



WINTER GAMES



GREATER MANCHESTER SCHOOL GAMES 2018

YEAR 5/6 SPORTSHALL PRIMARY ATHLETICS COMPETITION

Tuesday 20th March 2018

Manchester Regional Athletics Centre (Opening Ceremony in Outdoor Arena 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 'Winter 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 the Sportshall Associates, the Greater Manchester Local Organising Committee proudly presents the Year 5/6 Sportshall Primary Athletics Competition. This event provides the ideal format in which to introduce young people to athletics. Enabling a large number of young people to represent their school in such a fun and exciting competition is a key factor in the success and appeal of Aviva Sportshall. The other focus is placed firmly on the achievements of the team and the importance of supporting each other. All athletes will have the opportunity to compete in both track and field events.

The School Games competition is open to all schools; however they must have qualified through their local SGO area/borough heats in order to progress to the County Final.

The competition follows a simple pathway that works at three stages:

1. Intra-school competition and UKA Awards

Working in Partnership with UK Athletics and English Schools the Sportshall Awards allows teachers to deliver, test and reward all their children across the range of Sportshall activities. Excel Scoring programs can monitor the progress of the athletes with interschool, as well as virtual competition, provided. More information is available at <http://www.sportshall.org/primary/primary-sportshall/primary-sportshall-awards> The Awards can form the basis of School team selection for Level 2 competition.

2. SGO Area/Borough Events

Primary Schools within an SGO Area/Borough will be encouraged to enter the first stages of the competition at venues local to their school. The top two teams from Borough wide competition will then be invited to the School Games County Final.

3. Greater Manchester School Games County Final

This stage of the competition will be organised by the highly regarded Sportshall team and will comprise of 20 schools representing 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 athletes must be from Year 5 and/or Year 6.

Team Composition

Teams should consist of a minimum of 9 girls and 9 boys, with a maximum of 15 girls and 15 boys being permitted.

Each athlete may compete in a maximum of two track and two field events.
A mixture of the two year groups can be used or the team can be composed from just one year group.



Competition Format

The following track and field events should take place at all levels of the competition:

Track

1 + 1 Lap Relay
2 + 2 Lap Relay
6 Lap Paarlauf



Each requiring two girls and two boys

Obstacle Relay
Over/Under Relay
4 x 1 Lap Relay



Each requiring four girls and four boys

Field

Chest Push
Soft Javelin
Speed Bounce
Standing Long Jump
Standing Triple Jump
Vertical Jump



Each requiring three girls and three boys

To access information on the event programme, please use the link below:

<http://www.sportshall.org/primary/primary-sportshall/primary-sportshall-competition>

Competition Scoring

Primary sportshall competitions emphasise team participation rather than individual success. Whilst being able to record each athlete's times/distances, it is the overall team score that will be counted.

Full sets of score sheets covering all track and field events can be downloaded from:

<http://www.sportshall.org/primary/primary-sportshall/primary-sportshall-competition>

Track events

The order in which teams finish each race is recorded. Where necessary, times may be recorded alongside these places. Points are awarded according to a team's position with the first placed team being awarded 40 points; second 38 points etc (for 20 teams in the competition). The spreadsheet will calculate and award points on the basis of either times or positions.

Field events

Three boys and three girls contest each field event. Whilst their individual scores are recorded during the course of the event, Sportshall Primary is a team competition. The best trial of each child is added together to establish a team total, providing the basis on which teams are placed and points awarded. The Sportshall Competition spreadsheet will calculate these automatically following the input of all entries in the "best" column.

Competition Rules

Please use the link below for all competition rules:

<http://www.sportshall.org/primary/primary-sportshall/primary-sportshall-competition>



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 events take place, the following **MUST** be read and adhered to:

- Athletes will not be permitted to compete in bare feet or unsuitable footwear.
- No jewellery should be worn.
- All loose clothing must be tucked in and shoelaces tied. Long hair must be tied back.
- No chewing gum/sweets allowed.
- Please ensure your pupils bring some liquid refreshments with them.
- Please make sure all players warm up appropriately before each event.
- First aiders will be on site, however please ensure your pupils bring with them any medical supplies they may need i.e. asthma inhalers.
- All team teachers must ensure their pupils are under adult supervision at all times, even when not running/throwing/jumping. During this time teams can watch and encourage their fellow team members.
- Please ensure that your pupils have been thoroughly briefed with regards to health and safety

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: FRIDAY 2nd MARCH 2018*

***please note if you enter past this deadline your school will not feature in pre- press material or the lanyard.**

