



CLUB & COACHES EVENING

SCHOOL CLUB LINKS



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Definition of a High Quality School Club Link

“A school has links with a club when pupils **are actively guided towards club activities**, either in a quality assurance setting at the club itself, or on school premises. Activities on the school premises would include regular coaching sessions and out-of-hours clubs organised by the clubs coaches, but would not include one-off taster sessions”



Definition 2

“a school club link is effective when young people are enabled to make the most of their experiences in both settings, feel comfortable in a club and, as a result, are more likely to continue participating once they leave school and enable young people to try out new sports”

High Quality PE and Sport for Young People (March 2004)



Definition 3

- A school club link is an agreement between a school or a school sports partnership and a community based sports club to work together to:
- Meet the needs of all young people, whether they want to be involved:
 - As an elite sports performer
 - To enjoy sport and develop their skills
 - For social or recreational reasons
 - To maintain and develop their fitness
 - As a young leader or coach
 - As a club official

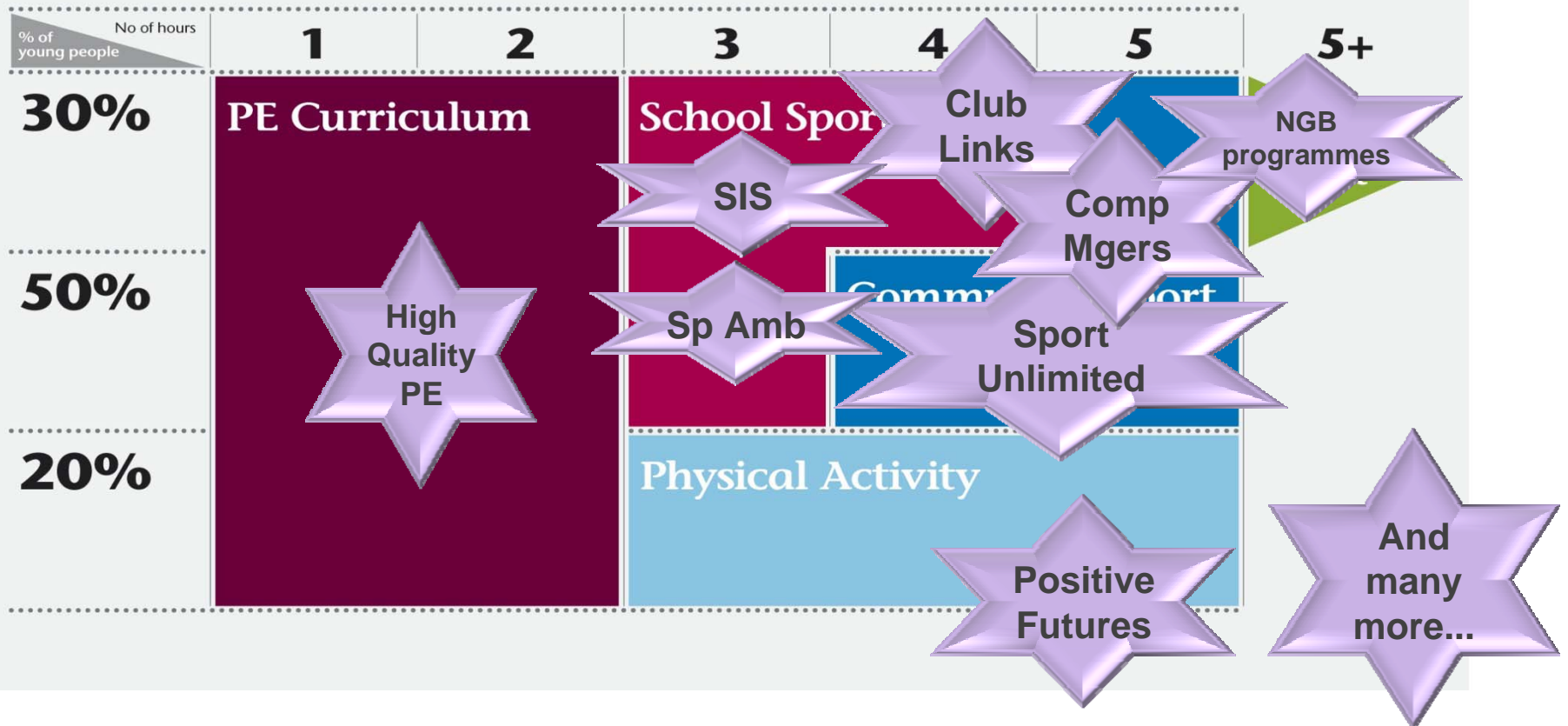


What's the learning from the 3 definitions?

- Young people focussed
- Formal agreement in place
- Regular communication – “not just a poster in the school foyer”
- Are actively guided towards club activities
- It increases participation – sustainable clubs (supports 5 hour offer)
- Cater for a wide range of standards
- Supports the delivery of PE
- Supports leadership and volunteering experiences for older pupils

The 5 hour offer

The sporting landscape for young people





Why should we take responsibility to develop this work-strand?

- Statutory responsibility!
- What are the benefits for the Schools, the Clubs/ the Community and the Young People?



Benefits for the Young People

- Wide range of Sporting Opportunities
- Affordable Sport
- Social life!
- High quality coaching in a safe environment
- Knowledge of local clubs
- Healthy Lifestyle
- Talent Identified & nurtured
- Leadership & Volunteering



Benefits to the School

- Whole school improvement
- Raise the schools profile within the community
- Funding
- Extra capacity – relieves the pressure on PE Dept.
- Exit routes for sport beyond school
- Teacher support & educations
- Up to date technical information
- Extended Services
- Supports PSA 22 – ‘5 hour offer’



Benefits for the Club

- Increase membership
- Funding opportunities
- Community belonging
- Increase sporting profile
- Opportunities to talent ID
- Young leaders, coaches & officials for the future
- Facilities
- Support CLUBMARK



What is CLUBMARK?

- CLUBMARK was introduced in 2002 by Sport England to:
 - CLUBMARK is the Sport England cross sport quality accreditation for clubs with junior sections.
 - Ensure consistent good practice and minimum operating standards are delivered through all club development and accreditation schemes.
 - To empower parent(s)/carer(s) / children / teachers when choosing a club for the children they support.
 - The support and assessment process
 - CSP licensing scheme



What's in your pack?

- Minimum requirements checklist for clubs
- SCL agreement form
 - Guidance notes from Surrey
 - RFU Good Practice Example
 - RFU Club Link guidance
- Presentation slides
- Advancing School Club Links – Useful notes related to this session



PLEASE ASK FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

- IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANYTHING ANSWERED THAT OCCURS TO YOU AFTER THIS SESSION OR IF YOU WANT AN E-COPY OF THIS INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT ME AND I'LL DO MY BEST TO HELP!

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