GREATER MANCHESTER SCHOOL GAMES 2018

UNDER 14 GIRLS BASKETBALL COUNTY FINAL

Wednesday 31st January 2018

Belle Vue National Performance Centre, 9:30 -12:30pm

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.

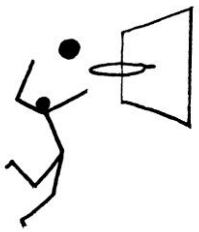
Level 3 – Greater Manchester School Games

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 Basketball England, the Greater Manchester Local Organising Committee proudly present the U14 Girls Greater Manchester Schools Basketball Competition. This event forms part of England Basketball's National Schools Competition and offers the opportunity for schools to progress from local level competition to County, Regional and Zone rounds, culminating in a National Final.

The competition is open to all schools including those from the independent sector; however schools must have qualified through their local SGO area/borough heats (Level 2) in order to progress to the County Final.

The competition follows a simple pathway as follows:

SGO/Borough Stage

Secondary Schools within an SGO Area/Borough will be encouraged to enter the first stage of the competition at venues local to their school. The winning school (one per borough) will then be invited to the County Final. Please note there is no direct entry into the Regional stages in this age group.

County Final

Organised by Basketball England this will comprise of 10 schools representing the 10 Boroughs of Greater Manchester. The winning team(s) will then be invited to represent Greater Manchester in Regional Finals.

Regional Finals

This stage of the competition will be organised by Basketball England and will consist of the best teams from the North West Region. Winners from this stage will then progress to the North Zone Finals.

Zone Finals

Organised by Basketball England, the North Zone Finals will consist of the best teams from the North West, North East and Yorkshire and Humberside. Winning teams from this stage will progress to the National Final.

National Final

The 'Final Fours' will see the best schools from the North, South, Midlands and London compete against one another to be crowned National champions.

STANDARD RULES:

Age Groups

All players must be from Year 9 or under.

Squad/player Eligibility

Minimum of 8 players and maximum of 12 players per squad with 5 players on court at any time.

Court/Equipment Requirements

- Size 5 balls should be used
- All matches should be played on a full court not less than 20m x 11m.
- The basketball ring should be 10' 0" (3.048m) high.

Competition Format

At an SGO/Borough level, the local organisers will decide on the format i.e. 'home & away' leagues, Central Venue festivals. This will be dependent on the geographical spread and number of entries.

Duration/Length of matches

A suggested format has been produced by Basketball England to ensure a level of consistency; however there can be a degree of flexibility in running SGO/Borough level competition.

Games can consist of 4 x 10 or 4 x 7 minutes periods with a stopping clock - two minutes between the 1st/2nd and 3rd/4th periods with a half-time interval of 10 minutes.

Alternatively, if the length of time available becomes an issue than there is the option to shorten the games by adopting a running clock.

Playing the Game

All matches are played according to FIBA regulations unless otherwise stated.

Basic Rules

- Each game is started by a jump ball in the centre circle and begins when the ball is tapped in by one of the jumpers.
- A basket from the field, from outside the arc counts as 3 points, within the arc counts as two points and a basket from the free throw counts as one point.
- After a basket, the opponents will be given the ball to make a throw in from any point behind the baseline.
- Players may be substituted at any time on a dead ball.
- Time outs allowed: 1
- 24 second shot rule
- 8 second rule
- 3 seconds in the key
- 5 seconds on the sideline
- 5 seconds on the free throw line
- No time outs in the last minute of the game.
- It is expected that each player will be given a 'fair' amount of court time.

Zone Defences are not permitted in U14 games.

Violations

If any violation is committed, the non-offending team should take a throw in from the side line.

Violations Include:

- Deliberately kicking the ball or striking it with a fist.
- Knocking the ball out of the court.
- Dribbling with two hands on the ball at once or letting the ball come to rest then continuing to dribble (Double Dribble).
- Running with the ball (Travelling).

Fouls

- A personal foul involves personal contact with an opponent, if this occurs in the act of shooting two free throws are allowed, otherwise it is sideline ball to the opposing team.
- Once a player has 5 personal fouls he/ she take no further part in the game.
- 7 team fouls, shots given on 8th foul.

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

- Long hair must be tied back
- No jewellery should be worn
- All loose clothing must be tucked in and shoelaces tied
- No chewing gum/sweets
- Please ensure your pupils bring some liquid refreshments with them.
- Please make sure all players warm up appropriately before each match.
- When not playing, please ensure that you remain off the court and do not get in the way or distract the table officials at any time.
- First aiders will be on site, however please ensure your pupils bring with them any medical supplies they may need i.e. asthma inhalers.
- Please ensure that your pupils have been thoroughly briefed with regards to health and safety.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: FRIDAY 5th JANUARY 2018

