WEST YORKSHIRE SCHOOL GAMES TAG RUGBY FINALS

PART OF THE WEST YORKSHIRE SCHOOL GAMES SUMMER FESTIVAL

IN ASSOCIATION WITH LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY

TUESDAY 7 JULY 2020

Congratulations on your successful qualification to the West Yorkshire School Games Tag Rugby finals.

This letter contains detailed information regarding the event to allow it to run as smoothly as possible. Please ensure you have fully read and understood all the information contained within this pack.

1 Schedule of events

Registration opens: 9am on the outdoor astro pitches (marshals will be in place to direct you on campus)

Opening Ceremony: 10am (you must be registered before this)

Competition begins: 11am

Competition ends (including medal presentation): 3pm

*Competition end times are approximate, but the latest that the competition could possibly go on until.

Each team will be given a pack of district coloured t-shirts during registration. We encourage all participants to wear their t-shirts for the opening ceremony, event and medal presentations - all t-shirt sizes are approximate.
2 PARKING

Arrival at Leeds Beckett University, Headingly Campus, Leeds.

On campus parking is only available for teams with disabled members, officials and event team staff. Contact emma.binnersley@yorkshiresport.org if you qualify for this to be added to the priority parking list.

Parking for all other mini buses and cars will be on Becketts Park fields, managed by LBU security staff. Please park here and follow the pedestrian / marshalled route to the astro pitches to register.

The postcode for Sat Nav users is LS6 3QH for parking on Beckett Park Fields.

3 SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY

The named Team Manager is responsible for the welfare of their team members at all times during the event. Each individual team MUST have their own assigned team manager.

It is a requirement that Team Managers have the following information for each team member with them on the day;

Medical information

Emergency contact information including consent of attendance, and photo and video consent.

If there are any objections regarding the taking of photographs, please ensure we are aware of this as soon as possible to allow provision for this to be put in place. The Team manager is responsible for the behaviour of their children on the day; please ensure they are respectful of official’s decisions within the spirit of the games.

4 CHANGING AND TOILETS

Toilets and changing areas are located within the facility, including accessible changing.

Indoor sports will be able to use campus facility changing and toilets, there are additional facilities located at the track and astro areas for all outdoor sports. We recommend that your team arrive in their sportswear ready to compete.
N.B. Changing areas will not be secure. Personal possessions left in these areas are at participants own risk. Changing areas are also in use by other members of the public (we do not have restricted access), children should be accompanied at all times.

5  **SPIRIT OF THE GAMES**

It is a fantastic achievement for the young people to reach the Level 3 School Games and we want to encourage fair play throughout all aspects of the finals.

The event will be supported by young leaders and volunteers, without whose help and dedication, the Games wouldn’t be possible!

Please respect all decisions of the officials.

By registering to attend, your school, staff and participants agree to abide by the values of the School Games.

6  **WEATHER CONSIDERATIONS**

This year’s festival will utilise combination of indoor and outdoor campus facilities. We will only cancel any part of the event if conditions become unsafe (this decision will be made jointly with the sport organiser and event manager should a situation arise).

If you are unsure the event may take place, in the first instance check our twitter page for all up to date info @YorkshireSport. We will contact all registered team managers directly if we intend on cancelling an event.
As with any British summer, please expect weather to be wet and bring your team with appropriate changes of clothing and ways of keeping dry where necessary. There will be a gazebo at each outdoor competition but there is limited additional shelter at all outdoor events.

Where weather is forecast to be hot we recommend hats, sun cream and plenty of water, these should be provided by the school / team manager - Yorkshire Sport Foundation will have a limited supply of water available.

7 **REFRESHMENTS**

Lunch **will not** be provided on the day for Team Managers or participants. They may contact you to check you’re ok with this and ask your requirements.

We encourage all participants to bring a drink (in a container they can refill) and a packed lunch, however there will be areas both indoors and outdoors where you can purchase hot and cold food and drinks from.

8 **CONTACTS**

Event staff will be across the facility in Green polo shirts with a green ID badge, please ask if you require any assistance.

The event manager should you require anything on or before the day is:

Emma Bannersley / 0330 20 20 280 / 07722 259 039

Further Information & all documents relating to the event can be found on the Yorkshire Sport Foundation website: [http://www.yorkshiresport.org/sginfo](http://www.yorkshiresport.org/sginfo) including the full Event Manual which should answer any outstanding questions you may have.

