

Primary FOBISIA Games 2020 Starter Pack

The Journey to Phuket!

The following information is designed to give an overview of our timeline and process towards selecting a team to represent Bangkok Patana School at the annual Primary FOBISIA Games in June. I certainly hope that the notes below will help in any decision making that your family may need to make.

The Primary FOBISIA (Federation of British International Schools in Asia) Friendly Games is a sporting festival and competition for British International Schools across Asia. We select teams to represent Years 5 and 6.

The format for the Games will remain the same as this year which means that we will be selecting 10 Boys and 10 Girls from Year 5 and 10 Boys and 10 Girls from Year 6, giving us a team of 40 students. All competitors will compete across all 4 sports of swimming, athletics, Tee ball and football over 3 days of competition.

The Games will once again be held in Phuket at Thanyapura and take place between **Wednesday 3rd June and Sunday 7th of June**. We will compete on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Selection Criteria and ECAs

Selection is based on a number of criteria, including the overall balance of the age group team being selected, the children's performances during ECAs and various timed or measured events held during the selection process. The team is selected by a panel including members of our school Senior Leadership Team, Primary PE Team and relevant Heads of Academy.

Please be aware that trying out is an extensive time commitment and attending all of the ECAs does not guarantee selection. We will make an initial selection cut after ECA Block 2 and a final selection after ECA Block 3 which should allow those students not selected, time to make alternative ECA selections of their choice.

Please also note that the FOBISIA Team selection is final.

If children wish to be available for selection they must meet the following ECA criteria from Block 2 onwards. There are no expectations in Block 1 although we would always encourage students to play some football and swim if able to do so.

Please note that there may be extended ECAs or fixtures for FOBISIA triallists and eventual team members when school transport may not be available. Parents will need to make alternative transport arrangements should this situation arise.

Block 2 ECA commitments beginning Monday 25th November

Monday plus: Y5 and 6 Girls or Boys Football ECA (**compulsory**) – *This can either be our Primary PE led Monday ECA in Block 2 or any of our Football Academy sessions during the week or on a Saturday. **Parental sign up required.***

Tuesday: Tee Ball ECA (**compulsory**) – *Automatic sign up when you sign your child up as a FOBISIA triallist. This will be a 2.30 to 4.30pm ECA.*

Wednesday: Optional Non Tiger Shark FOBISIA Swimming ECA for children who are not already Tiger Shark swimmers from 2.30pm to 3.30pm @ 25m Pool. – **Parental sign up required.** (This is an optional ECA, but all children have to attend at least one of the two FOBISIA Swim time trials during Block 2 and 3)

Thursday: Athletics ECA (optional but recommended in preparation for Record Breakers on **Saturday 22nd February**. All students continuing the selection process must attend unless a very good reason can be provided) – **Parental sign up required**

If your child fully understands the level of commitment expected, and would like to try out, you need to sign them up for the relevant year group Girls or Boys FOBISIA Games option on the ECA sign up for Block 2 which begins on Monday 25th November.

Block 3 and 4 commitments if invited to continue the selection process

If invited to continue trying out for our 2020 FOBISIA Team after Block 2 your child **must attend** a Football ECA plus Tuesday Tee Ball and Thursday Athletics ECAs. Our Wednesday Swimming ECA for any non-Tiger Shark swimmers will remain optional in Block 3. If finally selected after Block 3 your child will need to continue with their Block 3 FOBISIA ECAs into Block 4.

If you have any questions regarding this years' FOBISIA Games please do contact me at antt@patana.ac.th

We certainly feel that all students benefit from the process of trying out across the 4 sports, whether they make the final team or not. With this in mind, we would always encourage your sporty child to give it a go!

Good luck to all of those Year 5 and 6 risk takers out there who are willing to take up the FOBISIA challenge for 2020!

Yours sincerely,

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