

Kent Schools Trampoline Championships

RULES FOR 2016

1. General

- 1.1 The rules are effective from the beginning of the 2015/2016 academic year.
- 1.1.2 The interpretation of all rules and their intended meanings shall be decided by the Kent Trampoline Technical Committee.
- 1.2 Normal British Gymnastics Trampoline Competition Rules for performance and judging (the Code of Points) shall apply to the Schools Competitions unless modified hereunder.
- 1.3 At the Qualifying round of competition, all competitors shall enter as Individuals representing their school, and shall compete for Individual awards and placing's. Teams representing a school shall comprise three Individuals from that school in the same category/age/gender group. Teams will be entered automatically where there are only three Individuals in the same category/age/gender group.
- 1.3.1 Where the number of individuals exceeds three in the same category/age/gender group school will nominate those in teams on the entry form.
- 1.4 There will be two rounds: Qualifying Round (held in February) and Final (held in March)
- 1.5 The county has been broken down into a number of zones, as follows: Northern Zone, Western Zone, Eastern Zone and Southern Zone.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 Competitors must be bona fide full-time students in Schools, Sixth-Form Colleges, Tertiary Colleges, or Technical Colleges. University students, or others in Higher Education, are not eligible for the Kent Schools Trampoline Championships and should refer to the BUCS website.
- 2.1.2 Children who are educated at home with the approval of the Local Authority, and do not attend an educational institution, are also eligible to participate in the Schools competitions.
- 2.2.1 All competitors must be submitted by, or with the written approval of, their school, or of the LEA in the case of rule 2.1.2 above.
- 2.2.2 This written approval needs only to be sought at the initial Qualifying round stage, as this permission acknowledges that schools may progress to subsequent rounds of the competition. All subsequent rounds may be entered by the school with no further permission being sought.
- 2.3 In the Qualifying round, competitors may compete **only** in the geographical Zone within which their school is located.
- 2.3.1 The KTTC may ask schools to compete in a different geographical Zone, this may occur due to timetabling.

3 Competition Structure and Format

- 3.1 There shall be four categories of Schools Competition, known as the **Novice, Intermediate, Advanced** and the **Elite** categories.
- 3.2 Trophies of similar quality shall be offered to all categories at the Schools Final Event.
- 3.3 Both rounds of the School Competition (Qualifying, and Final) shall offer all four Categories of competition for each of the Year Groups and Gender.
- 3.3.1 The standard rules of the Schools Competitions, other than those specific to one Category, shall apply equally to all categories of competition.
- 3.4 Entry to the **Novice Category** shall be restricted to pupils who are non-competitive members of trampoline or gymnastics clubs.
- 3.4.1 The KTTC would suggest that anyone that competed in the Novice Category in last year's competition, should now be able to compete within a higher category.
- 3.4.2 Entry to the **Intermediate Category** shall be aimed at pupils that have at any time up to the date of their Qualifying Schools competition competed

any County Grades within gymnastics or Grades I through G or NDP Levels 1 through 3. (Except as in rule 3.5.2 below.)

- 3.4.3 Entry to the **Advanced Category** shall be aimed at pupils that have at any time up to the date of their Qualifying Schools competition competed any Regional Grades within gymnastics or Grades F or E or NDP Levels 4 and 5. (Except as in rule 3.5.2 below.)
- 3.4.4 Entry to the **Elite Category** shall be aimed at pupils that have at any time up to the date of their Qualifying Schools competition competed any Regional Grades within gymnastics or Grade D and above or NDP Levels 6 and above. (Except as in rule 3.5.2 below.)
- 3.4.5 Pupils who qualify to compete in the Schools Final who may have competed in any Regional Grade or NDP Level and subsequently found that they have qualified to a Grade or Level that would put them in a category higher to what they qualified from shall remain eligible to compete in the same Category throughout the Kent Schools Trampoline Championships 2016.
- 3.5 Pupils who are eligible to compete in the **Novice Category** may be entered as Individuals and as part of a team in any **other Category**, but may **not** also compete in the **Novice Category** in the same or subsequent rounds of competition. Should a school wish to make up a team in the **higher Category**, it may therefore include one or more pupils from a 'lower category' standard, as long as the criteria for the **higher Category** is met.
- 3.5.1 Should any pupil who is eligible for the lower Category opt to compete in a higher Category, then he/she remains classified at the higher Category for the remainder of the 2016 competition. Such pupils may **not** compete in the lower Category in the same or subsequent rounds of competition.
- 3.5.2 'Retired' Competitors. Pupils that have previously competed at County, Regional Grades or NDP Levels who have ceased to compete and feel that they are no longer competent to compete at the required Category as per rules 3.4.2, 3.4.3 or 3.4.4 above may apply to the Kent Trampoline Technical Committee for permission to downgrade to a lower Category. Past competition results will be reviewed when any such request is considered.
- 3.6 There shall be two separate events within each competition: a Team event, and an Individual event.
- 3.7 Teams shall comprise of three competitors in the same Category, Year Group and Gender.
- 3.8 The age groups will be: Under 11 School Years 6 downwards – Under 13 School Years 7 and 8 – Under 15 School Years 9 and 10 - Under-19 School Years 11, 12, 13, and 14
- 3.9 The maximum age that a competitor may be is, therefore, 19 years.
- 3.9.1 Competitors may only compete within their own age band; specifically, a team can **not** include competitors who qualify to compete in a younger or older age group than that in which the team is entered.

