

SPORT COMMITTEE – FEBRUARY 2020

Summary for IAPS Schools

The Committee met on Tuesday 4 February 2020, 10.30am at IAPS HQ.

Present: Chris Schanschieff (Sports Committee Chairman – District 1N), Deborah Henderson (District 10), Greg Evans (District 1S), John Thorpe (District 5), Susan Clarke (District 12), Gareth Jones (District 3), Jonathan Hall (District 8), Marcus Cook (District 6) and Nick Pears (District 2), Rob Taylor (District 11), Frank Driscoll (District 7)

In attendance: Chris Davies (IAPS Chairman), Mark Brotherton (Director of Education), Fran Hide (Sport Events Manager - FH) and Emily Connell (Sport Events Coordinator – EC).

Apologies: Christopher King (CEO), Ian Silk (District 9), Sean Price District 4), Sally Garland-Jones and Mike McKaughan (Invited Members).

1.Feedback from National events

Girls Hockey

The girls' hockey tournaments went well. There was an increase in participation from previous years. The introduction of a bowl competition at the finals (team sports) has worked well as more schools get a full day of play.

All of the finals were run excellently by Repton, Haileybury and Rugby School. They all have great facilities for a final. The weather was a cause for concern at Repton but a brave decision to go ahead paid off.

Boys Football

The U13 boys' football finals were held at Culford School, which was a new venue. The venue was extremely well received by schools. Queens College, Taunton hosted their last U11 boys' football final. The event is moving to a more central location for 2020.

Gymnastics

The gymnastics championships is always a fantastic event. 23 schools and 297 children took part. There were a huge number of officials and Kent College is a fantastic venue with plenty of space for the event.

U11 Rugby Festivals

Seven U11 rugby festivals took place in the autumn term, with 54 teams entering, compared with 6 events and 49 schools last year. The festivals continue to grow in popularity as they create a relaxed and social atmosphere. They also encourage a different crowd when it is a festival rather than a tournament, as well as a better quality of rugby. It is more about skill development rather than the results.

IAPS Sport will introduce a girls' tag rugby competition in March 2021, working with Lions Sports Academy.

2. England Hockey over age player policy

IAPS Sport continue to be questioned around the 1 September age cut off for events. England Hockey have brought out a new policy which allows children to apply directly to

them for special dispensation to play out of their age group. Anyone who wishes to play a child out of age must appeal to the NGB. For IAPS competitions the child would only be allowed to play in one age group, not both. This policy only applies to IAPS hockey events.

3. Bee Netball

IAPS Sport have launched 10 Bee Netball workshops that England Netball will deliver to member schools. They are taking place over the next year, at schools who are hosting a qualifying round tournament. Bookings for the workshops opened on Monday, 3 February, at a cost of £35 per person. 2022 will be the first year IAPS hosts the new format at the U11 tournaments.

4. Skiing Championships

The cap on the number of children that can enter the skiing championships is to ensure all schools have the opportunity to enter 16 competitors. Previously some schools brought large teams which restricted the number of places in the competition overall. The maximum numbers ensure that the championships are a level playing field for all schools. It has had a positive effect on the event, which now sees 32 schools taking part, an increase from 20 schools in previous years.

5. Heading the ball in Football

Ian Bent from ISFA provided IAPS with a statement regarding heading in football: *“A lot of the information in the media currently isn’t actually very accurate regarding the current position on this. The FA’s current position is still unchanged and will remain unchanged for at least the next season after this one. The FA is continuing to look at this situation and gather research into it, however currently there is no evidence in relation to any effects of young players heading a football. As soon as this situation changes we will notify all schools and organizations.” Ian Bent, ISFA.*

6. Sport Conference

IAPS will deliver a Director of Sport conference in 2021. It will be a 2 day event, with 1 nights’ accommodations and an after dinner speaker. A venue and date is currently being confirmed.

7. Disability Sport Survey

A disability sport survey is still open for schools to complete online. Following the feedback IAPS will decide what action is required.

8. Entry fees

Entry fees have increased for 2020. A number of schools have commented on the price increase, especially for individual events. On the whole, team events cost £60 per team, individual events are £25 for one day events and £50 for a two-day competition (there are a few exceptions with more expensive events). Prices have been increased in order to close the deficit within the sport budget.

9. Mascot Proposal

IAPS is launching a competition for children to design a sport mascot. The competition will launch on 24th Feb and close in June. The winning design will be created into a mascot and launched in September.

10. New website launching in March 2020

A new IAPS website is launching in March. Bookings for summer term events will close on



Friday 20th March. IAPS are encouraging schools to make their bookings before the closing date. For a small number of events, IAPS is looking to re-open entries after Easter.

Dates of future meetings: Tuesday 12 May 2020.

IAPS Sport welcomes all feedback from districts.

Please contact your district representative to feedback any information to be discussed by the committee.