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VIRTUAL SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS COMPETITION

Year 7 Boys & Girls

Year 8 Boys & Girls

ENTRY OPENS: Monday 2 November 2020

ENTRY CLOSES: Friday 4 December 2020

Please check results submission process below

The Kent School Games programme is pleased to confirm its intention to continue providing Sportshall Athletics competitive opportunities despite the current COVID-19 situation. Our Virtual Sportshall Athletics Competition for Years 7 and 8 includes both local School Games area level competition and countywide competition.

PLEASE NOTE: that this Virtual Sportshall Athletics Competition does replace the Sportshall Athletics competitions normally held in each School Games Area for Year 7 & 8. A decision will be made in early January 2021 as to whether the Kent School Games Sportshall Athletics Finals for Year 7 & 8 will go ahead at Medway Park in February 2021 with social distancing measures in place and the top virtual school teams will be invited to compete, or whether the Kent School Games Sportshall Athletics Year 7 & 8 Finals will be a virtual final.

COMPETITION FORMAT

In order to qualify for the competition, school results sheets should include a minimum of five boys or five girls in each event. It is suggested that schools submit anonymised results from all participating students.

Schools are encouraged to involve as many students as possible and consider rewarding students eligible for the British Athletics Sportshall Awards.

Please note the Kent Sportshall Athletics virtual competition follows the Sportshall Associates "School Games Pentathlon" format. The events can be held in a classroom or hall or on the playground or field:

Chest Push Standing Long Jump Speed Bounce Vertical Jump Shuttle Run

For detailed guidance on each event, please download the Sportshall Associates Teacher Guidance Notes ([download here](#)) and view the Sportshall Associates guidance videos [here](#).

Our virtual competition is open to any male or female student attending a school in Kent that is eligible for involvement in the Kent School Games programme.

Top teams in each category above may be invited to compete in person or virtually at the Kent School Games Finals.





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COMPETITION PROCESS

INTRA-SCHOOL SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS COMPETITION

Every school should organise its own Intra-School competition to find its top athletes in each event and category. We advise that your Intra-School competition should be organised well in advance of the entry open and close period. The [Kent Year 7 Class File Spreadsheet](#) or [Kent Year 8 Class File Spreadsheet](#) should be used to compile the Intra-School Sportshall Athletics Competition results. These can be compiled by teachers, members of the PE Department or Sports Leaders – please ensure that all entries are accurately recorded.

SCHOOL GAMES AREA INTER-SCHOOL VIRTUAL SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS COMPETITION

By submitting anonymised results (remove students’ names before submitting), a school will automatically be participating in its local School Games Area Inter-School Virtual Sportshall Athletics Competition. Each School Games Organiser will announce its School Games Area Inter-School Virtual Sportshall Athletics competition results as soon as possible once all the results have been collated after the competition deadline.

KENT SCHOOL GAMES COUNTY FINALS – HELD VIRTUALLY OR PHYSICALLY (TBC)

As noted above the top teams in each category, for each School Games Area, above may be invited to compete in person or virtually at the Kent School Games Finals.

RESULTS SUBMISSION PROCESS

Schools must use the respective spreadsheets to officially submit results. Results will not be accepted in any other format. Schools must anonymise the data (by removing students’ names) before sending to the respective SGO but keep a copy of the original spreadsheet for your own records.

[Kent Year 7 Class File Spreadsheet](#)

[Kent Year 8 Class File Spreadsheet](#)

If the school or PE Department is going to promote its Intra-School competition or winning entries through social media, please do tag in your local School Games Organiser and the Kent School Games channels @KentSchoolGames and use the hashtag #KSGVirtualSportshall and #SGPentathlon.

RESULTS

Each SGO will provide up to 25 certificates per school for the children and young people placed 1st – 5th in each event. Local recognition may also be provided for each of the Inter-School competition winners within local School Games areas.

Medals and certificates will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category at the Kent School Games County Finals – either held physically or virtually.





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VIRTUAL COMPETITIONS – SAFEGUARDING CONSIDERATIONS

A ‘Safeguarding Considerations’ document has been created by Kent Sport to ensure the Kent School Games virtual competition programme maintains the safety and wellbeing of children and young people, through offering guidance and good practice to schools regarding the new virtual competitions. Please take time to read the document alongside the Event Specs.

SPIRIT OF THE GAMES

Schools are encouraged to demonstrate the School Games Values and compete in our virtual competitions in the ‘Spirit of the Games’. Teachers and participants are expected to demonstrate honesty and respect and compete within the rules. Schools may be randomly selected to submit video evidence to ensure consistency across scoring methods and to clarify results. Being asked to submit video evidence does not automatically accuse any school of not competing within the Spirit of the Games and teachers are asked to support SGOs if video evidence is requested. If a school has been found to submit false and inaccurate results then, if qualified, the school will not be invited to the Kent School Games final (virtual or physical). The Spirit of the Games Values can be found in the [resources](#) section of the Kent School Games website – just type “spirit of the games” into the ‘find a file’ function.

BRITISH ATHLETICS SPORTSHALL AWARD SCHEME

The British Athletics Award Scheme intends to provide teachers and grassroots athletics deliverers with a framework for curriculum time delivery (Level 1) of Sportshall Athletics and encourages skill development and fitness improvement.

The British Athletics Sportshall Awards are based on a series of ten familiar Sportshall activities designed to provide a well-balanced measure of skills and fitness. To complete an Award, children must complete any 5 events (for a Pentathlon Award) or all 10 events (for the Decathlon Award).

By participating in the Kent Virtual Sportshall Competition children and young people will have competitive results to encourage and reward individual progress. Schools can purchase Bronze / Silver / Gold Award woven-cloth badges and certificates from Eveque if they wish to recognise students. Please contact Adam Burgess to discuss your Award Badge and Certificate requirements. More information on the British Athletics Secondary Sportshall Awards can be found [here](#).

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