4. Progression

- 4.1.1 In the Qualifying Rounds, if the number of individual competitors exceeds 50 in any category, age group and gender, then the top four individuals from that category, with the highest scores, shall be eligible to compete in the final. In all other circumstances, only the top three individuals with the highest score shall be eligible to compete in the final.
- 4.1.2 In the Qualifying Rounds, if the number of teams competing exceeds 15 in any category, age group and gender, then the top three teams from that category, with the highest scores, shall be eligible to compete in the final. In all other circumstances, only the top two teams with the highest score shall be eligible to compete in the final.

4.1.3 In the event of ties, then at all rounds of competition the following tie-break calculations shall be applied, and any ties for qualifying places, both Individual and Team, shall be separated thereby.

Individual competition:

In case of a tie at any place, the ranking will be determined by the following criteria:

- 1) The gymnast with the higher final score in the 2nd routine (execution and dd).
- 2) The total of the counting execution judges' scores (3) in the second round (higher execution score of the second routine)
- 3) The total of all execution judges' scores (5) in the 2nd routine (without eliminating the highest and lowest score)
- 4) The total of the four highest execution judges' scores in the 2nd routine
- 5) The total of the three highest execution judges' scores in the 2nd routine and so on until the tie is broken

Team competition:

In case of a tie at any place, the ranking will be determined by the following criteria:

- 1) The team with the highest sum of the 3 highest total scores of the 2nd routine.
- 2) The team with the highest sum of the 2 highest total scores of the 2nd routine.
- 3) The team with the highest total score of one of the 2nd routine.

4.2 Where a team qualifies to compete in the Final, at least two members of the qualifying team must be presented as team members

4.2.1 Where a member of a team, having been nominated on an entry form, is unable to participate in a competition, then the Team Manager may submit a named substitute competitor up to the start of the competition. The resultant team must comply with all existing rules regarding team membership and eligibility.

4.3 In the case of individual placing's, no substitution may be made in the Final round.

4.4 If a successful and eligible Individual and/or Team declines to take up a place in Final, then the next highest ranking Individual or Team from the qualifying competition may be invited to take the place.

5. Equipment

5.1 The organisers will aim to provide full size Trampolines with either a 6x6mm, 6x4mm, 5x4mm or 4x4mm webbed bed.

5.1.1 There may be occasions where 77a School size Trampolines with a 'half inch' webbed bed may have to be used.

5.2 In the **Elite Category** of competition at **all** rounds there will be at least one trampoline of 6x6mm webbing made available to the competitors.

Competition organisers may, at their discretion, also offer a second bed of either 6x4mm, 6x6mm 5x4mm or 4x4mm.

6. Entry fees

6.1 At the Qualifying event, the entry fee for Individuals is set at £5.00.

6.2 At the Qualifying event, there shall be **no** additional fee for Team entries.

6.3 There will be **no** entry fee for those that qualify to compete in the Final

7. Awards

- 7.1 ALL competitors in the Qualifying event, will receive a certificate recording attendance.
- 7.2 For the Final. First three individuals in each category, age and gender group will receive a trophy, plaque, or commemorative medal as appropriate.
- 7.3 For the Final. First two Teams in each category, age and gender group will receive a trophy, plaque or commemorative medal as appropriate for each team member.
- 7.4 For the Final there shall be a march-on of all competitors for the presentation ceremony.
 - 7.4.1 There may be more than one presentation ceremony throughout the day.

