



Sainsbury's

2012 SCHOOL GAMES



School Games London 2012 Athletics Qualification

Eligibility

The School Games will consist of eight teams, who will represent geographical areas and countries: Midlands, South East, South West, North East, North West, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Athletes in England will be eligible to compete for the team that represents their County School Athletics Association.

Athletes in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales will be eligible to compete for the team that represents their home country.

The School Games is an event for athletes who are eligible for the under 17 age group, as specified by the current version of the UK Athletics Rules for Competition (with the exception of disability athletics events, which are provided for elsewhere in this document). Athletes who are eligible for under 15 competitions under these same rules, will not be eligible for selection.

Selection

Competitors will be selected primarily by results in the 2011 Home Country Schools Association Championships, and if applicable, the 2011 UK School Games (Sheffield).

Power of 10 rankings and major Championship results from the 2011 outdoor season and, if appropriate, 2012 indoor season may also be considered when selection is made.

Given the early positioning of the event within the 2012 season, Team Managers may wish to consult with athletes regarding fitness and physical condition, before selection is made. This is not mandatory, but may prove useful in selecting athletes who have not only performed well in 2011, but who have maintained fitness levels during the winter. This may be particularly useful in respect of athletes who have not competed during the 2012 indoor season.


Where this consultation occurs, it is expected that athletes respect the spirit of the process, and engage in open and honest dialogue with the Team Manager, therefore providing an accurate indication of their current fitness and physical condition.

Disability Athletics

Competitors for all disability athletics events will be selected primarily from the Power of 10 ranking system, and must have competed in the event / discipline that they are being selected for, a minimum of three times during the 2011 season.

Competitors for all disability athletics events will be eligible for the under 17 or under 20 age groups, as specified by the current version of the UK Athletics Rules for Competition. Athletes who are eligible for under 15 competitions under these same rules, will not be eligible for selection.

Other relevant rankings and results may be considered, provided that the athlete has obtained the minimum of a national UK / UKA classification to compete in the event that is forming the basis of their selection.





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For athletes with a visual impairment, they must have a national classification from British Blind Sport (BBS) or International classification from IBSA. A copy of the completed Sight form must be submitted to UKA ahead of the Games.

For athletes with a physical disability, they must have a UKA National Classification or IPC International Classification. Records are held by UKA so no further action is required.

For athletes with an Intellectual Disability, they must have a valid UK classification from the UK Sports Association (UKSA) or international classification from INAS-FID / IPC. Selections of these athletes will only be confirmed once athlete names have been submitted to UKA, and verified by UKSA as holding a valid classification for the event in which they have been selected.

Athletes without the relevant National or International Level classification will not be eligible for selection for the School Games event.

Medals will be determined using the UKA Raza points system where available. Where the UKA Raza system is not available, medals will be determined based on a percentage of the current world record.

Enquiries

All initial enquiries regarding athlete selection should be directed to the appropriate Team Manager. All athlete selections and/or de-selections will be subject to the discretion of the Team Manager and/or UKA.

Athlete selection will be completed by **27th February 2012**

