



# Team Leicestershire

## General Rules & Formats

(To be used in conjunction with sport-specific handbooks)

### 2018-2019



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# Welcome

Welcome to the 2018/19 Team Leicestershire Season. All key information and general rules are included within this document. For sport-specific information, rules, formats and age groups please refer to the handbook relevant to that sport.

## Team Leicestershire Vision

*Team Leicestershire aims to ensure that every young person in every school has the opportunity to compete in a variety of school sports/competitions at an appropriate level*

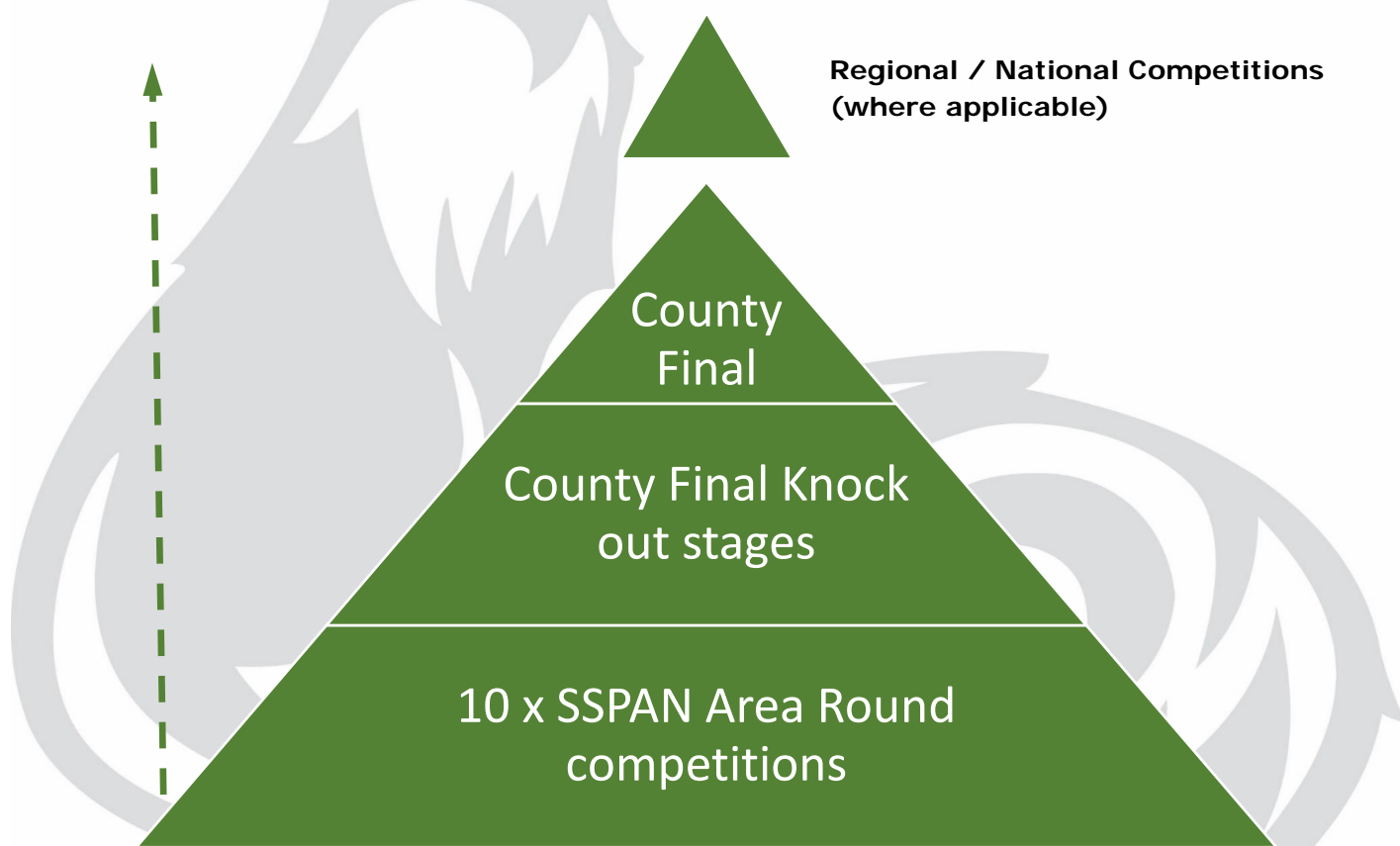
The rules and formats within this document have been made with the best interests of the athlete at heart. It is up to schools to promote the best values of sport to their students and share in the vision that Team Leicestershire and its members uphold.