8.0 Routines

- 8.1 Each competitor will perform one compulsory routine and one voluntary routine. There will be no finals (third round).
- 8.2 In the Voluntary routine at **Novice Category**, competitors must repeat the set routine.
 - 8.2.1 There will be no degree of difficulty mark awarded for competitors in the **Novice Category**.
 - 8.2.2 In the Voluntary routine at **Intermediate Category**, a maximum difficulty mark of **1.5** will be awarded; competitors completing a routine with a difficulty value of more than 1.5 will have only 1.5 accredited to their score.
 - 8.2.3 In the Voluntary routine at **Advanced Category**, a maximum difficulty mark of **4.5** will be awarded; competitors completing a routine with a difficulty value of more than 4.5 will have only 4.5 accredited to their score.
 - 8.2.4 In the Voluntary routine at **Elite Category**, there is no limit for degree of difficulty.
 - 8.2.5 In the event of any transgression of rules 8.2.2 and/or 8.2.3, **either during the competition or during the warm-up period**, the Chair of Judges' and/or the Competition Organiser may challenge the competitors eligibility to participate in the Category of the competition, and may at their discretion **either** transfer the competitor to the corresponding Category **or** disqualify the competitor from the competition in any round.
- 8.3 Compulsory routines. See appendix 1 for routines
- 8.4 Order of competitors. At the **Qualifying** round of competition, the jumping order shall be at the discretion of the organisers.
 - 8.4.1 At the Final Competition, there shall be no change of jumping order between the compulsory and voluntary routines.

9. Attire

- 9.1 Dress must either conform to the requirements for British Gymnastics Individual Competitions as set out in the British Gymnastics Code of Points or as in rules 9.3, 9.4 and 9.5 below. For clarification regarding the wearing of correct attire, the Elite group shall be considered to be equivalent to Regional Grade G.
- 9.2 Competitors in the Elite Level may **not** wear shorts, except as permitted by Rule 9.5 below.
- 9.3 Competitors in the **Novice Category** of competition at **all** rounds may wear their school's official uniform P.E. kit for indoor activities, provided that it is safely suitable for trampoline.
 - 9.3.1 Acceptable school P.E. kit shall include **only** T-shirts, singlet PE vests, leotards, Polo/Netball shirts, **close-fitting** P.E. shorts, white foot covering.
 - 9.3.2 Shirts/vests must be tucked into trousers/shorts, and inhibited from flapping free during the execution of the routine.

- 9.3.3 Foot covering must be **plain** white (no coloured trim).
- 9.3.4 The Chair of Judges' and/or the Competition Organiser has the right to prohibit participation in dress which is clearly unsuitable for trampolining, even though it may be the school's official kit. (E.g. hockey skirts, jogging bottoms. Boys' shorts specifically must not be revealing!) Should this situation arise, however, the competition organisers are expected to give the affected competitors reasonable opportunity to acquire suitable clothing in time to participate.
- 9.4 In **all** events of the competition, all members of a Team must wear matching attire.
- 9.5 Where proven to be required by religious constraints, girls of any age may wear tidy leg coverings with a leotard at any round of the competition.
- 9.5.1 Leg coverings must be skin tight.
- 9.5.2 Leg coverings must either be skin-coloured, or of the same colour as the leotard, or of a plain colour matching the leotard. (Rule 9.5 should be applied only in the interests of modesty, and not to satisfy whims of fashion. Competition organisers are at liberty to determine their own standards of 'tidiness', but should establish their ruling before the start of the competition.)
- 9.6 In the Awards Ceremony at the Final competitors must present themselves in competition attire.

10. Judges and officials

- 10.1 Every competitor must be accompanied by a suitably-qualified coach who will take responsibility for the competitor's performance on the trampoline. Such a coach does **not** need to be a member of staff of the competitor's school. The coach must be named on the entry form of competition. Should the nominated coach fail to attend, a suitably-qualified substitute may be requested to offer his/her services. If no substitute can be secured, then the competitor may **not** be allowed to compete.
- 10.2 Any judges and officials that schools may be able to provide in any rounds of competition will be greatly appreciated.
- 10.3 Details of Officials and Judging qualifications should be included on the email with the entry form

Does your school need TRAMPOLINE JUDGES?

If your school is taking part in the Kent Schools Trampoline Championships 2016, then you will need a knowledge of judging and the duties of competition officials.

The Kent Trampoline Technical Committee is staging special Judging/Officials courses for schools staff,

In order to help schools to take part in the Championships.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity

please email schools@aire.tc