

Dear all,

We would like to inform you that the Suffolk Schools Track and Field Competition will be held, in conjunction with the Suffolk Athletics Championships, on Sunday 11th May 2025 at Bury St Edmunds. We would urge Athletics staff to encourage as many athletes as possible to enter. I appreciate little or no athletics will have been done in schools yet, but hopefully you will have some results from last summer that may highlight some potentials for you. Below are some of the details you may need.

- The Suffolk Schools' event is open to the usual Juniors / Under 15 (Years 8 & 9) Inters / Under 17 (Years 10 & 11) and Seniors / Under 19 (Years 12 & 13). However please note that competitors in the Senior event may well compete against U20s depending on numbers – results will then be split between ages. The Minors / Under 13 (Years 6 & 7) age group are only eligible to enter the Suffolk Athletics Championship, **NOT** the Schools' competition. Events for the different age groups are listed on the attached document and also appear on the websites.
- Entry for the Competitions is via the [SportSoft Online website](#) **ONLY** and must be done by the athlete/parent/guardian and not by the schools. When filling out the Entry Form, it is important to annotate whether the athlete is entering both competitions or just the Schools' Event. There is an entry fee for the events which is reduced if the athlete is only competing in the Schools' competition. Fuller details on the conditions of entry are on the attached document.
- Deadline for entries is **Friday 25th April 2025**
- This is the first round for selection for English Schools. Please do let us know in advance of the event if you have an athlete who is injured. Following on selection will be done on a combination of results from the Suffolk Schools' competition and results achieved by athletes at additional events, as long as they are verifiable on the Power of 10 website. There will be a form on the Suffolk Schools' Athletics Website for athletes to register any achievements.
- The [Suffolk Schools Athletics Website](#) will also be updated regularly as we progress through the season.

Finally, and my biggest plea, like so many clubs and activities, The Championships are reliant on volunteers. From the organisers and officials through to marshals and helpers, it would not go ahead without them. Some years ago we were forced to combine the two championships as we could not secure enough people to run the Schools' event as a standalone one. We are now perilously close to being in the same position with this collaborative event. If you are able to offer anytime at all, even if it is just for an hour at some point in the day, please get in touch. If you could pass this message out to parents and colleagues we would be eternally grateful.

If you have any further questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact either Hayley or myself at the email addresses below.

Many thanks,

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