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## VIRTUAL SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS COMPETITION

Years 5/6

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 5/6 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 both Years 5/6. A decision will be made in early January 2021 as to whether the Kent School Games Sportshall Athletics Finals for Years 5/6 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 5/6 Finals will be a virtual final.*

### COMPETITION FORMAT

Schools should submit results from at least their top five five pupils into each event. Schools are welcome to submit results from all pupils in the relevant category to be considered for the British Athletics Sportshall Awards. 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 Kent Sportshall Teacher Guidance Notes ([resource to follow early September](#)).

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.

### 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 Virtual Sportshall Awards Spreadsheet should be used to compile its 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.



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SCHOOL GAMES AREA INTER-SCHOOL VIRTUAL SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS COMPETITION

By submitting results, a school will automatically be participating in its local School Games Area Inter-School Virtual Sportshall Athletics Competition. 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 before sending to the respective SGO by removing first name and surname of each pupil but keep a copy of the original spreadsheet for your own records.

Kent Virtual Sportshall Primary Awards Spreadsheet Year 5/6 *(resource to follow early September)*

Results must be submitted to [laura.rookard@aylesford.kent.sch.uk](mailto:laura.rookard@aylesford.kent.sch.uk) by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

If the school or PE Department is going to promote its Intra-School competition or winning entries through social media, please do tag in @kentsgo1 and the Kent School Games channels @KentSchoolGames and use the hashtag #KSGVirtualSportshall.

**RESULTS**

Each SGO will provide up to 30 certificates for the children and young people from each school entered into each category. Electronic certificates will also be provided for intra competitions.

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

**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.



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**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 pupils. Details can be found at <http://www.sportshall.org/primary/primary-sportshall/awards>