

Mendip Junior Schools Cross Country League 2017/18

Dear Colleague,

Please find enclosed information about this year's Mendip Junior Cross Country League.

The league continues to be supported by Mendip Athletics Club, both financially and by providing many of the officials needed to run the events as well as League Sponsor Wyke Farms. Please note the timing for our second fixture – I would like to get the first race underway 15 minutes earlier so that we can finish in the light! This is to avoid you all having to organise your teams on the second day of the half-term. The final fixture is also a week later due to a clash with the area Tag-Rugby tournament. Venue details post xmas will be confirmed in due course.

The first fixture this year will be at Millfield Junior School at Edgarley, just outside Glastonbury. We have arrangements to park on some grassed areas in addition to the hard standing, but the venue may be in jeopardy next year if too many cars turn up – so PLEASE tell your parents to SHARE TRANSPORT and not come on their own! The first race will be held back till 4:15pm as it is going to be very busy getting numbers distributed to everyone before the first race – you should aim to arrive at the usual time that would be good for a 4pm start! We should be finished by 5:15pm.

Please can you confirm your intention to participate in this year's league by filling in the enclosed Team Declaration Sheet and sending it, **together with your payment**, to arrive no later than Thursday 28th September. If you are able to send your team declaration electronically a pro-former Excel Spreadsheet is provided and will also be posted onto the league web-site at www.MendipJuniorAthletics.org.uk. This saves me much typing!

Unfortunately, as some schools continue to fail to make prompt payments, I am stipulating that **ONLY SCHOOLS WHO ARE FULLY PAID UP PRIOR TO THE FIRST EVENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE**. This should not have any impact on the majority of schools to have always been very good in this regard.

Race numbers will be supplied, but note that **pins will not be provided**. Please also note the following:

- Please destroy any old numbers that you have. Several youngsters challenge me every race by running in last year's number (or in one case a number from two years previously!)
- Numbers must be worn only by the children named on your declaration – no substitutions will be allowed, but you are allowed to add new runners to your declaration prior to every race.
- Children must keep the same number throughout the league. Write each child's name on the front of their number and the collect numbers (and pins!) after each race.
- An allowance for 40 children per school is included within your basic entry fee. If you have any extras they will be allowed to run if numbers allow (we have changed venues to ensure that we will be able to cater for everyone). You **must** inform the organisers beforehand. Extra numbers will be provided for these runners. A charge of £1 per extra number will be made.
- Lost numbers – see the results manager. Please do not make your own – They are coded to ensure every child competes in the appropriate race and also carry our sponsor's logo. Also, I need to be able to read the numbers on the finish video!!
- Race numbers must be pinned to the **front** of the children's T-shirts. They should be fixed at each corner so that they are always visible. I often have to resort to my finish-line video to resolve problems, so non-visible numbers cause me many problems! Please note that the numbers are **weather** and **tear-proof** so that they should last the whole season.
- School colours should be worn (no club vests please) – spiked shoes are allowed but not essential.
- Two inter-area matches will be held during the season. The first, at the end of October, will be in Bristol against Bristol, BANES, North Somerset and South Gloucester. The second will be at the start of summer term and will be against Ansford, Chard, Taunton, Minehead, Sedgemoor, Langport and Yeovil. The Bristol event only includes a single age-group, while the end of season event will include races for both the Lower school and Upper school.
- Results will be posted on the league website, at www.MendipJuniorAthletics.org.uk, generally within two days of each fixture and will (hopefully) appear in the following weeks Mid Somerset Journal.

May I wish you and your children every success in the League, and we look forward to seeing you all on October 3rd. If you have any need to contact me, I can be reached at 0798 5160526 during the evening or in an emergency please text my mobile and I will get back to you as quickly as I can.

Yours in sport,

Ian Humphreys, Mendip Junior Schools Cross Country League Organiser.

