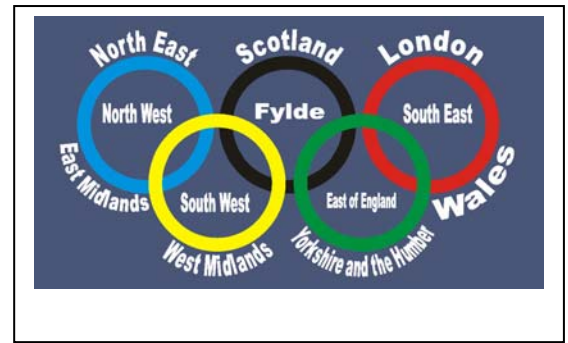


Special Event: Olympiad 2012

The Hosts: HASSRA North West

The Venue: Lancaster University

The Date: Friday 14th Sept 2012



Newsletter 1: September 2011

Welcome to the first update about next year's Special Event, which is now just under 12 months away - cue mild panic!

These newsletters will be issued on a periodic basis, to update you with all things Olympiad 2012, and hopefully answer any questions you may have.

In these ever-changing times, we will issue these updates via Paul Adams to each of the 11 other regional chairs, for onward cascade as appropriate. We will also publish regular updates on the HASSRA North West intranet site.

The idea with this first update is to give you a heads-up about the format of the individual events, so you can start to gather your elite squads together.

The Events

We hope we have chosen a rounded set of events, which provide something for everybody. Depending on the event, it will require knowledge, accuracy, skill, energy, and stamina – though maybe not all of those in every event.

For the 2 larger (and more physical) team competitions, we have chosen events which more people “could have a go at”, rather than anything too specialised. This may make it easier gathering your teams together.

Overall, each region's team will comprise of 28 competitors, plus any team managers, coaches, supporters, etc.

There are 5 different events (6, if you count snooker and pool as 2). Of these, 3 (or 4, as above) are HASSRA National championships.

More detailed information about individual rules will follow at a later date.

Snooker and Pool

These are HASSRA National finals, and will therefore follow national rules. They will be held on campus in the LICA building. Time wise, it will be the first event to start on Friday morning, and will probably be the last to finish.

Pool = 2 competitors (1 male & 1 female).

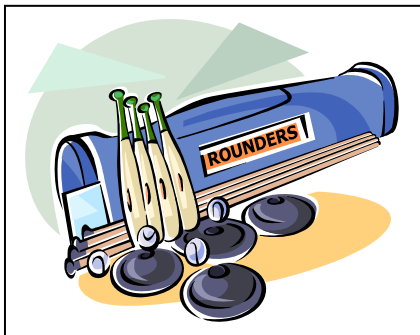
Snooker = 1 competitor (either).

Organiser = Ian Lloyd (Wigan JCP).



Rounders

This is another HASSRA National Final, following national rules. Teams will be in 2 groups of 6. The top 2 in each will go forward to the semi-finals. There will be 3 pitches, so that all teams in one group will play simultaneously.



Squads comprise 11 players

(At least 6 of which must be female)

Organiser = Steve Neary (Burnley)

General Knowledge Quiz

This is the third of the HASSRA National finals. The only addition to national rules (as with Rounders), will be the inclusion of a 3rd place play-off between the losing semi-finalists, to decide final points for the overall competition.

Teams comprise 4 players

(The winners of your regional quiz competition).

Organiser = Andrew Kerin (Burnley).



It's a Knockout

This will be organised and led by "Graham Fisher's International Knockout". The individual games are still in design, to provide an Olympic theme – so more detail will follow. However, they will involve inflatable obstacles of varying descriptions, and competitors will get wet.

All 12 teams will take part in each game (3 at a time). There are likely to be 5 games, with the top 3 teams going on to a further final (to be confirmed)



Teams comprise 8 players

(4 male & 4 female)

Organiser = Ashley Robertson

(Ashworth)

Archery

This will be facilitated on the day by a local archery club. More detail will be issued shortly re this event, but some initial points to note for competitors:

- They will need to have (at least) completed a 6-week's beginner's course.
- They will need to join GNAS for insurance purposes.
- They will need to bring their own (or borrowed) recurve bows, arrows, etc.

Arrows will be shot in batches of 6 at a time (a total of 6 dozen arrows each). The score of both archers will be added together to give the region's total.

Teams comprise 2 players (1 male & 1 female).

Organiser = Lorraine Burrow (Preston)



Hope to see you in Lancaster !!!!!!!

Steve Waters

Skelmersdale

Special Event 2012 Manager



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