We wish you and your team success in your competition and more importantly that it is an enjoyable experience for all.
### Competition Info – Tag Rugby League

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<td>Format:</td>
<td>Tag-Rugby League</td>
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<td>Age group(s):</td>
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<td>Sport Organiser:</td>
<td>Charlie Pyatt (SGO) &amp; Leeds Rhinos</td>
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<td>Team &amp; squad numbers:</td>
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<td>Team of 7 players on the field</td>
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<td>Level 3 qualification:</td>
<td>Top 4 teams per district</td>
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Tag Rugby Rules

Festival Format

1. 7 a side no gender quota, unlimited substitutions from a max squad size of 10.
2. Games will be played with a size 4 ball.
3. Duration of matches will be 7-12 minutes one way depending on the number of games being played on that day. Players will not exceed 50 minutes of playing time in one day.
4. Festivals will be played in a round robin format followed by knockout stages to decide qualifiers depending on the number of teams in attendance.
5. Playing areas must not exceed 60 x 30m.
6. All players must wear a Tag belt with 2 tags attached around their waist, all loose clothing must be tucked in.

Playing Rules

1. The team in attack will have possession of the ball for a total number of 6 tags
2. Ball carriers can run or dodge to avoid potential taggers.
3. Ball carriers cannot fend, guard, shield, barge or spin to avoid having tags removed, if this occurs the referee will class this as a tag and ask the attacking player to play the ball.
4. A Try is scored in the normal way of placing or touching the ball on or over the opponents try line.
5. If tagged in the act of scoring the try will be awarded.
6. Diving to score a try is not permitted and will be classed as a tag.
7. After a try is scored the non-scoring team will restart the game with a Play the Ball on the half way line.
8. If after 6 tags a try has not been scored the ball will be handed over to the defending team at the position of the last tag.
9. Ball carriers must pass backwards in relation to the direction that their team is attacking.
10. Any forward pass, knock on or player running out of bounds will result in the ball being turned over to the defending team.
11. Play The Ball
   - The Ball carrier must return to the spot where the tag occurred
   - Facing the direction they are attacking the player places the ball on the ground and rolls the ball backwards using their foot to a team mate
• The player gathering the ball from this position (Called dummy half) must pass from the Play the Ball. The Dummy half can take a step laterally to assist passing but must not advance forward.
• The dummy half cannot score
12. The defence must maintain a distance of at least 5m until the dummy half passes the ball and must retreat 5m after each tag. The dummy half must not deliberately delay the pass from the play the ball.
13. No markers are used in Tag Rugby.
14. If a defender does not retreat 5m they will be deemed to be offside. If a Tag is made from an offside position the attacker will be asked to play the ball as normal, however the tag will not count towards the tag count.
15. Tagging
• Only the player in possession of the ball can be tagged.
• A tag is simply the removal of 1 of the 2 tags from the ball carrier.
• When a defender has removed a tag they must place the tag on the floor at the place the tag was made and retreat onside with the other defenders.
• The defender must not throw the tag away.
• If it is too windy to place the tag on the floor without blowing away the defender must wait for the attacker to return to the position the tag was made and hand over the tag before retreating on side.
• Stealing or interfering with the ball in any way is not allowed and will result with the ball being handed back to the attacker to play the ball but will not count towards the tag count
• Diving to make a tag is not permitted and will result in the attacker playing the ball but will not count towards the tag count.
16. No Kicking is allowed.
17. Any acts of unsporting behavior will result in the ball being turned over to the non-offending team at the position the offence occurred.

Glossary of Terms
• Play The Ball – The method of restarting play after a tag has been removed or possession has been handed over.
• Dummy Half – This is the name given to the player who is in position to pick the ball up from the play the ball (Also refereed to as ‘Hooker’ or “acting half back”
• Handover/turnover – This is when possession given to the defending team.
• Ball stealing – The action of the defender intentionally stripping the ball out of the attacking players grip.
• Offside – A defensive player who has not retreated 5m after a tag has been made
- **Forward Pass** – Forwards and backwards refer to the direction a team/player is attacking not the body position of the player, therefore if a ball is passed and travels towards the try line they are attacking it will be deemed a forward pass.
- **Knock on** – Ball is dropped or deflected forward by and hits the floor or another player.
- **Marker** – refereeing to full 13 a side rules in which 2 defending players stand directly in front of the play the ball after a completed tackle. These players do not need to retreat back into the defensive line.
Withdrawal of Photography Consent

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Throughout the School Games we would like to take photographs and videos during the event to display in a variety of different places including newspapers, websites, social media, newsletters, and sponsorship/promotional brochures.

