



# Newsletter



September 2015

Welcome to the September edition of the Chester SSP newsletter, we hope that you have had an enjoyable summer holiday break and are now looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

We wish you a successful year this year, and hope that the children are all eager to be involved in sport at your school.

If your school has a new Head Teacher or PE Co-Ordinator / Subject Lead, please can you contact us with the latest details so that we can update our mailing database. If you are new to your role at school and would like to meet one of us to discuss sport in your school, and the work that the School Sport Partnership do, then please contact Claire or Elizabeth (contact details are on the back page).

Our first event this year is the Year 3&4 Tag Rugby Mega Fest which is on Thursday 15th October, we look forward to seeing you there!

## New Website!

The Chester School Sport Partnership website is now live. Here we have information on competitions, leadership, School Games Mark, Change 4 Life, CPD and lots more. From now onwards if you wish to enter a sports competition, please can you do so on line: [www.chesterssp.co.uk](http://www.chesterssp.co.uk).

## Year 5&6 Kwik Cricket County Finals

Congratulations to the Kwik Cricket team from Dee Banks School which represented Chester at the Cheshire and Warrington County Finals in Warrington in July. Owen Williamson from the Cheshire Cricket board said 'the children had a fantastic time at the event, well done! '.

## School Games Mark 2014-2015.

Thank you and congratulations to the following schools who have applied for the 2014-2015 School Games Mark since July:

Waverton Community Primary School (Gold), Overleigh St Mary's CE Primary School (Gold)

Highfield Community Primary School (Gold), Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary School (Gold)

Blacon High School (Silver), The Catholic High School (Silver)

The deadline for schools to apply is 30th September. If you need any assistance / advice in applying, please contact Elizabeth Newstead.



## Samba Goals Prize Draw 2015-2016

We have two more sets of Samba Goals (one for a secondary school and one for a primary school) which we will be giving away this term. Please refer to the entry criteria below for details:

Criteria for secondary schools:

- The school must have a Change 4 Life Club, or a sports club which attracts the non-sporty to take part. At the end of the term, the school must provide a set of data which includes the number of participants, SEN, number of leaders etc.
- The school must have a sports leaders programme and be willing to provide sports leaders to SSP events in 2015-2016.
- The school must apply for the 2014-2015 School Games Mark before 30th September 2015.
- The school must have Silver / Gold Young Ambassadors for the 2015-2016 year.
- The school must have a sports council / School Sport Organising Committee set up before the end of the autumn term.

Criteria for primary schools:

- The school must be a SSP Member School for 2015-2016.
- The school must have a Change 4 Life Club, or a sports club which attracts the non-sporty to take part. At the end of the term, the school must provide a set of data which includes the number of participants, SEN, number of leaders etc.
- The school must apply for the 2014-2015 School Games Mark before 30th September 2015.
- The school must have a sports council / School Sport Organising Crew set up before the end of the autumn term.
- Your school must have Bronze Young Ambassadors for the 2015-2016 year.
- The school must complete the SSP autumn survey (this will be sent to schools in November / December).

If your school won the prize draw in the summer term 2015, unfortunately you are not eligible to enter this prize draw.

All eligible schools will be entered into a prize draw which will take place the last week of the autumn school term.

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## Playground Leaders Course

On Thursday 29th October during half term, there will be a Playground Leaders Training day at Blacon High School. This is open for children in years 5&6 from Member Schools of the Sports Partnership, and is free of charge.

The aim of Playground Leaders is to introduce and develop leadership skills by developing and organising activities for other children in the playground. They will learn skills such as communication, fair play, organising groups / teams and the STEP principle (space, task, equipment and people). At the end of the day the children will leave with a resource guide of a selection of games and activities that they can then lead on in the playground with the other children.

Invitations will be sent to all Member schools early October to select up to four pupils to attend this training day. The training will be delivered with the assistance of Judith Gilmour from CEPD.

## School Games Sports Formats, Competition Cards and Challenges

Have you had a look recently at the School Games website? There are hundreds of resources available for you to download free of charge, giving you ideas for PE lessons, competitions and challenges. The easy to use cards can be printed out and shared amongst colleagues and leaders in your school.



The intra-school competition formats for primary schools are designed as competitive challenges leading to a recognisable competition in that sport. They help pupils to learn the skills of the game - and how to win and lose.

The National Governing Bodies have worked to ensure that the formats for the School Games contribute to this transition to community sport, and ensure that young people have a similar experience in clubs as they have in school.