## Team Leicestershire Awards Evening

Team Leicestershire recognises the importance of celebrating the sporting successes of our County Champion teams and athletes. As a result, winning teams from the 2018/19 season will be invited to the Team Leicestershire Awards Evening. This event will recognise each of the Team Leicestershire winning teams from the 2018-19 academic year, including those that progress to regional and national finals.

## Team Leicestershire Competition Structure

School teams will compete in local fixtures, central venue leagues or tournaments to determine a local winner within their SSPAN Partnership Area. This side will progress to represent their area at the knock-out stages of the County Finals alongside representatives from 9 other local areas. The knock-out stages of each competition will be randomly drawn by the relevant Association. Winners of County Finals will not only be recognised as County Champions at the Team Leicestershire Awards Evening, but in some sports (where applicable) will progress to represent the County at Regional Finals as Team Leicestershire athletes.







## Website




The Team Leicestershire programme is centrally managed through the website. All competitions, fixtures, deadlines and information will be available online at <https://www.teamleicestershire.org/>. Schools are responsible for uploading their own results and monitoring & evaluation data (squad lists) to the site, which will result in the smooth running of each competition.

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## Deadlines

-  All deadlines will be made available in the school sport calendar at the start of the academic year. These deadlines are final. It is each school's responsibility to ensure they are aware of these deadlines and adhere to them.
-  The progression of teams from the local rounds to County Finals will be based on the league/pool standings on the Team Leicestershire website. If results are incomplete at the time of the deadlines stated, teams will be selected on an 'as it stands basis', and no concessions will be made. It is the responsibility of both schools and SGOs to ensure these are up-to-date by the agreed deadlines.
-  Knock-out stage fixtures must be played in adherence to the deadlines set out in the respective sports' Team Leicestershire Handbook and on the website.
  - Both competing teams must provide at least 2 dates on which they can play the fixture.
  - If either team is unable to provide at least 2 dates and the fixture cannot be played as a result, then that team will forfeit their place in the competition.
  - If necessary to ensure that the fixture can be played, the draw can be reversed and the Away team would host.
  - If a date cannot be agreed following the above procedure, then an alternative means of identifying a winner must be used i.e. a coin toss.
-  It is imperative that Team Managers upload all results and other necessary information onto the Team Leicestershire Fixtures website as soon as possible after a fixture is played ([www.teamleicestershire.org](http://www.teamleicestershire.org)). This will ensure the smooth running of the league by reducing the demand on your time in arranging fixtures.

## Qualified Referees/Officials

-  The refereeing/umpiring of the various knock out fixtures must adhere to the rules set out in each individual sports' handbook.
-  Where officials are required, the cost will be covered by the Home side, as the Away team will incur transport costs.
-  Qualified Referees and Officials will be provided for each Team Leicestershire Final by the relevant Association.

## 'Playing up'

-  Players may not compete for more than one year group. If a player is played up one year group, they may not play in their actual year group in addition to this.
-  Players may only 'play up' into another year group when this is permitted by the rules of the sport's governing body (E.g. the FA, ECB, etc.).

## Competition Formats & Rules






### Local Area Rounds

- The format of Local Area Rounds is chosen at the discretion of the SGO. Formats are flexible to ensure that competitions are appropriate and can be completed on time.
- The rules of Local Area Rounds however will be the same as those set out in the individual Handbooks, unless alterations are agreed between the Association and SGO.

### Knock Out Stages

- The format of the Knock Out Stages of competitions are set out in the sport-specific Team Leicestershire Handbook. This format must be adhered to for all Knock Out fixtures.
- The relevant Association maintains overall say on the rules and formats of a competition. Decisions made by the Association are final and binding.

## Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E)

-  All schools **MUST** upload M&E to the site prior to entering a competition. Failure to upload this M&E will result in a school not taking place in a competition, unless there is good reason for this, with prior agreement with Team Leicestershire.
-  Aligned with the above, each school must enter this M&E per team, so that there is an identifiable team for each competition they enter.
-  This can be achieved via SIMS, or a manual process.
-  Team Leicestershire will provide guides on this process.
-  Team Leicestershire will share valuable M&E data with schools towards the end of the academic year so that schools can evidence the impact of extracurricular competition.

## Resolutions procedure

Any dispute regarding player eligibility, rules, format, score or otherwise needs to be raised and if possible resolved at the time of the fixture between school staff.

If the dispute cannot be resolved immediately, then a full report of the incident needs to be submitted to LRS on behalf of Team Leicestershire. Both teams/schools involved must submit a report to ensure both sides are considered.

The relevant Association for that sport will decide on the appropriate action to resolve the dispute. The Associations' decision is final.