



2026 School Games National Finals Para-Event

Selection Policy v1

4th & 5th September 2026

Overview:

The School Games National Finals is a biennial multi-sport event for the UK's school-age athletes, organized by the Youth Sport Trust and funded by Sport England. It brings together top young athletes from across the country to compete in a variety of sports, promoting physical activity, teamwork, and personal development.

These Games have been integrated with Para Athletes for 20 years, providing an opportunity for numerous future GB Paralympians to represent their region and compete within a team. Over the years the format has changed. 2026 will be a new DNA competition format, with Para-Events mirroring the schedule where possible, whilst maintaining the popular Universal Relay.

Eligibility:

- **Age Group.**
 - Athletes must be competing as a U16 or U18 on or before 31st August 2026.
 - U16 DOB – 1st September 2011 – 31st August 2013
 - U18 DOB – 1st September 2009 – 31st August 2011
 - Minimum Age 14 *** In exceptional circumstances, the Home Countries can nominate an athlete who is under 14 years at the time of the Games, but who will turn 14 years before the end of the competition season if the panel felt it was appropriate to do so for the long-term development of the athlete***
- Athletes must be currently registered with a Home Country affiliated club.
- Athletes must be in full time education which includes state education, independent education, home schooling, college or an apprenticeship that includes college education.
- Athletes are encouraged to compete in the Activity Alliance junior Championships or equivalent Home Nations Championships.
- Athletes must not currently be serving a period of ineligibility or a provisional or permanent suspension for a doping violation or for any other reason of misconduct.
- Athletes will be required to sign the England Athletics Team Members' Agreement ("TMA") and abide by its terms and conditions. Any athlete failing to do so before the date of the competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.
- All athletes wishing to be selected must express their interest by 23:59 on 12th July 2026. Link for this is [here](#).
- Athletes should have a 'UK Classification' Review, Fixed Review or Confirmed **OR** 'New Athletes' competing at the events listed below will be considered for School Games selection, providing they submit classification paperwork that demonstrates they meet Minimum Impairment Criteria. More information on UK Classification can be found [here](#).



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Eligible Impairment Groups:

These include, but not limited to:

- Cerebral Palsy
- Neurological Impairment
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Amputees
- Visual Impairment
- Upper Limb Impairment
- Dwarfism
- Intellectual Impairment
- Lower Limb Impairment

Format of competition:

- 2026 will see a new format of competition of this event - Dynamic New Athletics. Full details of the 'DNA' can be found here – [Dynamic New Athletics.](#)
- 10 Integrated Teams will compete.
- Teams will be based on geographic regions. Athletes will be allocated a team based on their residential region.
- All teams will compete across both days – Qualifiers on day 1 with all teams progressing to finals on day 2.
- All athletes will compete on day 1 & day 2. The composition of the team will not necessarily stay the same across both days
- Each team will be made of 24 (22) athletes. Team composition will be made up of:
 - 9 male + 9 female athletes
 - 4 Para Athletes (2 male + 2 female)

Events:

We reserve the right to amend these events confirm post the expression of interest

Track

- 100m Ambulant T11-13/35-38/42-47/61-64 (Female)
- 100m Wheelchair T33-34/51-54 (Female)
- 100m FrameRunning T71-72 (Female)
- 200m Ambulant T11-13/35-38/42-47/61-64 (Male)
- 200m Wheelchair T33-34/51-54 (Male)
- 200m FrameRunning T71-72 (Male)
- Universal Relay: Mixed

Field (4 Trials)

- Long Jump T11-13/20/35-38/42-47/61-64 (Male)
- Shot Put F11-13/20/32-38/40-46/51-57/61-64 (Female)

Selection Process:

- Selection meeting will take place week commencing 13th July 2026.
- A maximum of 22 athletes will be selected for each team as per the composition detailed above.
- A reserve list will also be selected on the day based on the criteria set out within this document.
- To ensure event viability, additional para-athletes might be allocated to teams. Their performances will contribute to the average team score and not provide unfair advantage.
- The selected team will be published as soon as possible after the selection meeting