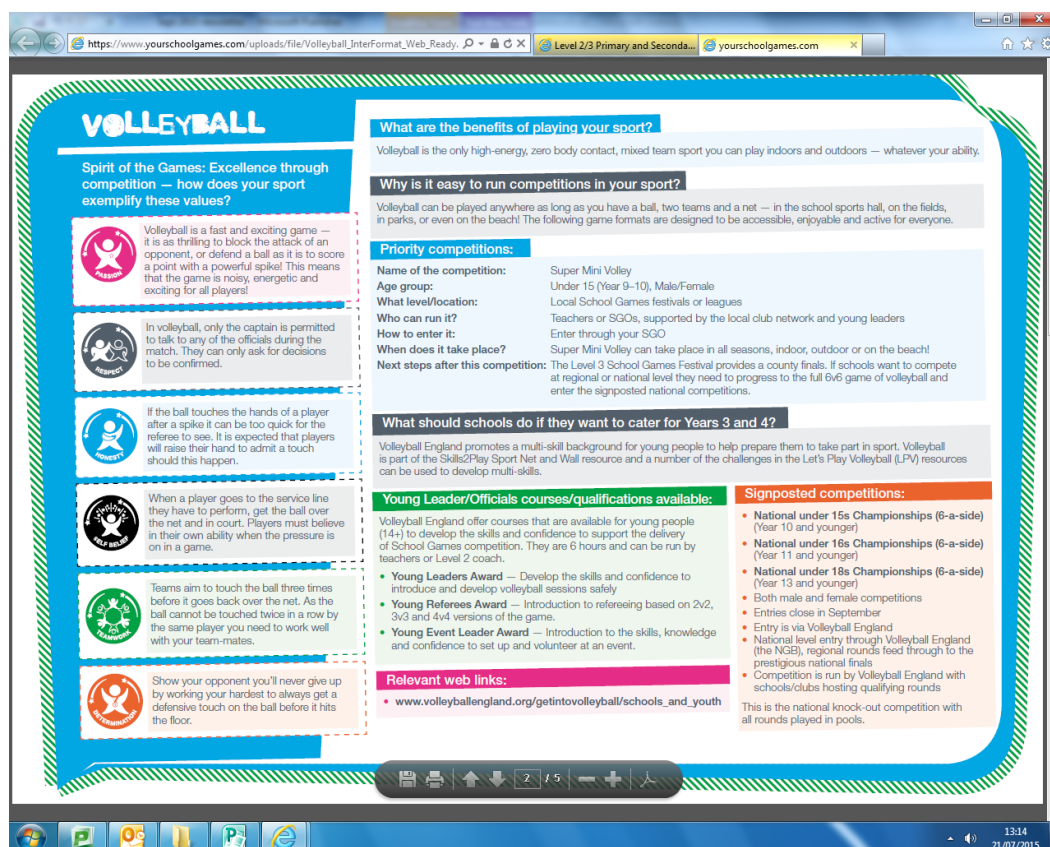


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The intra-school competition formats for secondary schools are traditional, modified and alternative formats of sports to appeal to all young people. These will help schools decide on how they want to take part in sports in the School Games.

The inter-school competition formats for both primary and secondary schools contain priority competition formats and additional information to help your school to take part. Also sign posts information on other school-age competitions.



Check out: [www.yourschoolgames.com/sports](http://www.yourschoolgames.com/sports)

## School Rugby Ambassadors

The Youth Sport Trust School Rugby Ambassador programme will develop young leaders in secondary schools across the country to become School Rugby Ambassadors for Rugby World Cup 2015.

These ambassadors will use their new leadership and communication skills to inform and excite pupils about rugby and Rugby World Cup 2015 through events, assemblies, competitions, and whole school engagement within their own school and surrounding primary schools. Through national newsletters and competitions, the programme will recognise and reward School Rugby Ambassadors - bringing them closer to the action.

### How can your school get involved?

The programme suggests for schools to recruit 4 School Rugby Ambassadors, two female and two male to work both within their own secondary school and with surrounding primary schools. These young people will be able to download supporting resources and receive newsletters with ideas and opportunities to inspire and engage them.

Please log onto the website link below for more information and to register.

<http://www.youthsporttrust.org/how-we-can-help/rugby-world-cup-2015/school-rugby-ambassadors.aspx>

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## Primary School Membership

There is still time for schools not yet signed up to the School Sport Partnership to join for the academic year. Benefits of being a Member School include:

- A leadership programme for primary schools.
- Entrance into competitions, including A & B teams and Project Ability events.
- Intensive School Swimming Programme.
- CPD Programme
- Youth Sport Trust Membership

and much more. To discuss the Membership, please contact Claire Smedley.

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## School Sport Organising Crews / Committees

School Sport Organising Crews (primary) / Committees (secondary) are groups of young people who join together to lead the planning and delivery of school sport clubs and intra-school competition programmes in their school. Some schools know these as School Sports Councils. They influence and shape the school sport offer for their peers through deciding on the types of competitions to be held, their structure and where and when they take place, making it more attractive and accessible for all young people.

To aid the development of School Sport Organising Crews / Committees in your school, please refer to the School Games website on [www.yourschoolgames.com](http://www.yourschoolgames.com). Alternatively we can come to your school to aid you in this process.

If you would like some help in setting up your Crew / Committee, please contact Claire Smedley or Elizabeth Newstead and we can meet with some of the young people involved and help them to set one up in your school.

## Dates for your diary 2015-2016

### September

Primary Schools

Secondary Schools

Primary &amp; Secondary

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

### October

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15 Year 3&4 Tag Rugby Competition	16
19	20	21	22 Year 5&6 Tag Rugby Competition	23
26 Half term	27 Half term	28 Half term	29 Playground Leaders Course	30 Half term

### November

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3	4 Bronze & Silver Young Ambassador Training Day	5	6
9	10	11 Year 5&6 Quick Sticks Hockey Competition	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25 Sitting Volleyball Competition	26	27
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## Spirit of The Games Values

The School Games are promoting the Spirit of The Games Values again this year, therefore we will continue to hand out a Spirit of the Games Certificate to each school at every competition that we organise throughout the year. This is for the school to select any member of the school team who deserves special recognition for their performance during the competition. The six values are: Self Belief, Teamwork, Determination, Honesty, Passion and Respect.

A full description of each value can be found on the School Games website: [www.yourschoolgames.com](http://www.yourschoolgames.com)



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