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GREATER MANCHESTER SCHOOL GAMES 2017

UNDER 13 & Under 16 MIXED TABLE TENNIS TEAM CHALLENGE

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 that will allow young people from across the ten boroughs of Greater Manchester to compete in local level intra and inter school competition, culminating in a multi sport festival (level 3) that will showcase the very best of competitive sport across the County.

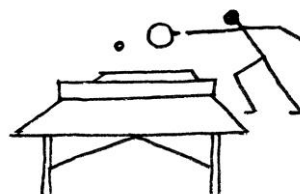
Level 3 – Greater Manchester School Games

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 Table Tennis England, the Greater Manchester Local Organising Committee proudly presents the Under 13 & Under 16 Mixed Table Tennis Team Challenge. The event is aimed at encouraging more young people to participate in and enjoy competitive Table Tennis and it is hoped it will also be used as a catalyst for ongoing participation and development. Although a team based competition, it also encourages players to develop individually as participants will play singles matches.

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 adopts a simple pathway as follows:

1. SGO Area/Borough Stage

Secondary Schools within an SGO area/Borough will be encouraged to enter the first stages of the competition at a venue local to their school. The winning boys' team and winning girls' team 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 English Table Tennis Association and will comprise of the winning boys and girls teams from across Greater Manchester.

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

STANDARD RULES:

Age Groups

- Boys and girls will compete together 2 boys and 2 girls in each team
- All players for under 13s must be from Year 7 and/or Year 8.
- All players for under 16s must be from year 9, 10 and/or 11

Team Composition

- Teams must consist of 4 players.
- Players must play in ranked order i.e. the stronger player ranked Number 1. (Boy #1, Boy #2, Boy #3, Boy #4)
- All players competing must not have any Table Tennis England ranking points

Table/Equipment Requirements

- All matches should be played on a standard table tennis table.
- Standard table tennis balls/bats shall be used throughout.
- Suitable sportswear must be worn. No white clothing shall be permitted at the county stage and beyond and it is recommended this rule is applied at SGO area level also.



Competition Format

At SGO area/Borough level, local organisers will decide on the format i.e. 'home & away' leagues, Central Venue festivals or one off tournament. Leagues are the preferred model to encourage regular participation.

Each tie (school v school) should ideally consist of 4 games of singles and 2 games of doubles. This can be flexible depending on time, number of teams/tables etc. One example below:

Singles

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| 1. Number 1 Boy | vs | Number 1 Boy |
| 2. Number 2 Boy | vs | Number 2 Boy |
| 3. Number 3 Boy | vs | Number 3 Boy |
| 4. Number 4 Boy | vs | Number 4 Boy |

Doubles

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| 1. Number 1 & 2 Boy | vs | Number 1 & 2 Boy |
| 2. Number 3 & 4 Boy | vs | Number 3 & 4 Boy |

Playing the Game

- A suggested format has been produced by the ESTTA to ensure a level of consistency; however there can be a degree of flexibility in running SGO/Borough level competition.
- Each match should be best of three games to 11 points.
- Players have to win by two clear points.
- Alternate serves every two points, unless both players have scored 10, in which case service changes every point.
- A coin toss can decide who serves first, or to start play at either side of the table.
- The player serving first in the games receives first in the next game.
- In service the ball bounces on the server's side first.
- A point is won/lost when the player misses the ball, the ball bounces twice, the ball does not land on the table or does not clear the net.
- In doubles, every serve must be made from and to the right-hand side of the table. Players must then strike the ball alternately in strict rotation. The player first to receive service becomes the next server. After serving for two points, a player must move from the right hand side of the table to allow his partner to receive serve.

Officials

- It is not a necessity for each table to have an umpire or scorer; however it is advised that a nominated adult from each school act as overall match referees to deal with any disputes. It may be advantageous to utilise some Sport Leaders to do act as table officials.

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 away from the tables and do not get in the way or distract the officials.
- 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.
- All team teachers must ensure their pupils are under adult supervision at all times, even when not playing. During this time teams can watch the other matches or in some cases will have the opportunity to practice (tables permitting).

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.**

