

Competition Managers

Programme information sheet

WHAT IS IT?

In order to create a step change in the structure of competitive sport for young people, the Youth Sport Trust is currently introducing a network of Competition Manager teams across the country.

In total there will be 225 Competition Managers operational across the country by January 2009, covering 49 county areas and all 450 school sport partnerships.

What is the role of a Competition Manager?

Competition Managers will ensure that competitive sport is on offer at a local level within schools and that young people are trained and encouraged to take part in that sport. Vitally important to this role is also the work they'll undertake to ensure there is a network of officials to referee, umpire and judge the sport that is on offer.



What is their role in the school sport network?

The position of Competition Managers in the school sport network is not to replace the voluntary effort that is already in place, but to co-ordinate competitive sport more effectively and make sure as many schools and pupils as possible can take part in a wide range of competitive opportunities.

National Governing Bodies (NGBs) of sport play an important part in helping to shape competitive sport in schools and their close work with Competition Managers will ensure that the competition frameworks being developed by each sport can be applied consistently to all schools.

The new framework and the introduction of Competition Managers is designed to provide more structured and better opportunities for young people to take part in competitive sport, and to ensure that school-based opportunities are integrated with competitions provided by both clubs and the sports themselves. This should mean more consistent and better quality competition.

Ultimately this should enable all young people to have the opportunity to compete and progress at an appropriate level and provide increased levels of participation resulting in better, more structured talent pathways and a genuine 2012 legacy.



WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

“ As part of a wide programme of school sports competitions, we have delivered 156 competitions in the 07/08 academic year, touching 14,991 young people, 9053 of which haven't competed for their school before. ”

Lisa Blacow, Senior Competition Manager, West of England Sport Trust

To date, 225 Competitions Managers have been appointed.

During the academic year 2007-2008 there was a national average of 708 competitions held each month with a national average of 49,000 competitors attending these competitions.

Strong links have been made with other strands of the PE and Sport Strategy for Young People (PESSYP) through providing young officials and volunteers the opportunity to implement the skills they have acquired. Greater Manchester trained and deployed their volunteers to help with overseeing the delivery of a county wide multi-sport event for primary school children.

Strong links have also been made with Young Official Development Officers to help support the delivery of competitions.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

For further information on the work of Competition Managers please contact sport@youthsporttrust.org

To access copies of the National Competition Calendar and Competition Manager Work Programme 2009/10, please visit the School Sport Xchange via the Youth Sport Trust website www.youthsporttrust.org

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