



Winter games

SCHOOL
GAMES

GREATER MANCHESTER SCHOOL GAMES 2017

Participants in
this competition
can be from the
same or
different
schools in the
borough

YEAR 4/5/6 DISABILITY SWIMMING COMPETITION

Tuesday 21st March 2017
TBC (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 'Winter Games' will feature thirteen sports; all of which will be delivered simultaneously utilizing a number of the City's world class sporting facilities.





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COMPETITION PATHWAY:

In partnership with the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA), the Greater Manchester Local Organising Committee proudly presents the Year 4/5/6 Disability Swimming Competition.

It is hoped that this event will encourage more young disabled school children to enjoy competitive swimming and be used as a catalyst for ongoing participation and development. The format of the competition is recommended and endorsed by the ASA is open to all young disabled athletes from mainstream and special schools, including those from the independent sector. Schools will be able to enter children in the team or individual according to their impairment to ensure all participants compete on an equal footing. The competition adopts a simple pathway as follows:

1. SGO Area/Borough Stage

This stage of the competition is for children within an SGO area/Borough and can combine activities from Aquasplash as well as more traditional races. The winning school team/winning swimmers 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 in partnership with the ASA and will comprise of the winning swimmers/school teams from across the ten Boroughs of Greater Manchester. The event will consist largely of traditional races.

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

STANDARD RULES:

Age Groups

- All swimmers must be from Year 4, 5 &/or 6.

Disability Categories

This year disability categories have been omitted and competitors will be asked to declare their disability upon entry. The competition organisers then reserve the right to use a handicap system based on entries.

Team event

Each Borough is limited to one team consisting of the following 4 Swimmers:

Each swimmer must take part in two events.

- ✓ 25m Freestyle
- ✓ 25m Freestyle Relay

The 4 swimmers can be from a mixture of the three year groups or from one year group.

Boys and girls will compete together so a team can be made up of Boys and Girls.

Individual Events

Each Borough is limited to entering one swimmer per event.
Boys and girls will compete together.

General Race Rules

Starting

- All starts are to take place in the water.
- If any swimmer starts before the signal has been given or is moving when the starting signal is given it shall be a false start. Each race is allowed one false start. On the second occasion that individual will be disqualified on conclusion of the race.

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

- No jewellery should be worn.
- All competitors are advised to wear a swimming hat, however it is not necessary. However long hair must be tied back.
- It is recommended swimmers bring plenty of liquid refreshment with them.
- All competitors are advised to warm up appropriately before each race.
- When not competing, all swimmers are reminded to remain out of the pool and do not get in the way or distract the officials at any time.
- Medical supplies that competitors may need i.e. asthma inhalers should be brought with them on the day.
- All team managers must ensure their pupils are under adult supervision at all times, even when not swimming. During this time they can watch and encourage their fellow team members. Behaviour of pupils will be the responsibility of the team manager/school representative.
- Quiet will be required at the start of each race, but we encourage children to make as much noise as possible during races and really support ALL competitors.
- In an emergency the team managers will be expected to keep calm and maintain discipline and follow guidance given by the centre staff and event officials.
- Please ensure that your pupils have been thoroughly briefed with regards to health and safety.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: FRIDAY 3rd MARCH 2017*

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

