



GREATER MANCHESTER SCHOOL GAMES 2015/2016

YEAR 7/8/9 SOFTBALL COMPETITION

Wednesday 6th July 2016

Parrs Wood High School (Opening Ceremony at Sport City first)

SCHOOL GAMES BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Greater Manchester School Games aims to further revive the culture of competitive sport in schools. This exciting new concept will harness the power of the Olympics and Paralympics and is designed to motivate and enthuse more young people than ever before to participate in high quality, meaningful competition within and across schools, supporting them in achieving their own personal best in sport and in life.

The competition will run across three distinct, but integrated levels (see below) providing a simple and progressive pathway culminating in a multi sport festival (level 3) that will showcase the very best of competitive sport across the County.

Level 3 – Greater Manchester School Games

Level 2 – Inter-school competition

Level 1 – Intra-school competition



Teams from Primary, Secondary and Special Schools will win the right to compete in the Level 3 Games having qualified through their local level 2 inter-school competitions. The 'Summer Games' will feature thirteen sports; all of which will be delivered simultaneously utilizing a number of the City's world class sporting facilities.

COMPETITION PATHWAY:

In partnership with Baseball Softball UK, the Greater Manchester Local Organising Committee proudly presents the Year 7/8/9 Softball Competition.

Softball is a game built on tradition and respect. Playing as a team, players can develop their own set of hitting, throwing and running abilities as well as using their leadership and communication skills to ensure the games are enjoyable.

1. SGO Area/Borough

Secondary Schools within an SGO Area/Borough will be encouraged to enter the first stage of the competition at a venue local to their school. The top school from the Borough will then be invited to the School Games County Final.

2. Greater Manchester School Games County Final

This stage of the competition will be organised by Baseball Softball UK and will comprise of all the winning schools/nominated schools from across the 10 Boroughs of Greater Manchester.

NB An athlete can only represent their school in one sport at the GM School Games County Final.

STANDARD RULES:

Age Groups

All players must be from Year 7 and/or Year 8 and/or Year 9.

Team Composition

A squad should consist of up to 15 players

Teams can be compromised of mixed genders

There should be 10 players on the pitch at one time.

Equipment Required

- The game is played on a diamond-shaped field with bases set out 65 feet apart.
- You will need a bat, two or three indoor/safety baseballs, fielder's gloves for half the class (optional) and throw-down rubber mats for bases.

Rules

- The batter stands next to home plate and the ball should be pitched underarm in an arc reaching the batter between knee and shoulder height over the home plate.
- A pitch that passes through this area without the batter swinging, or is swung at and missed or swung at and hit into foul territory is a strike.
- A pitch that misses this area without being swung at is a ball.
- Three strikes and the batter is out. Four balls and the batter advances to first base. If batters hit the ball into fair territory they have to run towards first base.

- A run is scored when the batter touches bases one to four consecutively —not necessarily all in one go. A batter can be caught out, struck out, tagged out (base runner not standing on a base and touched by fielder holding the ball) and forced out (ball beats the runner to a base).
- An inning is completed when all 10 team members have batted. The field and batting team then change positions.

Fair Play

- The ideals of good sportsmanship and respect should permeate throughout all competitive and recreational sport. They are displayed by someone who abides by the rules of a contest, respects their opponents and accepts victory or defeat graciously.

Health & Safety

Before any games take place, the following **MUST** be read and adhered to:

- Players will not be permitted to compete in bare feet or unsuitable footwear.
- No jewellery should be worn.
- Long hair must be tied back.
- All loose clothing must be tucked in and shoelaces tied.
- No chewing gum/sweets allowed.
- It is recommended players bring plenty of liquid refreshment with them.
- All players are advised to warm up appropriately before each game.
- When not playing, players are reminded to remain off the field of play and do not get in the way or distract the officials at any time. They are also reminded to keep an eye for flying balls and bats being swung.
- Medical supplies that players may need i.e. asthma inhalers should be brought with them on the day.
- All team teachers must ensure their pupils are under adult supervision at all times, even when competing.
- Please ensure that your pupils have been thoroughly briefed with regards to health and safety.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY – FRIDAY 17TH JUNE 2016