

2026 SCHOOL GAMES

at Loughborough University



School Games National Finals 2026 Doctor, Physiotherapist and Nurse Posts – Loughborough University

The School Games National Finals 2026 (branded previously as the “School Games/UK School Games”) seeks to appoint doctors physios and nurses for the Games being held in the host city of Loughborough, UK, on the Thursday 3rd September – Sunday 6th September 2026. Up to 1200 school age Elite & National squad athletes will compete over 10 sports in a youth multi-sport Games based in an accreditation only athlete village and various sport locations around the city, similar to the set-up of an Olympics or Commonwealth Games.

This is the 17th year an elite youth multi-sport Games has been run in the UK with athletes competing in home nation representative teams, and the 10th year in its current guise. The 2012 Games culminated in a day of competition within the Olympic Park using three of the main Olympic venues. Organisational partners of the games include the Youth Sport Trust, Sport England, and government departments (DCMS).

Successful candidates will receive financial remuneration for the duration of competition. Accommodation, subsistence, and transport to, from and during the Games, as well as uniform, are provided.

DUTIES:

- To provide medical support services for the duration of the Games, responsible as an individual practitioner as well as a member of the multi-disciplinary team. This includes the prevention and treatment of illness and injury, and the maintenance of optimal health and well-being for the athletes, team members and support staff of the School Games.
- To attend briefings, and complete roles and responsibilities of a medical team officer as would be expected in a multi-sport accredited Games. This will include set up of medical areas, active provision of medical care at venues and HQ, adequate and full communication between the medical team, and facilitating stand down at the end of the Games.
- To adhere to the highest standards of professional practice and abide to the Schools Games code of conduct.
- To keep appropriate and contemporaneous medical records.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1) Professional Experience & Qualifications

- Current full registration with the GMC HCPC or NMC
- Doctors: Must have qualified by August 2021 (i.e. be in at least their 4th year of working)
- Doctors: To hold a current Level 2 OR 3 pre-hospital emergency care qualification (PHICIS, SCRUMCAPS, RFL, Jockey Club or equivalent)
- Physios to hold a current Level 2 OR 3 pre-hospital emergency care qualification (PHICIS, SCRUMCAPS, RFL, Jockey Club or equivalent)
- Professional indemnity either through their professional body or from an insurance provider.

2) Sport Experience

- To be able to demonstrate a regular clinical commitment to sports medicine. This work must include 'pitch-side' competition, training, post-competition phases etc.
- Working knowledge and experience of the World Anti-Doping Agency Code and workings of UKAD.

3) Must be available from Thursday 3rd September to Sunday 6th September inclusive***

*** there will be the opportunity for a small number of people to leave 1 day early

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

- Completed or working towards a postgraduate qualification (Diploma or Masters degree) in Sport and Exercise Medicine.
- Nurses: To hold a current Level 2 OR 3 pre-hospital emergency care qualification (PHICIS, SCRUMCAPS, RFL, Jockey Club or equivalent)
- 3 years experience of working within sport.
- Experience across a diverse range of sports including working with youth athletes.
- Experience of having worked at a multi-sport Games/holding camps with either an NGB or in an HQ medical team role.

GENERAL:

Appropriate, relevant, and competent clinical techniques and clinical reasoning skills that consider both injury management and performance enhancement in age specific athletes. A team player with experience of effective working within a multi-disciplinary environment. Professional, flexible, and conscientious approach to work with good communication skills and an ability to perform under pressure.

PAY

- £235 per day, plus accommodation and meals. Assistance towards travel costs will be provided (exact amount to be determined – anticipated to be £50-100 dependent on the location of your sporting venues over the week).

How to apply:

Please email your CV and an application form - downloadable from

<https://www.gmsportal.net/Live/SGInfo/Medical.aspx> which should include the contact details of 2 references, to School Games National Finals 2026 via the email address medical@schoolgames.org.uk

Closing date:

The closing date for applications is **Sunday 10th May**

Short listed candidates selected for interview will be informed by **Sunday 17th May**

Interview dates:

Interviews will be held via Zoom. Details of times will be released to successful applicants.

Any further enquiries should be directed to the above email address and marked for the attention of the Deputy Chief Medical Officer.

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Compulsory Attendance at the Games:

Those working at the Games are strongly advised to arrive on the evening of Wednesday 2nd September due to the early start time on Thursday (unless living locally and commuting in each day)