

Dear All,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and my role as Head of Talent. My name is Rich Ramsdale, I have been working as a Slalom coach with junior athletes for the last 10 years with a range of different groups (from volunteer club coach, Welsh and Scottish Coach to my previous position of Talent ID coach in Nottingham). I am based and live in Nottingham with my wife Louise (also a coach within the England Talent Programme) and our young son and daughter.

My role as the Head of Talent is to lead and oversee the delivery of the England Talent Programme, the programme is supported by Sport England and we receive our funding based on our delivery of a range of targets and measures associated with the effectiveness of the pathway of English athletes progressing in the sport.

**Our vision is to create a world leading talent programme,
supporting every athlete to be the best they can be.**

Competitive sport isn't a zero sum game; participation at every level in our pathway presents hosts of opportunities and challenges that can have a significantly positive impact and formative impression on our aspiring athletes in their lives long term, regardless of what level of the sport they eventual achieve. I'm passionate about developing athletes not only to become elite performers but also to become better human beings. As the sport turns its attention to Tokyo 2020 and beyond, the investment and support of future talent remains crucial to the continued success of our sport, I am thrilled to be in a key position to help drive the development of a world leading talent pathway.

I am looking forward to meeting people on the river bank and watching the results and efforts of all the paddlers that our programme supports

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized initials "RR".

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