

Top up Tuesday

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Welcome to your weekly top up of newsbites from me, Charlie Marillier, British Powerlifting's CEO.

Here are some highlights of what we've been doing.

BRITISH OPEN CLASSIC COACHING LICENCE UPDATE

Since its introduction in April this year, the Coaching License has become a key element of strengthening coaching standards, safeguarding our lifters, and supporting the long-term development plans for the sport.

We are pleased that the license system has now moved to the Sport80 platform, where it will continue to be managed. The Sport80 platform allows for a smoother, more reliable, and transparent system for coaches wishing to obtain their Coaching License.

If you are wishing to obtain your Coaching License, a step-by-step guidance video is available on the [FIND A COACH OR CLUB](#) page, making the process quick and accessible for you.

Remember, by obtaining the Coaching License, you are playing your part to ensure safeguarding and coaching standards are being elevated, and you are individually contributing towards the growth of the sport.

There will be a fully fledged guidance document released for 2026 that details how the Coaching Licence will develop in the coming years, however, I am providing you with some updates that pertain specifically to this year's British Open Classic:

- Those wishing to coach at British Open Classic need to have obtained a coaching license on their sport80 account
 - You can still apply for your coaching licence up until THURSDAY DECEMBER 4th.
 - The Coaching committee have been working very hard to ensure coaches who have already applied have been reviewed and either accepted or contacted on how they can achieve the licence.
- The blue "Coach Nomination" step on the British Open Classic event page is not required to be completed.

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This is how to ensure you can coach on the day:

- Present yourself, the coach, to the Licensing Representative at the Athlete and Coach check in kiosk
 - Athletes cannot collect coaches wristbands for them, the coach has to present themselves and their licence to collect a wrist band and have access to the warm up and competition areas
- Produce a valid Coaching License on your Sport80 account
- Obtain a coaching wristband for the day
- You will then be free to coach at will throughout the competition.
- The athlete and coach check-in kiosk will be within the NEC foyer and must be obtained for access to the arena

If you have any further questions about the coaching licence, please email the Coaching Committee at coaching@britishpowerlifting.org

There is still more information to be provided for athletes and coaches with regards to other sections of the competition and this should be ready for release next week.

You can find information about the schedule, live entries and how to purchase tickets on the [Linktree](#).

NEW WEBSITE READY FOR LAUNCH BY 2026

I enjoyed an exciting meeting this week reviewing the new British Powerlifting website, that had been initiated by the former leadership team, and how useful it will be to all our members and partners who want to engage, find information, source competitions and learn about Powerlifting.

The final preparations are under way for launch by the end of this year.

Our aim on the new website is to provide information about Powerlifting in a clear, concise and intuitive manner, to provide answers to often asked questions, to give clear layouts to upcoming competitions, membership benefits and direct members to Powerlifting Coaches and Clubs. We aim to do a whole lot more but have heard your feedback and have focused on that first.

We will be engaging you, the members, to help us develop our website and make it as user friendly, interactive and informative as possible.

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THE POWERLIFTERS' PATHWAY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

As part of our continued development on good governance, we have been looking at the Powerlifters' pathway and what steps we can take to ensure robust systems are in place to support powerlifters from start to international level.

These projects, as I've spoken of before, are long projects that require attention to a lot of detail. This is because we want to ensure the safety and enjoyment of Powerlifting for all, whether that is in a club, at a competition or in an international team.

We are working with many head coaches to form documents that set our clear expectations for all and to help guide everyone through the pathway.

I want to assure everyone who has contacted me, or that I have spoken to, that your messages have been heard and we take our responsibility seriously.

2026 British Classic Juniors and Sub-Juniors championships - update

We have listened to your feedback about the dates for this competition in 2026 and, after exploring all avenues, we would like to confirm a small change to the competition:

- The Sub Juniors will be competing on the weekend (May 16-17) and the Juniors will be competing on the weekdays (May 14-15)
- We have implemented this change to ensure there are no exams clashing with the British Sub Juniors competitions

We are aware this will still be challenging for those students' undertaking exams and a national championship in the same week and so will be attending closely to the dates for 2027 and beyond.

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WHAT'S COMING UP:

- ➡ 2025 SBD British Open Classic, Dec 5-7 at the NEC
- ➡ European Sub-Junior and Junior Classic Powerlifting Championships November 29 – December 7 in Lithuania

I would like to wish all the athletes attending these competitions the best of luck.

I would also like to congratulate all our Equipped lifters who have just returned home from the World Equipped Championships in Romania. This branch of Powerlifting is always incredible to watch, both for the numbers they lift and the close-knit nature the team has with one another.