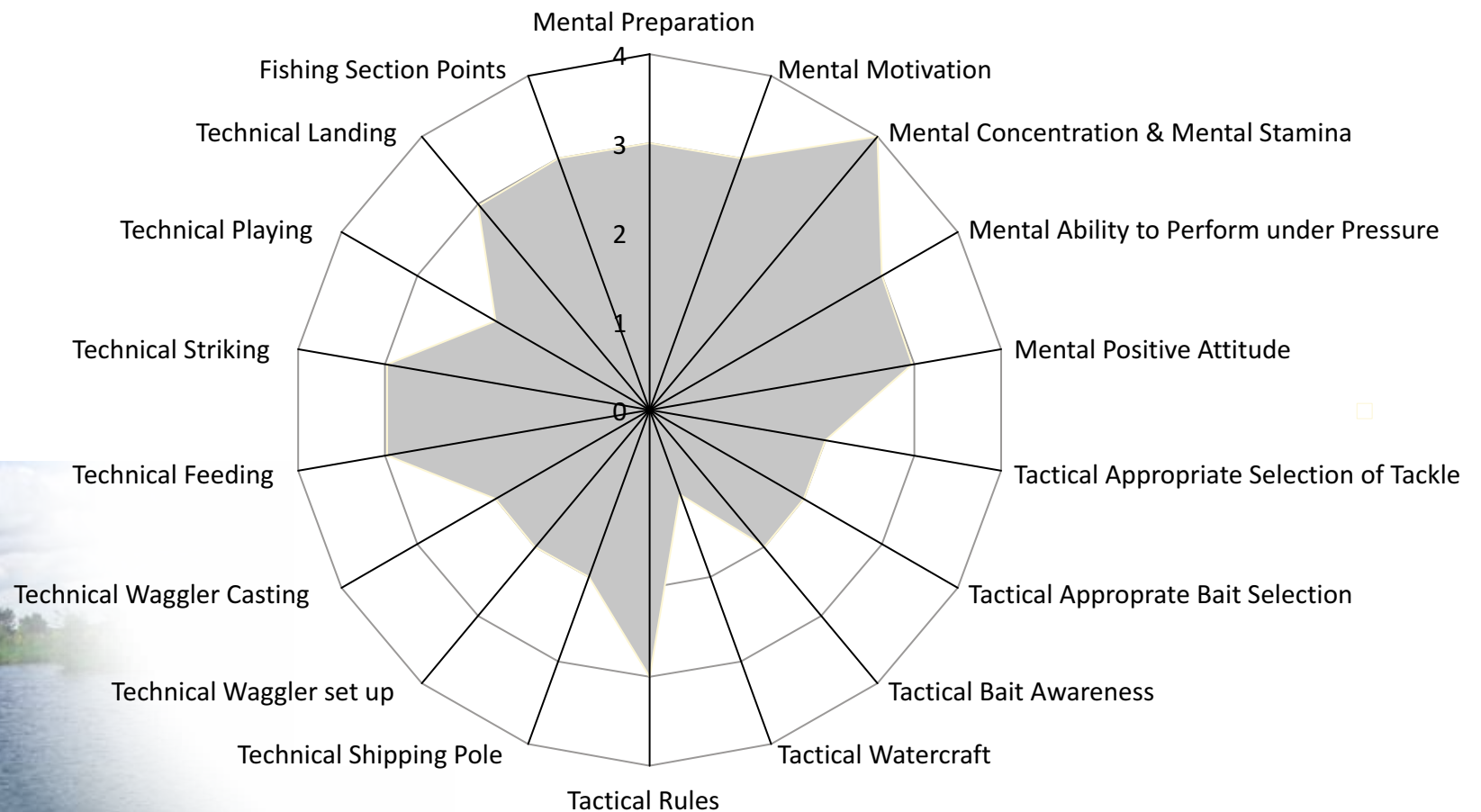
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Sample Performance Chart

You will receive a personalised chart displaying how your performance was measured.

The chart can be used to identify areas of strength and areas for development.

You can use this chart to develop your angling skills within your club or individual sessions outside of the England Talent Pathway



Coarse Angling England Talent Pathway Coaches

North

Head Coach: Tony Campbell
Assistant Coach: Jim Ridley
Assistant Coach: Barry Hargreaves
Assistant Coach: Jonathan Broadbent

Midlands

Head Coach: Paul Brammer
Assistant Coach: Dave Smith
Assistant Coach: Robbie Williams
Assistant Coach: Neil Powell

South

Head Coach: Justin Hooper
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Child Protection in Angling

The Angling Trust treats young anglers with respect, values them at all times and will make angling a safe sport for young people.

We want you to be:

- Treated fairly by other anglers and know you will be listened to and respected
- Cared for by skilled, experienced and understanding staff and volunteers
- Given praise and encouragement and the opportunity to make yourself a better angler
- Encouraged to develop self-awareness and to be considerate to others
- Able to learn new skills, gain confidence and be positive

Most of all, we want you to experience angling in a safe and enjoyable way.

If you have any concerns about the behaviour of a coach, volunteer or another participant towards you then please feel free to contact our Lead Safeguarding Officer, Daniel Ramm, on 07800 855709.

Equality in Angling

Sports Equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. The Angling Trust is fully committed to the principles of equality of opportunity and is responsible for ensuring that no member, volunteer, coach, employee or job applicant of the Angling Trust, receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, pregnancy, religious belief, social status, sexual orientation or political belief.

The Angling Trust will ensure that everyone who wishes has an equal opportunity to participate in all disciplines of the sport of angling at all levels and in all roles, whether as a participant, coach, manager, volunteer or official in the sport or as an employee within the Angling Trust.

If you would like to discuss any equality issues then feel free to contact our Lead Equality Officer, Darren Birch, on 07791 164921.

For further details on child protection and equity please visit www.anglingtrust.net