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- The selection panel will be made up of voting and non-voting members including:
 - EA Event Group Leads or representative.
 - EA Team/Programme staff
 - Team Leader
 - Independent Observer
 - Team Managers
- The panel may also (at their discretion) seek assistance from anyone else that may be of help. (N.B any voting member of the panel shall declare his/her conflict of interest in respect of any selection issue and shall not be entitled to vote on that issue)
- Athletes must submit an expression of interest to be considered for selection. Deadline for this is 23:59 on the 12th of July 2026. Expression of interest is [here](#). *(Please note completing this form does not guarantee selection. It is an important part of the process, to ensure we have all the required information for those athletes successfully selected).*

Selection Criteria:

- The consideration for performance is from 1st April 2026 to 12th July 2026.
- The following considerations will also be considered during selection (please note this criterion is not listed in any order of priority and those involved in selecting will exercise discretion fairly and without bias in making selection decisions).
 - Power of 10 Rankings
 - Results from events detailed below
 - Head-to-head performances within the past 12 months
 - Consistency of performance
 - Previous National & International Championship history
 - Illness/injury status

Qualifications:

Performances at the following events will be used to assess current form and head-to-heads:

- Activity Alliance National Junior Disability Athletics, Coventry
- Scottish Disability Sport Junior Athletics, Grangemouth
- NI & Ulster Age Group Championships, Belfast
- Welsh Para Junior Championships, Deeside
- BWAA Grand Prix Series, Coventry

Medals and Scoring:

- Athlete performances will be ranked using 'Raza Points' as recognised by World Para Athletics.
- Match Points will be based on the following:

Average Track Raza Points:
100m Ambulant Girls
200m Ambulant Boys
100m Wheelchair Girls
200m Wheelchair Boys
100m FrameRunning Girls
200m FrameRunning Boys
Average Field Raza Points:
Shot Put Girls
Long Jump Boys



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Universal Relay 4x100 by Position

Leg 1: Ambulant

Leg 2 & 3: Non-Disabled

Leg 4: Wheelchair

- Individual medals will not be awarded.

Implements:

- Field athletes will use their appropriate U16 or U18 implement as listed in WPA / UKA Rule

Assistance:

- Athletes in the following classes are permitted assistance during the competition: T/F11-12, F31-33, F51-54, T71-72 and will also be offered accommodation for a parent, carer, or guide.
- Athletes in other classes requiring assistance with blocks or run-ups, will be supported by a Team Coach or Starters Assistant.
- Athletes requiring assistance or medical support outside of competition, that cannot be provided by a Team Coach, may request a parent or carer to attend.
- Further advice re: accommodation and support will be provided following Selection.

Appeals:

There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the School Games Teams made by the Panel. The provisions of the British Athletics Selection and Nomination "Fast" Appeals Procedure do not apply to the School Games team(s) selection for the 2026 School Games National Finals.

Amendments:

England Athletics reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy at its sole discretion and will make any amended version publicly available (including the date on which any amendment was made).

Additional Information:

- Transport will be provided for teams. Athletes will be expected to travel with their team.
- Athletes will be provided with accommodation. Athletes will be expected to arrive at Loughborough on Thursday 3rd September and will leave after the competition on Saturday 5th September.
- Athletes will be provided with a team vest and a school games hoodie.
- For more information about the School Games National Finals contact - SGNF@englandathletics.org.

Interested in Para Athletics?

If you are a potential para-athlete or PE Teacher looking to refer a student, we are keen to hear from you! There are over 400 para-athletes training with local clubs, competing in mainstream and integrated para competitions across the UK, with all performances tracked by www.powerof10.uk Each of the Home Countries and British Athletics have Para Programmes to support upcoming talent.

