

UKA Athlete Affiliation – Questions and Answers

- 1. What is “Affiliation” and what does it mean to F&C AC members?**
F&C AC is affiliated to England Athletics and through them to UK Athletics. In the past, that (or equivalent) affiliation has been all that is required for our members to compete in events under UKA jurisdiction as affiliated or “**attached**” runners. This has changed.
- 2. So what has changed?**
In common with other national bodies, England Athletics have introduced “**Athlete Affiliation**”. This means that each athlete over 11 years of age now has to be individually affiliated **to compete in events under UKA jurisdiction as an affiliated or attached competitor. You only need to be affiliated through your First Claim club.**
- 3. What does athlete affiliation cost and what will I get?**
The cost for 2014 is **£10**
For that you will get a licence to compete bearing a unique affiliation number and valid for one year from 1 April 2014.
- 4. Do I need to affiliate?**
This really depends on what you want to do.
If you intend to compete in events open only to UKA affiliated athletes, then you must affiliate in order to do so. These events include **Hampshire Cross Country League and Champs, SEAA Cross Country (and SEAA Masters) Champs, The National Cross Country Champs, most Track and Field and some road races including the London Marathon.**
Most road races are open to non-affiliated runners.
- 5. What about road races?**
Road races only come under UKA jurisdiction if they have permits issued by a UKA governing body e.g. SEAA (like the Fleet 1/2m). Some now have permits issued under a new organisation called ARC (The Association of Running Clubs), whilst others don’t have permits at all e.g. charity races.
For races run under UKA jurisdiction, you should now be an affiliated athlete in order to claim the affiliated or attached discount. Now being attached to a club is not enough – however many ARC permitted races will still give you the attached discount just for being a member of a club (so it is confusing)
If an entry form specifically states that the discount applies to UKA affiliated athletes only and asks for an affiliation/licence number, then you should not claim the discount unless you have paid the affiliated fee with your club membership fee.
We will do all the admin and pass your details to England Athletics who will issue your affiliation card.
- 6. Any more questions?**
Visit the England Athletics web site or ask Club Secretary Penny Abbott and she will do her best to answer the question or seek clarification from elsewhere.