

In the run up to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games we're looking to train people to be sports officials. The LDA and Sport England have set up Official Sports London to provide funding to help Londoners aged 16+ gain qualifications and volunteer to support sport in London. This exciting programme can help Londoners to **access new opportunities to volunteer in sport**.

What is Official Sports London?

Official Sports London is an exciting bursary programme that helps Londoners, aged 16+, to gain sports officiating qualifications in one of 21 sports. Successful applicants can train as referees, judges, timekeepers, scorers, umpires, line judges and many other roles. There really is something for everyone.

Successful applicants will receive **bursaries of up to £350** to help with course costs, license fees, clothing, uniform and equipment, travel expenses and childcare costs for both completing a course, and 15 hours of volunteer officiating. We can also offer additional support packages for disabled people and enhanced funding for existing high level officials.

How to apply?

1. Visit www.officialsports.org, or contact admin@officialsports.org or 020 7749 9173 for information on [eligible sports and courses](#).

2. Register online to receive an application form: <http://www.officialsports.org/register>. You can also call 020 7749 9173 or email admin@officialsports.org to register, and we can arrange to send you an application form.

You can also apply **retrospectively** if you've already completed your course.

It really is that simple – so if you're interested in gaining a qualification and volunteering in sport, apply today and be a part of Official Sports London.

When to apply?

The next closing date for applications is **15th March 2010** so please make sure you get in touch soon so you have time to receive your application form and apply. Please note that all successful applicants must commit to undertaking their officials training before the end of **June 2010** so it really is important that you get in touch as soon as you can.

If you miss the deadline of 15th March 2010, it may not be too late for you to benefit from this exciting opportunity – contact us on 020 7749 9173 or admin@officialsports.org if you are not able to apply before this date and we will be able to help.

How you can help?

We want to make sure that people from across London benefit from this opportunity and apply to Official Sports London. Please forward this to any contacts you have who might be interested in opportunities to gain qualifications and volunteer in sport.

If your organisation is interested in finding out more, contact us and let us know – we'd love to hear from you!

Thanks for your help, and we look forward to hearing from you soon,
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