

## Pentathlon GB Schools Biathlon Programme

### Information.

- A Modern Biathlon is an event that combines two of the Pentathlon family of sports – Swimming and Running. The swim and the run elements are participated in separately and points are awarded to each competitor based upon their time achieved in both events. The final placings are determined from the combined points score from the swim and the run.
- PGB run a Schools Biathlon programme which includes a qualifying round running from the 1st of September to the 31st of December.
- Athletes post a points score at any qualifying event across the country which gives them a position in our National Rankings List.
- The top athletes from each age group at the end of the qualifying window are invited to enter the GB Schools Biathlon National Championships in March! At this event, we crown our National Schools Biathlon Champions!
- Athletes represent their school in the Schools Biathlon and can compete as individuals.
- If there are 3 or more athletes from the same school in the same age group, your scores can be added together to form a school team score. There are team prizes up for grabs at our National Finals so encourage your friends and classmates to have a go and you might be able to win a prize together!
- Athletes compete against other athletes in their school year and run and swim over specific distances.
- See the distances for each school year below:

SCHOOL AGE	SWIM DISTANCES	RUN DISTANCES
Year 3	25m	400m
Year 4	25m	400m
Year 5	50m	800m
Year 6	50m	800m
Year 7	50m	800m
Year 8	100m	1600m
Year 9	100m	1600m
Year 10	200m	1600m
Year 11	200m	1600m
Year 12 & 13	200m	1600m
Teachers	50m	800m

- Athletes from any school in the UK can compete, whether your school is affiliated to Pentathlon GB or not.
- If your school has enough athletes to have a team – why not get a school membership to be able to compete for team prizes and placings!

## Qualifying Events.

- Schools, clubs and hubs across the country will host qualifying events throughout the autumn term in the lead up to Christmas.
- Sign up to a qualifying event via [Sport:80](#) to be able to have your score added to the National Rankings List and try and qualify for the Schools Biathlon National Championships!
- Qualifier events will be added to Sport:80 throughout the summer and early autumn so keep your eyes peeled for your local qualifier event and enter!

## Hosting a Qualifier Event.

- Is your school or club interested in hosting a Schools Biathlon Qualifier in our 2025/26 season?
- Hosts need to be affiliated to PGB to be able to run an event – the affiliated membership enables you to be insured for a Pentathlon GB event.
- Once affiliated, you will be able to promote your event on our events management system, Sport:80, and take entries via the online portal.
  - This collates all entrant information that you will need to run your event.
- Once affiliated you will be able to access the Schools Biathlon Scoring system which will allow you to run and score your qualifier.
- The scoresheet can then be used to add the results from your qualifier to our National Rankings List.
- Do you want to host a qualifier at your school/ club?
- See the checklist below to get started in hosting your schools biathlon qualifier!
- Checklist:
  - Club/ School membership –
  - Event entries completed –
  - Event scoresheet downloaded and saved a copy for your event –
  - Event rules downloaded –
  - Officials/ Volunteers/ Staff sourced –
  - Safeguarding and Risk Assessment completed –
  - Let's get started!
- Any questions on hosting a qualifying event or about the schools biathlon programme in general, please get in touch and we can provide all the information needed to get started with the Schools Biathlon!
  - [competitions@pentathlongb.org](mailto:competitions@pentathlongb.org)