Please email the following to find out more:

- **England** - Matt Kendrick - mkendrick@englandathletics.org
- **Northern Ireland** – Heather Ardis - Heather.ardis@athleticsni.org
- **Scotland** – Pamela Robson - Pamela.robson@scottishathletics.org.uk
- **Wales** – Neil Taylor - Neil.taylor@welshathletics.org

Appendix: - U18 & U16 Implement Weights.



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Source	AGE GROUP	CLASS	DISCUS MALE	DISCUS FEMALE	JAVELIN MALE	JAVELIN FEMALE	SHOT PUT MALE	SHOT PUT FEMALE	CLUB BOTH M/F
WA	OPEN	N/A	2	1	800	600	7.26	4	N/A
WPA	OPEN	F11-13	2	1	800	600	7.26	4	N/A
WPA	OPEN	F20	2	1	800	600	7.26	4	N/A
WPA	OPEN / U20	F31	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	397
WPA	OPEN / U20	F32	1	1	N/A	N/A	2	2	397
WPA	OPEN / U20	F33	1	1	600	600	3	3	N/A
WPA	OPEN / U20	F34	1	1	600	600	4	3	N/A
WPA	OPEN / U20	F35	1	1	600	600	4	3	N/A
WPA	OPEN / U20	F36	1	1	600	600	4	3	N/A
WPA	OPEN / U20	F37	1	1	600	600	5	3	N/A
WPA	OPEN / U20	F38	1.5	1	800	600	5	3	N/A
WPA	OPEN / U20	F40 / F41	1	750	600	400	4	3	N/A
WPA	OPEN / U20	F61/63	1.5	1	800	600	6	4	N/A
WPA	OPEN / U20	F62/64	1.5	1	800	600	6	4	N/A
WPA	OPEN / U20	F42	1.5	1	800	600	6	4	N/A
WPA	OPEN / U20	F43 / F44	1.5	1	800	600	6	4	N/A
WPA	OPEN / U20	F45/46	1.5	1	800	600	6	4	N/A
WPA	OPEN / U20	F51	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	397
WPA	OPEN / U20	F52	1	1	600	600	2	2	N/A
WPA	OPEN / U20	F53	1	1	600	600	3	3	N/A
WPA	OPEN / U20	F54	1	1	600	600	4	3	N/A
WPA	OPEN / U20	F55	1	1	600	600	4	3	N/A
WPA	OPEN / U20	F56	1	1	600	600	4	3	N/A
WPA	OPEN / U20	F57	1	1	600	600	4	3	N/A
WA	U20	N/A	1.75	1	800	600	6	4	N/A
WPA	U20	F11-13	1.75	1	800	600	6	4	N/A
WPA	U20	F20	1.75	1	800	600	6	4	N/A
WA	U18	N/A	1.5	1	700	500	5	3	N/A
NEW	U18	F11-13	1.5	1	700	500	5	3	N/A
NEW	U18	F20	1.5	1	700	500	5	3	N/A
NEW	U18	F31	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	397
NEW	U18	F32	1	1	N/A	N/A	2	2	397
NEW	U18	F33	1	1	600	500	3	3	N/A
NEW	U18	F34	1	1	600	500	4	3	N/A
NEW	U18	F35	1	1	600	500	4	3	N/A
NEW	U18	F36	1	1	600	500	4	3	N/A
NEW	U18	F37	1	1	600	500	5	3	N/A
NEW	U18	F38	1.5	1	700	500	5	3	N/A
NEW	U18	F40 / F41	1	750	500	400	3	2	N/A
NEW	U18	F42	1.25	1	700	500	5	3	N/A
NEW	U18	F43 / F44	1.25	1	700	500	5	3	N/A
NEW	U18	F45/46	1.5	1	700	500	5	3	N/A
NEW	U18	F51	750	750	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	397
NEW	U18	F52	750	750	500	500	2	2	N/A
NEW	U18	F53	750	750	500	500	3	2	N/A
NEW	U18	F54	1	1	500	500	3	2	N/A
NEW	U18	F55	1	1	500	500	3	2	N/A
NEW	U18	F56	1	1	500	500	3	2	N/A
NEW	U18	F57	1	1	500	500	3	2	N/A
NEW	U18	F61/63	1.25	1	700	500	5	3	N/A
NEW	U18	F62/64	1.25	1	700	500	5	3	N/A
WPA	U17	F11-13	1.5	1	700	500	5	3	N/A
WPA	U17	F20	1.5	1	700	500	5	3	N/A
WPA	U17	F31	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	397
WPA	U17	F32	750	750	N/A	N/A	1	1	397
WPA	U17	F33	750	750	500	500	2	2	N/A
WPA	U17	F34	750	750	500	500	3	2	N/A
WPA	U17	F35	750	750	500	500	3	2	N/A
WPA	U17	F36	750	750	500	500	3	2	N/A
WPA	U17	F37	750	750	500	500	4	2	N/A
WPA	U17	F38	1	750	600	500	4	2	N/A
WPA	U17	F40 / F41	1	750	500	400	3	2	N/A
WPA	U17	F42	1	1	700	500	5	3	N/A
WPA	U17	F43 / F44	1	1	700	500	5	3	N/A
WPA	U17	F45/46	1	1	700	500	5	3	N/A
WPA	U17	F51	750	750	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	397
WPA	U17	F52	750	750	500	500	2	2	N/A
WPA	U17	F53	750	750	500	500	3	2	N/A
WPA	U17	F54	750	750	500	500	3	2	N/A
WPA	U17	F55	750	750	500	500	3	2	N/A
WPA	U17	F56	750	750	500	500	3	2	N/A
WPA	U17	F57	750	750	500	500	3	2	N/A

