



## THE SEVEN VILLAGE TEAMS

	<u>Village Colour</u>
Dobcross	Orange
Delph & Denshaw	Blue
Diggle	Yellow
Greenfield	Green
Lydgate, Grasscroft, Friezland & Grotton (L.G.F.G.)	Black
Springhead, Austerlands & Scouthead (S.A.S.)	Red
Uppermill	White

## COMPETITION AGE GROUPS

- Competitors must be between 7 & 16 years old on 31<sup>st</sup> August in the year of the event.
- Not all events include all age groups or both boys & girls.
- The junior age group is 7 to 11 and the senior age group is 12 to 16.
- Competitors may only compete in one age group per event.
- Playing Up
  - Competitors may compete in the age group above but only to fill in where there is a lack of competitors to make a full **team**.
  - Exclusions - 7s cannot 'play up' to the 10-11 age group and a junior cannot play as a senior.
  - Parental permission **MUST** be obtained by the coaches prior to the start of the event.
  - A competitor who is 'playing up' should be clearly marked on the team sheet with a signature to confirm permission has been given.
  - Consideration **must** be made to the physical & emotional development of the competitor.

## COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

- **Junior** Competitors must reside in, or attend the junior school of, the village they represent.
- **Senior** Competitors must reside in, or have attended the junior school of, the village they represent.
- Competitors must only represent one village during their junior or senior careers.
- Any exceptions to these rules must be agreed by the S.V.O. Games Committee.

## GENERAL RULES OF PARTICIPATION

- Due to the nature of certain events, it may not be possible for all of those expressing an interest in competing to take part. Where this is the case, individual Village Teams will be able to clarify their selection criteria; these may differ from village to village.
- In exceptional circumstances the event rules can be changed prior to the start of an event, however, they cannot be changed once an event has commenced. **All coaches must be informed and the majority agree with any changes.**
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- Fixture changes cannot be made on the day.
- Any queries regarding the eligibility of competitors must be made with S.V.O. Games Committee before the start of the event.
- For insurance purposes, all participants must be registered before taking part in any training sessions or the events proper. It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure their child is registered. See: <http://www.saddleworthvillageolympics.co.uk/regfrom.html>
- Event rules are those published on the S.V.O. Games web site  
See: <http://www.saddleworthvillageolympics.co.uk/rules.html> .
- Events must begin promptly and teams or individuals not available on time may forfeit their right to compete
- Event specific issues (other than Child Welfare) are the responsibility of the Event Organiser.  
See [http://www.saddleworthvillageolympics.co.uk/child\\_protection.html](http://www.saddleworthvillageolympics.co.uk/child_protection.html)

# Participation & General Rules

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- Only Team Managers are allowed to register objections, complaints or queries with the Event Organisers, or in exceptional circumstances, the S.V.O. Games Committee.
- Unsporting behaviour, infringement of the rules and foul and abusive language may all lead to the individual or squad being penalised or disqualified from the event or tournament.
- Spectators must not coach from the side lines.
- Intimidation of officials is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. This may lead to the squad being penalised or disqualified from the event or tournament.
- The minimum age for umpires/referees is set at 15. Young people under this age may be permitted if supervised by an adult. However where possible we will endeavour to use adult umpires/referees for the senior events.

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