

School Games FAQs

1. What is the format of the priority competition?

At Inter School Team Score for Years 5/6/7 and Individual Score for Years 8/9/10 (although a multi-sport approach featuring the use of the other formats as a warm up/introduction is recommended).

2. Is there a progressive competitive pathway for this or would the county final date be flexible depending on our local need?

Our National Competition take place is Oct/Nov (more details can be found on the British Schools Orienteering Association [website](#)) so schools/SGOs/LOCs can be quite flexible however we suggest March – July.

3. Who would be available to run the county final itself, someone from British Orienteering or a local club?

There would be limited support from British Orienteering with regards to the running of the local/county finals but our local clubs/coaches may be in a position to provide this delivery support. You can you're your local club using our [club finder](#).

4. How many young leaders would be needed to help run a district or county final and how long does the Score course take?

The aim is for teams or individuals to visit as many controls marked on a map as they can in a set time (recommended 20 mins for Y5/6 and 30mins for Y7 - for Individual Score at years 8/9/10 45min onwards) but this is often dependent on the size of the mapped site (e.g. school ground or local park). A multi-sport approach featuring the use of the other formats as a warm up/introduction is recommended especially for schools new to the sport. There are various roles for YLs including timekeeping, Scorers (checking how many controls have been visited), Marshalls (positioned at out of bounds points/places of danger), Officials (to manage start and finish area) and 6 – 12 depending on the size of the site, the number of teams etc.

5. What costs would be involved in the running of a county final?

The costs would likely be determined by the club if supporting but are negligible – an expense is likely if you wanted a site mapped.



6. Is there any support available for local schools who wish to get involved so they can continue Orienteering back on their school site?

Teacher (16+) and Young Leader (14-19) training is available, see [Orienteering Training Courses](#). British Orienteering has a free [online registration system](#) for schools to receive additional up to date information, newsletters and resources.

7. How do the Orienteering formats support leagues or B/C/D teams?

Schools can bring multiple teams and if competing individually athletes can count as scorers within a school team (as in Cross Country). The agreement can be made that B, C, D teams can be brought.

8. What are club exit routes available?

Clubs provide a range of ways to continue orienteering through club training and events. Many clubs provide schools leagues/events already at a local level.

9. Who do I contact for more information?

Contact your [NGB Development Officer](#) or email schools@britishorienteering.org.uk for Orienteering Training Course requests or advice.