In order to do this we need your permission to allow your child’s image to be recorded. If you withdraw consent for images to be recorded and published it will not affect their participation in School Games, however may affect participation in certain elements such as the opening ceremony or medal presentations. Any published images will not include the children’s names in accordance with Yorkshire Sport Foundations safeguarding policy.

Yorkshire Sport Foundation will be taking their own photographs at the event but local newspapers and television may also attend.

If you wish to discuss any of the above with me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you wish to withdraw your consent for your child’s photography to be used for the School Games 2020 please complete the attached pro-forma.

If you do not withdraw consent we will assume consent is granted. You should not return the pro-forma if you are happy to allow your child to take part in the items above.

Yours sincerely

Dan Wilson
School Games Manager
emma.binnersley@yorkshiresport.org / 07722 259 039

I would like to withdraw my Consent for my child:  
Name:____________________________

School: ____________________________  District: ____________________________

To have their images recorded and published at the School games 2020 (I understand this may affect their participation in some elements of the event.)

Signed: ____________________________  Relationship to child: ____________________

Print name: _________________________  Date: _____________________________
WELFARE & SAFEGUARDING SUMMARY

SCHOOL TEAMS

Each school team competing in the level 3 School Games is required to have a nominated Team Manager. Team Managers and additional school staff are responsible for their team members at all times during School Games events – including supervision, health and safety, welfare, behaviour and conduct. This includes ensuring that the young people are appropriately trained and prepared for the event in which they are competing.

Team manager selection is at the discretion of the school. This will usually be a member of the teaching staff and they will have FULL responsibility for the young people in attendance at the Games. Yorkshire Sport Foundation will hold details of each of the team managers in attendance for emergency situations. Therefore, please ensure you have provided your mobile phone contacts prior to the event and during registration.

School Team Managers are required to collect ALL relevant personal information for ALL their participants, including additional staff members.

Team Managers MUST have the following information with them on the day of the event:

✓ Individual emergency contact details for parents – including mobile phone contacts

✓ Information about the specific care needs of any disabled participant. Consent will be obtained from the participants’ parent of any required intimate care needs to be met by staff/volunteers acting in ‘loco parentis’ at the Games.

✓ Information about any medical condition/allergies their child may have – where relevant they must supply sufficient medication for the duration of the event that is to be met by the staff acting in ‘loco parentis’. Consent has also been requested for any treatment to be administered (such as anaesthetics) to the participant in the event of any illness/accident.

✓ Photographic and video consent for their team members. Please return the withdrawal of consent form as soon as possible and if relevant make it known to event staff on the day any young people who do not have consent.
✓ Information about transport arrangements for the event.

✓ Information about any specific religious/cultural needs e.g. time/space to pray.

Please share this information with the school’s Senior Leadership Team.

SPORT ORGANISERS

The delivery of the sports competitions is integral to the School Games and the welfare of all participants. Sport Organisers will:

✓ Be responsible for the organisation and delivery of their respective competition. They will be the first point of contact on all aspects of their event.

✓ Ensure they are familiar with the sports facilities and facility guidance.

✓ Complete a pre-activity checklist before the arrival and start of their competition.

✓ Read and understand the School Games Event Manual and Welfare Plan (provided by Yorkshire Sport Foundation). If details are unclear then advice must be sought from event staff. All reporting procedures should be clear.

Ensure they maintain regular contact and communication with their assigned zone coordinator from the event staff team.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The event managers, in partnership with the Local Organising Committee Group:

✓ Will produce the welfare plan and manage implementation of the plan in collaboration with the LOC, Competition Group and delivery partners.

✓ Nominate a Welfare Officer (and deputy) for the duration of the School Games events.
✓ Will aim for best practice in terms of recruitment, selection and training of event staff, ensuring minimum training requirements are adhered to. This includes specific welfare training for all event staff prior to the date of the Games to ensure the staff team is confident in their welfare duties. **All Yorkshire Sport Foundation staff will be trained in dealing with welfare issues and incidents.**

✓ Will NOT hold individual participant information.

✓ Will put disciplinary procedures in place for staff/volunteers working at events.

✓ Will ensure staff are clearly identifiable, via the event uniforms and ID badges. Event staff identified by **GREEN** ID badge and polo shirt.

✓ Will ensure there’s a clear reporting procedure for staff so they know what to do regarding any incident related to child welfare. There will also be a system for them to record any concerns/incidents.

✓ Will ensure there’s an opportunity for staff to debrief and report during and at the end of the event

✓ Will ensure there is sufficient first aid provision.