

# Standard Schools Brief Term 5



**Northampton**  
School Sport Partnership

## County School Games County Finals (Summer 2019)



The Summer School Games will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at Moulton College. This is the biggest Schools event organised by Northamptonshire Sport and will involve more than 1200 young people, 200 Young Leaders and over 20 Sport Clubs and National Governing Bodies.

For schools who qualify for this competition you will receive some more detailed information about the day, and be asked to completed Squad Declaration Forms etc...

For schools progressing through to this competition I can not stress enough the importance of sustaining regular practice sessions to prepare your teams for the county competition; the experience and atmosphere is above and beyond what your team will experience at an Inter School Competition (Level 2), and sometimes it can be a little overwhelming, and affect their performance on the day.

This year we have dismissed the overall winning Partnership trophy as the dynamics of the School Games competition have significantly changed since the School Games Competition emerged in 2012.

### School Games eligibility criteria

At the start of the academic year we introduced you to three levels of School Games Competitions via the Competition Information Booklet; Competitive, Development and Broadening Participation.

The School Games is overseen and funded by three Government departments; Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (overall responsibility for the programme), Department of Education and the Department of Health providing the funding for the programme. The Department of Health contributes the most amount of money for the programme and are increasingly asking for their targets to be addressed. Therefore there has been an increasing demand by Sport England (who manage the funding for Government) that the School Games should focus on providing opportunities for children who may be classed as inactive or not fully accessing sport / physical activity, and that we use School Games not just as a competitive programme for schools but as tool to help get all our young people

active. This is how our 3 categories of competition emerged.

Whilst most schools and staff have observed and complied with the new criteria, there have been occasions where schools have not and this does cause problems at our School Games events. Can I please ask that...

1. Staff carefully read the Competition Reminder & Rules which are sent 2 weeks prior to the event.
2. Unsure staff preparing/selecting teams are aware of eligibility criteria.
3. Staff communicate with pupils and parents as to why some pupils are not selected for competitions despite regularly attending school practice sessions / being the best in their sport etc...
4. Staff to consider ways of engaging pupils who are not eligible to compete in a School Games event in roles such as Team Manager, Media Leader etc...

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## Other Teacher CPD Opportunities

### real Gym EYFS/KS1 & KS2 (One Day Course)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019

9.00am—3.30pm

@ Hayfield Cross Primary School, Kettering

Cost: £245 + VAT



### real PE EYFS/KS1 & KS2 Three Day Course or One Day Introduction

Starts: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019

9.00am—3.00pm

@ Kislingbury Village Hall, Kislingbury

Cost: £245 + VAT—One Day Introduction                      £495 + VAT—3 Day Course

### real PE EYFS/KS1 & KS2 Three Day Course or One Day Introduction

Starts: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019

9.00am—3.00pm

@ Kislingbury Village Hall, Kislingbury

Cost: £245 + VAT—One Day Introduction                      £495 + VAT—3 Day Course

### real Leaders Workshop

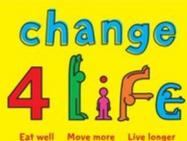
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019

9.00am—3.30pm

@ Kislingbury Village Hall, Kislingbury

Cost: £245 + VAT

**Book a place via; [www.northamptonshiresport.org/teacher-training](http://www.northamptonshiresport.org/teacher-training)**



### Chang4Life Resources

The Change4Life activity cards have now all been uploaded to School Games dashboard for all schools/staff/leaders to utilise

<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/app/resources/40/>

For those who are looking for new ideas for their Change4Life clubs or activities for Young Leaders to deliver at Break and lunchtimes there are some great ideas on the website—they are FREE to download. If using with young leaders I would suggest that you print and laminate so that they can be taken outside.

### Sport England's Active Lives Survey

The new Active Lives Children and Young People Survey reflects one of the new ways Sport England are working following on from the launch of their Towards and Active Nation strategy.

The Active Lives survey now provides the most detailed and reliable information on activity levels of 5 to 16 year olds and allows those working with young people a better understanding of children's attitudes and behaviours around sport and physical activity., and therefore becomes a very valuable tool when planning and developing sport and physical activity opportunities for young people in a school , community or Partnership setting.

Every full term Sport England randomly select a number of schools in each School Sports Partnership to complete the survey—school selected by this means are financially incentivised. However Sport England are now expanding the survey to allow and school to access the survey and

utilise the data to better support schools in their planning and



delivery of activities for all. Schools opting into the survey do not receive any financial incentive but will be given a detailed report of their collected data.

Northamptonshire Sport would strongly encourage any schools to access the survey. Schools collecting enough data will be issued with a report and it is this report that could be very valuable in supporting and guiding schools when writing next academic years PE and School Sport Premium funding plans, as the report will clearly show areas of strength and areas that need to further development.

The survey is very easy to administer and FREE to access. If you would like to access this opportunity can you please contact Gary Sheppard ASAP [gary.sheppard@firstforwellbeing.co.uk](mailto:gary.sheppard@firstforwellbeing.co.uk)

## School Games Mark Applications 2018/2019

The window for School Games Mark Applications opens on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and closes on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019—schools will NOT be able to apply after this time.



### Application process

1. School Games Mark application is to be made online via [www.yourschoolgames.com](http://www.yourschoolgames.com) dashboard.
2. Natalie Lawrence will be notified of your schools application and she will contact the PE Coordinator to arrange sight of the schools evidence to support their application.
3. Once satisfied with the evidence Natalie will validate the schools application.
4. Once a schools application has been validated, they will be able to download a certificate and School Games Mark logo.

Schools must apply for School Games Mark every year and collate evidence for each year.

On **Thursday 4th July 2019** from 9.30am—4.30pm Natalie and Andy will host a School Games Mark clinic whereby PE Coordinators can come along and be supported in making their online application or bring along their evidence to be checked.

If you would like to book a slot please see the timetable attached to the e-mail.

**RLSS UK OPEN WATER FESTIVAL**

**Swell Country Park in Ecton, Northamptonshire, NN6 0QX**

**Saturday 25 May**  
**8.30am – midday**

Be part of the very first open water swim event to take place at this brand new venue - a former drinking water reservoir!

It's an ideal festival for newcomers to open water swimming (age 8-years+), and a great family day out!

We have an amazing programme of activities provided by the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK), in partnership with Northamptonshire County Council, Northamptonshire Sport (NSport) and Northants Triathlon (NTri) including:

Two swim events, 800m and 1600m (age 12-years +), PLUS dual running and swimming Aquathlon events for children and adults (age 8-years+).

All events are delivered in a fun and supportive atmosphere and to the highest safety standards.

Plus you can feel proud - participation in RLSS UK events means you've supported The Drowning Prevention Charity and helped prevent the loss of life to drowning.

**Why not make 2019 the year you make your open water debut?**

A brilliant opportunity for anyone new to open water swimming and who would like support in their preparation and participation.

**FOR MORE DETAILS, PRICES AND TO SIGN UP CLICK HERE**

British Triathlon Federation and RLSS UK are proud to also be supporting Swell Country Park through the SH2OUT accreditation process - ensuring a safe and supportive environment for participants of all ages and levels, for years to come.