



# 2026n School Games National Finals Para-Event Selection Policy v2

## 4 - 5 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 31 August 2026.
  - U16 DOB – 1 September 2010 – 31 August 2012
  - U18 DOB – 1 September 2008 – 31 August 2010
  - 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 Any athlete failing to do so before the date of the competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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 12 July 2026.  
[Download Expression of interest.](#)
- 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. [UK Classification information.](#)



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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. [More about Dynamic New Athletics information.](#)
- 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 and 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 13 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
- 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 12 July 2026.

[Download Expression of interest 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 1 April 2026 to 12 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:

<p><b>Average Track Raza Points:</b>          100m Ambulant Girls          200m Ambulant Boys          100m Wheelchair Girls          200m Wheelchair Boys          100m FrameRunning Girls          200m FrameRunning Boys</p>
<p><b>Average Field Raza Points:</b>          Shot Put Girls          Long Jump Boys</p>
<p><b>Universal Relay 4x100 by Position</b>          Leg 1: Ambulant          Leg 2 &amp; 3: Non-Disabled          Leg 4: Wheelchair</p>

- Individual medals will not be awarded.



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### **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 3 September and will leave after the competition on Saturday 5 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:mkendrick@englandathletics.org)
- **Northern Ireland** – Heather Ardis - [Heather.ardis@athleticsni.org](mailto:Heather.ardis@athleticsni.org)
- **Scotland** – Pamela Robson - [Pamela.robson@scottishathletics.org.uk](mailto:Pamela.robson@scottishathletics.org.uk)
- **Wales** – Neil Taylor - [Neil.taylor@welshathletics.org](mailto:Neil.taylor@welshathletics.org)

**Appendix:** - U18 & U16 Implement Weights.



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