

Volunteering at the School Games National Finals 2026

Thursday 3rd to Sunday 6th September 2026

Loughborough University
Donington Park
Alvaston Park BMX Track



What's involved in volunteering?

We need around 200 volunteers to help make the School Games National Finals 2026 a success.

Volunteers will be allocated to a sport and will be asked to support with various tasks. Roles may include meet and greet, wayfinding, supporting visitors, checking and selling spectator tickets, supporting the athlete and spectator experience, controlling access to keep competition areas safe and secure, ball patrol, set-up and de-rig of specific front of house or back of house areas.

Who can volunteer?

Volunteers must:

- Be 16 or over on 3rd September 2026 (under 18s need parent/guardian permission)
- Have a friendly and pro-active attitude
- Be keen to deliver an incredible event
- Good communicators, proficient in spoken and written English
- Be able to travel to and from the venue for each shift
- Commit to at least two, half-day shifts
- Agree to complete background and security checks
- Provide details for two referees
- Be willing to complete short, pre-event online training

Is the event inclusive?

Yes, the event aims to create an inspirational and developmental environment where aspiring athletes can gain meaningful experiences that support their progression.

Alongside this, it promotes inclusion and celebrates diversity, helping to inspire more young people to take part and succeed in sport.

We want volunteering at the School Games National Finals 2026 to be accessible and inclusive and will make reasonable adjustments wherever possible.

Do I need experience?

No, we are looking for positive, pro-active, confident and friendly volunteers who are keen to support us in delivering a fantastic event for everyone involved.

Pre-event briefings will be provided and you will be supported by a Venue Volunteer Manager throughout the event.



Is training provided?

All volunteers will need to attend mandatory safeguarding training prior to the event. You will also receive a volunteer handbook and briefing document in advance.

At the start of each shift, your Venue Volunteer Manager will allocate specific roles and provide you with the task specific briefing information to support you.

Do I need to be available for the full four days?

No, we ask volunteers to commit to a minimum of two, half-day shifts. You will be allocated to shifts and sports depending on your availability.

Is accommodation provided?

No, due to the size and nature of the event we are unable to provide volunteers with accommodation.

You will need to be able to travel to and from the venue (Loughborough University, Donington Park or Alvaston Park BMX Track) for each of your shifts.

Please indicate which venues you can travel to when completing the application form.

Which sports might I be asked to support?

The sports for 2026 are:

- 3x3 Basketball
- 3x3 Wheelchair Basketball
- Athletics (including disability events)
- BMX Freestyle
- BMX Racing
- Cricket
- Hockey
- Netball
- Modern Pentathlon (& Obstacle Course)
- Triathlon - including disability events
- Wheelchair Tennis

During your application you can indicate which sport(s) you have an interest in and, where possible, this information will be used when allocating your shifts.



What will volunteers be given?

Volunteers will receive:

- Event kit
- Packed lunch during each shift
- Souvenir thank-you gift

Depending on your availability and allocated shifts, you may also have the opportunity to watch parts of the event as a spectator, at no cost, if you wish.

Volunteering at the School Games National Finals 2026 provides not only a chance to be part of making a major UK sporting event happen but also an opportunity to build your skills and develop both personally and professionally.

We are committed to recruiting a diverse team of volunteers and supporting you to start or continue your volunteering journey beyond the event. We will be working with the sports involved to provide information to volunteers on how they can find future volunteering opportunities, should they wish to do so.

How do I apply?

[Click here](#) to register using our official volunteer portal.

I volunteered in 2024 do I need to complete the application again?

Yes, but most of your details will be saved from 2024. You can check and update these to apply for 2026.

What happens after I have applied?

Your application will be reviewed and we'll be in touch with next steps.

If accepted, your two referees will be contacted and you'll be allocated sports and shifts based on your availability.

You'll need to accept your shifts to secure your place and move forward to training and briefings.

How can I speak to someone about volunteering?

If you have any further questions, please email the team at volunteers@schoolgames.org.uk