WPA	U17	F61/63	1	1	700	500	5	3	N/A
WPA	U17	F62/64	1	1	700	500	5	3	N/A
NEW	U16	N/A	1.25	1	600	500	4	3	N/A
NEW	U16	F11-13	1.25	1	600	500	4	3	N/A
NEW	U16	F20	1.25	1	600	500	4	3	N/A
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NEW	U16	F33	750	750	500	500	2	2	N/A
NEW	U16	F34	750	750	500	500	3	2	N/A
NEW	U16	F35	750	750	500	500	3	2	N/A
NEW	U16	F36	750	750	500	500	3	2	N/A
NEW	U16	F37	750	750	500	500	4	2	N/A
NEW	U16	F38	1	750	600	500	4	2	N/A
NEW	U16	F40 / F41	1	750	400	400	3	2	N/A
NEW	U16	F42	1	1	600	500	4	3	N/A
NEW	U16	F43 / F44	1	1	600	500	4	3	N/A
NEW	U16	F45/46	1	1	600	500	4	3	N/A
NEW	U16	F51	750	750	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	397
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NEW	U16	F57	750	750	400	400	2	2	N/A
NEW	U16	F61/63	1	1	600	500	4	3	N/A
NEW	U16	F62/64	1	1	600	500	4	3	N/A
NEW	U14	N/A	1	0.75	500	400	3	2.72	N/A
NEW	U14	F11-13	1	0.75	500	400	3	2.72	N/A
NEW	U14	F20	1	0.75	500	400	3	2.72	N/A
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NEW	U14	F61/63	1	750	500	400	3	2	N/A
NEW	U14	F62/64	1	750	500	400	3	2	N/A
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NEW	U12	F35	500	500	Turbo	Turbo	2	2	N/A
NEW	U12	F36	500	500	Turbo	Turbo	2	2	N/A
NEW	U12	F37	500	500	400	400	2	2	N/A
NEW	U12	F38	750	500	400	400	2	2	N/A
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NEW	U12	F56	500	500	Turbo	Turbo	1	1	N/A
NEW	U12	F57	500	500	Turbo	Turbo	1	1	N/A
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