



Welcome to the Northumberland School Games 2019-20

SCHOOL GAMES MISSION - Keeping competitive sport at the heart of schools and providing more young people with the opportunity to compete and achieve their personal best.

With the School Games mission in mind, and to engage more pupils, there are 3 categories of School Games competitions:

CUP COMPETITIONS

This is the highest standard of competition. Pupils will be expected to know the rules and have some experience in the sport. Winners of Cup competitions will progress onto the Northumberland School Games Finals. Cup competitions are open entry, and schools can enter multiple teams.*

SHIELD COMPETITIONS

These are development competitions. This may be pupils' first experience of playing the sport competitively; officials will be more lenient in enforcing the rules and may offer some in-game coaching. Shield competitions are only open to schools that are a) one form entry or smaller; b) bigger than one form entry and have entered at least one team into the equivalent Cup competition; c) bigger than one form entry but are entering this competition for the first time. Schools can enter multiple teams into a Shield competition as long as the criteria are satisfied.*

PERSONAL BEST CHALLENGES

These are opportunities for pupils to compete against themselves and to improve personal performances. Wherever possible these will take place alongside Cup and Shield competitions, for example in-between matches. This should maximise participation and reduce 'waiting time'.

* Due to time and space constraints, each competition will have a limit on the total number of teams that can be accommodated.

Competing in a more evenly matched field should improve the quality of competition at both levels and more importantly increase enjoyment for those involved. As teachers / coaches you are able to judge whether the Cup or Shield competitions better suit your pupils. If you know your 'B' team is strong, or are a small school with a strong 'A' team, they should be entered into the Cup competition so that they do not dominate the Shield competition.

All participants will receive certificates; Winners of Cup and Shield competitions will receive medals.

Pupils can play up one age group (e.g. Y4s in a Y5 competition). All pupils must be in Y3 or above. Squad sizes and gender splits will be strictly enforced at Cup competitions, there will be some leniency at Shield competitions as long as any variations are declared in advance (e.g. if a school does not have enough boys / girls).

Northumberland School Games Finals – Once a school has qualified for the Northumberland School Games Finals (by winning a cup competition), they must declare if any of the same pupils are competing in subsequent competitions. If more than 2 'already qualified' pupils are part of a Cup competition winning team, then it will be the 2nd place team who progresses onto the Northumberland School Games finals.

Please complete and return the attached entry form by Friday 20th September, indicating how many teams you would like to enter into each competition. Once the entry deadline has passed you will receive confirmation of entries.

School:				
Event	Cup / Shield	Squad	Details	No. of teams entered
Y3/4 Gymnastics	<i>CUP - No competitive club gymnasts</i>	Squads of 6 boys / girls. Y3 / Y4.	12.02.20- 09:30-12:30 – Northern Gymnastics Club	
Y3/4 Golf	<i>CUP – Aimed at least active children</i>	Squads of 5 boys and 5 girls. Y3 / Y4.	23.10.19 – 09:30-11:45 – Seaton Sluice Middle School	
Y3/4 Rugby	CUP	Squads of 10, max 6 boys. Y3 / Y4.	19.05.20 – 09:30-11:45 – Astley Community High School	
Y3/4 Rugby	SHIELD	Squads of 10, max 6 boys. Y3 / Y4.	19.05.20 – 09:30-11:45 – Astley Community High School	
Y3/4 Athletics	CUP	Squads of 5 boys and 5 girls. Y3 / Y4.	17.03.20 – 09:30-11:45 – Seaton Sluice Middle School OR 18.03.20 – 09:30-11:45 – Astley Community High School	
Y3/4 Athletics	SHIELD	Squads of 5 boys and 5 girls. Y3 / Y4.	17.03.20 – 09:30-11:45 – Seaton Sluice Middle School OR 18.03.20 – 09:30-11:45 – Astley Community High School	
Y4 Tennis	CUP	Squads of 4 boys and 4 girls. Y4 ONLY	04.06.20 – 09:30-11:45 – Cramlington Tennis Club	
Y4 Tennis	SHIELD (festival)	Squads of 4 boys and 4 girls. Y3 / Y4.	04.06.20 – 12:30-14:30 – Cramlington Tennis Club	
Y5 Hockey	CUP	Squads of 3 boys and 3 girls. Y4 / Y5.	12.03.20 – 15:30-17:30 – Cramlington Learning Village	
Y5 Hockey	SHIELD	Squads of 3 boys and 3 girls. Y4 / Y5.	12.03.20 – 15:30-17:30 – Cramlington Learning Village	
Y5/6 Girls' Football	CUP	Squads of 10 girls. Y4 / Y5 / Y6.	17.10.19 – 15:30-17:00 – Cramlington Learning Village	
Y5/6 Girls' Football	SHIELD	Squads of 10 girls. Y4 / Y5 / Y6.	17.10.19 – 15:30-17:00 – Cramlington Learning Village	
Y5/6 Athletics	CUP	Squads of 5 boys and 5 girls. Y5 / Y6.	02.06.20 – 09:30-11:45 – Northburn SC OR 09.06.20 – 09:30-11:45 – Northburn SC.	
Y5/6 Athletics	SHIELD	Squads of 5 boys and 5 girls. Y5 / Y6.	02.06.20 – 09:30-11:45 – Northburn SC OR 09.06.20 – 09:30-11:45 – Northburn SC.	

Y5/6 Rugby	CUP	Squads of 12, max 8 boys. Y5 / Y6.	19.05.20 – 12:30-14:45 – Astley Community High School	
Y5/6 Rugby	SHIELD	Squads of 12, max 8 boys. Y5 / Y6.	19.05.20 – 12:30-14:45 – Astley Community High School	
Y6 Hockey	CUP	Squads of 3 boys and 3 girls. Y5 / Y6.	05.03.20 – 15:30-17:30 – Cramlington Learning Village	
Y6 Hockey	SHIELD	Squads of 3 boys and 3 girls. Y5 / Y6.	05.03.20 – 15:30-17:30 – Cramlington Learning Village	
Y6 Girls' Netball	CUP	Squads of 9 girls. Y5 / Y6.	23.04.20 - 15:30-17:30 – Cramlington Learning Village	
Y6 Mixed Netball	SHIELD	Squads of 9, max 4 boys. Y5 / Y6	23.04.20 - 15:30-17:30 – Cramlington Learning Village	
Y7 Girls' Netball	CUP	Squads of 9 girls. Y6 / Y7.	24.10.19 – 16.00-17.30 – Astley Community High School	
Y7/8 Girls' Football	CUP	Squads of 10 girls. Y7 / Y8.	06.11.19 – 16.00-17.30 – Cramlington Learning Village	
Y8 Girls' Rounders	CUP	Squads of 10 girls Y7 / Y8.	TBC depending on entries	
Y8 Boys' Basketball	CUP	Squads of 10 boys. Y7/ Y8.	22.01.20 – 15.30-17.30 – Astley Community High School	
Y9 Boys' Basketball	CUP	Squads of 10 boys. Y8 / Y9.	22.01.20 – 15.30-17.30 – Astley Community High School	
Y10 /11 Girls' Handball	CUP	Squads of 10 girls. Y9/10/11	TBC depending on entries	
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