

District Scouts Sports Day 2016

Please find attached the information for this years District Scouts Sports Day. As previously notified the event is on **Sunday 10th July at Ladywell Athletics Track.**

As usual there will be an overall troop competition with the scouts divided into juniors and seniors. Juniors are scouts up to the age of 13 years but not 13 and seniors are scouts between 13 and 14 years 6 months.

Please note you must stay in the same age range for the whole of the day. Juniors may run as seniors but must stay in that category for the whole of the event. Clearly, seniors may not run as juniors.

Specialist Events

- The specialist events are Long Jump, High Jump and Discuss or Shot.
- They will begin promptly at **10.30am**. Scouts may arrive to register for the specialist events from 9.30am. Please note **10.30am** is the latest time to register for the specialist events; anyone arriving after this time will not be allowed to participate in the High Jump, Long Jump or Discuss / Shot.
- Registration may only be made in person by the scout entering the event(s). Leaders could you please ensure that that you make the times clear to your Scouts. We have had a couple of instances in previous years where one or two arrived late and it is unfair on the scouts and leaders who have made the effort to arrive on time and to put the organizers in the position of changing the rules just to suit one or two.
- All troops may enter 2 juniors and 2 seniors for each specialist event.
- Scouts may enter more than 1 specialist event simultaneously but please be mindful that it is a team / troop event so please encourage / allow all to take part.

Track Events

- The track events are, 800 meters, 400 meters, 200 meters, 100 meters and 4 * 100 metres relay.
- They will begin at **12.15pm** so all troops must be present, changed and ready to go at this time. Therefore, a meeting time well before 11.45am would be advisable.
- All troops may enter 2 juniors and 2 seniors for all track events.

Other Events

- The Assault Course and Tug of War will follow the track events.
- Assault Course – Teams of 4 scouts with no more than 2 seniors in a team.
- Tug of War – Teams of 5 scouts with no more than 3 seniors in a team.

- Troops may enter more than 1 team for the above events however, only the highest placed team will score points. For example if the 28th finish 1st and 2nd in the Assault Course and the 25th finish 3rd then the 28th will only score points for 1st place and the 25th will be promoted to 2nd place.
- Please note, I reserve the right to put in another event / race during the afternoon if time, numbers and circumstances dictate. If this happens then points scored will count towards the overall competition.

Points

- Points for the track events, specialist events and Tug of War and Assault Course will be scored as follows; 12 points (1st), 10, (2nd), 8 (3rd), 6 (4th), 4 (5th), 2 (6th). Please note there will be no points awarded in the heats, the first three in each heat will qualify for the final.

Summary of General Rules and Points

- Leaders please ensure your members are clear on what time to arrive. That is between **9.30am and 10.30**(but no later than **10.30am**) for the Specialist Events. The Track Events will start at **12.15pm** so anyone participating would need to have registered their name much earlier than this time.
- The Scout competition will be divided into juniors (up to 13 years but not 13 on the day) and seniors (13 years to 14 years & 6 months).
- We reserve the right to run heats or straight finals depending on the number of entries. The exception to this will be the 800 meters which will be run as a straight final no matter what the entry.
- Cost – £2 per person to be collected by Trevor on the day.
- Please note troops may enter 2 juniors and 2 seniors for the Specialist Events and the Track Events.
- I do need plenty of support on the day so I would be grateful if you could telephone me and let me know that you are able to provide some support.
- Please ensure you get paperwork out to your members in good time and continue to sell the event up to the day.
- The most important element is that all troops and as many members as possible turn up and enjoy the day. We have had some good numbers at Sports Day for the last few years and I am hoping that this year's event will be the same.

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