

Mendip Junior Schools Cross Country League 2019/20

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! 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, as with all venues the increased numbers attending place a strain on available parking facilities - 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 by email to arrive no later than Wednesday 25th 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! This year my club treasurer has agreed to take over the payments side of things, so you will be invoiced once I have your entry details. There are still several schools who owe some monies from last year – you will get a further invoice to take care of this.

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 SECOND 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 – if you have new runners you will be provided with additional numbers – DO NOT reuse numbers already allocated to someone else.
- 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.
- It is hoped that the inter-area match against Bristol, BANES, North Somerset and South Gloucester will be held at Bath University in December, with the main Somerset match at the start of summer term and will be against Ansford, Chard, Taunton, Minehead, Sedgemoor, Langport and Yeovil. Further details will be posted in due course.
- 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 1st. If you have any need to contact me, I can be reached at 0798 5160526. If I don't answer, 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 unless noted)**
 - Tuesday 1st October 2019 - Millfield Prep School, Glastonbury
 - Tuesday 5th November 2019 - Collett Park, Shepton Mallet – NOTE 3:45pm START
 - Tuesday 28th January 2020 - venue TBC
 - Tuesday 3rd March 2020 - Downside School, Stratton-on-the-Fosse (TBC)
 - Tuesday 24th March 2020 - Tor Leisure, Glastonbury
 - TBC - Inter-Area Match - Ashton Court Estate, Bristol (TBC)
 - 28th or 29th April 2020 - Inter-Area Match - (venue TBC)
- **Other Fixture Dates:**
 - Sunday 15th December 2019 - Somerset Clubs XC Championships, Bath University
 - Sunday 5th January 2020 - South West XC Championships, (venue TBC)
 - Saturday 17th March 2020 - Somerset Primary Schools Championships, Taunton
 - Sunday 3rd May 2020 - Glastonbury Road Run (one mile primary schools race)
 - Sunday 10th May 2020 (TBC) - Somerset Athletics Championships
 - 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 – 2019/20

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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 5th OCTOBER**, or via Post by **WEDNESDAY 3rd OCTOBER**. Entries not received by this date cannot be guaranteed entry into the competition.

PLEASE NOTE: You will be invoiced separately for your league entry fee.

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

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Please accept our entry for the Mendip Junior Schools Cross Country League 2019/20:

UK: Athletics Permit Applied For

SCHOOL: _____

No on ROLL: _____ **(years 3 to 6 only)** **SCHOOL NO:** _____

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 may be made available for sale for a small fee via the league web-site. If available, 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.

Payment Options

*Please either include a cheque, made payable to "Mendip Athletic Club", with your postal entry or you may pay by BACS transfer to Account "Mendip AC", Sort Code 30-99-29, Account Number 01356043, Quote your school ID in the reference. If you are paying by BACS you may e-mail a scan of your completed Registration Form. An invoice will be sent to you detailing your payment. Fees must be paid ahead of the **second** fixture*

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.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____

Please return by **WEDNESDAY 25th September**. Entries not received by this date cannot be guaranteed entry into the competition.

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