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## **FIFTEEN MORE GOVERNING BODIES ACHIEVE PRELIMINARY LEVEL**

Fifteen more national governing bodies of sport have achieved the Preliminary Level of the Sporting Equals' Achieving Racial Equality: A Standard for Sport.

They were assessed by a panel consisting of representatives from Sport England and Sporting Equals, as well as representatives from other national governing bodies of sport.

The fifteen are: the Amateur Rowing Association, British Amateur Wrestling Association, British Judo Association, British Mountaineering Council, British Orienteering Federation, British Triathlon Association, British Weight Lifters Association, English Karate Governing Body, Fitness League, Keep Fit Association, Margaret Morris Movement, Medau Society, National Ice Skating Association UK, Royal Yachting Association, Surf Life Saving Association GB,

Cecil Edey, Assistant Director of Liverpool City Council and the Chair of the Assessment Panel said: "These organisations have provided the required evidence that shows they are working towards tackling racism and achieving racial equality."

Tessa Sanderson, the Vice-Chair of Sport England, said: "Sport England expects all sports to put policies, procedures and plans in place to tackle racism and promote racial equality. Congratulations to these latest organisations which have achieved the preliminary level."

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Novlette Rennie, Sporting Equals Project Director, added: “We will continue our work with other sports and sports organisations that have yet to meet the requirements of the Preliminary Level and encourage all sports to sign up to the Sporting Equals Racial Equality Charter for Sport. In addition, we are working now with the successful sports and sports organisations on the next step of the Standard., the Intermediate Level, which will embed anti-racism and equality throughout those organisations.”

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**Notes for Editors:**

1. Sporting Equals is a project within the CRE funded by the Commission and Sport England with a clear objective to promote racial equality in sport. The project has developed the Racial Equality Charter for Sport – a public commitment to racial equality which sports can sign – and Achieving Racial Equality: A Standard for Sport – a framework of good practice with objectives and targets. Organisations working on the Standard are expected to provide evidence that they are meeting the objectives, and the evidence is assessed by the Standard Assessment Panel. Any sport can submit evidence, but Sporting Equals only provides intensive support to those governing bodies identified in the funding agreement with Sport England.
2. The organisations already awarded the Preliminary Level are Activate UK, athletics (AAA and UKA), badminton (BAE), baseball-softball (BSUK), basketball (EB), Bucks and Milton Keynes Active Sport Partnership, canoeing (BCU), cricket (ECB), cycling (BCF), football (FA), gymnastics (BAGA), hockey (EH), Humber Sports Partnership, Institute of Sport and Recreation Management, lawn tennis (LTA), netball (AENA), rounders (NRA), rugby league (RFL/BARLA), rugby union (RFU and RFUW), skiing (ESC), sportscoach UK, South Yorkshire Sport Partnership, Sport England, Sportsmatch, swimming (ASA), table tennis (ETTA), West Yorkshire Sport and the Youth Sports Trust.
3. Copies of the Standard and information on the Charter and its signatories can be obtained from the Sporting Equals website, [www.cre.gov.uk/speqs](http://www.cre.gov.uk/speqs).

**For more information on Sporting Equals, the Standard and the work of individual governing bodies of sport contact Caroline Whiteley in the Sporting Equals Office on 0113 389 3636 or [cwhiteley@cre.gov.uk](mailto:cwhiteley@cre.gov.uk)**