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- **Entry Fee £50 per school (only 25p per runner per race!!)**
- **First three to score from each team.**
- **Best four race positions out of 5 (individual and team) decide awards.**
- **Prizes/trophies to overall league winners.**
- **Trophies for best overall “Small School” and “Large School”.**
- **Four race categories:**
 - Lower school girls (years 3&4)
 - Lower school boys (years 3&4)
 - Upper school girls (years 5&6)
 - Upper school boys (years 5&6)
- **Cross Country Fixture Dates: (all fixtures start 4pm)**
 - Tuesday 3rd October 2017 - Millfield Prep School, Glastonbury
 - Tuesday 7th November 2017 - Collett Park, Shepton Mallet – NOTE 3:45pm START
 - Tuesday 30th January 2018 - Downside School, Stratton-on-the-Fosse
 - Tuesday 27th February 2018 - Tor Woods, Wells (TBC)
 - Tuesday 27th March 2018 - Tor Leisure, Glastonbury
 - TBC - Inter-Area Match - Ashton Court Estate, Bristol (TBC)
 - Tuesday 24th April 2018 - Inter-Area Match - (venue TBC)
- **Other Fixture Dates:**
 - Sunday 10th December 2017 - Somerset Clubs XC Championships, Bath University
 - Sunday 7th January 2018 - South West XC Championships, Exeter (TBC)
 - Saturday 10th March 2018 - Somerset Primary Schools Championships, Taunton
 - Date to be confirmed - Mini-Olympics, Millfield Track, Street
 - Date to be confirmed - Inter-Area Mini-Olympics, Millfield

Please note that information about the Sportshall competitions will be distributed separately.

- **League web-site:** www.MendipJuniorAthletics.org.uk

TEAM DECLARATION FORM – 2017/18

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SCHOOL: _____

Please Supply Names In Full (Firstname, Surname) IN CAPITALS

LOWER SCHOOL GIRLS (Yr 3 & 4) <small>(maximum 10 children)</small>			LOWER SCHOOL BOYS (Yr 3 & 4) <small>(maximum 10 children)</small>		
Office Use Only	Name of Participant (BLOCK CAPS)	Year Group	Office Use Only	Name of Participant (BLOCK CAPS)	Year Group

UPPER SCHOOL GIRLS (Yr 5 & 6) <small>(maximum 10 children)</small>			UPPER SCHOOL BOYS (Yr 5 & 6) <small>(maximum 10 children)</small>		
Office Use Only	Name of Participant (BLOCK CAPS)	Year Group	Office Use Only	Name of Participant (BLOCK CAPS)	Year Group

Please return EXCEL file via E-Mail by **FRIDAY 1st OCTOBER**, or via Post by **THURSDAY 30th SEPTEMBER**. Entries not received by this date cannot be guaranteed entry into the competition.

PLEASE NOTE: Entries NOT ACCOMPANIED by League Fees WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____

Return To: Ian Humphreys, 6 Nettle Combe View, South Horrington Village, Wells BA5 3QF or via e-mail (address given below). Please copy sheet for additional runners. A £1 charge will be made for each additional runner.

An electronic version of this form will be available on the web at www.MendipJuniorAthletics.org.uk and may be submitted via e-mail to: Ian.Humphreys@freeuk.com.

REGISTRATION FORM
Mendip Junior Schools Cross Country League

Please accept our entry for the Mendip Junior Schools Cross Country League 2017/18:

UK: Athletics Permit Applied For

SCHOOL: _____

No on ROLL: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POST CODE: _____

SCHOOL TEL NO: _____ **FAX NO:** _____

E-MAIL: _____

Photography Policy

Photographs may be taken by a league appointed photographer at all Mendip Junior Athletic events. Such photographs remain the property of the league organisers and may be used for publicity or promotional purposes, both in the local press and on the league web-site. No child will be identified by name without the organisers seeking prior permission from those concerned. All parents/carers who would wish images of their child not to be used must notify the organisers in writing in advance. A video camera may be used to make an official record the finish of the races.

While it is not possible to prevent the general public from taking photographs at such events all photographers should be registered with the organisers prior to the start of each meeting. Unregistered photographers should be requested to refrain from taking photographs. Official photos will be made available for sale for a small fee via the league web-site. All such photographs will be supplied to the appropriate school for collection by the parent/carer.

Data Protection Policy

School contact details and names of Children will be held on a computer system for the purposes of the preparation of results and to allow further correspondence with the school.

DECLARATION: I declare that all athletes entered are amateurs as defined by the UKA rules and that I will abide by the laws and rules of the League. I understand that the League Organisers and any club, person or body involved in the organisation of the events will not be held liable for any injury, illness or loss, however occasioned, resulting from the events and no child will participate unless fit to do so. I have read and agree to the League's Photography Policy and Data Protection Policy. I accept the decision of the league organisers in any matters relating to the league and events as final. I enclose a cheque for **£50**, plus £1 per additional runner if you exceed 40 per school, payable to **MENDIP ATHLETICS CLUB**.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____

Please return by **THURSDAY 28th September**. Entries not received by this date cannot be guaranteed entry into the competition.

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