

Invitation for COBIS Schools to Host the 2015 COBIS Games

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Dear Colleague,

With the COBIS Games growing in size and popularity each year, it's excellent to see that this high quality competition is well and truly established. Building on the expertise and excellent work of previous and current host schools for the 2014 COBIS Games, as an Association, we are keen to forward plan and to invite COBIS schools to apply to host the 2015 Primary and Secondary COBIS Games.

The selection and announcement of host schools before the end of May 2014 will maximise the time available for 2015 host schools to plan and prepare and for other COBIS schools to consider if they would like to participate.

At present, the winning schools of both the Primary and Secondary Games are given the first option to host the COBIS Games the following year. However, as the COBIS Games are completed in early June, this does not provide a significant period of time for the winning school to make such an important decision by September, which is the month during which all participating COBIS school teams are required to register as competitors.

Following consultation, to provide a longer lead in time for all concerned, it has been decided that host schools for both the 2015 Primary and Secondary COBIS Games will be selected by the COBIS Board by the COBIS Annual Conference in May 2014.

Consequently, the winners of the primary and secondary 2014 COBIS Games will be given first option to host the 2016 Games. This provides an adequate time frame for all winning schools to decide if they have the capacity to host a subsequent COBIS Games. Plus if winning schools feel they are unable to host, time allows for suitable alternative host schools to be sourced.

Therefore, the COBIS Board would like to invite applications from all COBIS schools which have an interest in hosting the Primary or Secondary COBIS Games in May 2015.

The dates of the 2015 COBIS Games are:

- Primary COBIS Games - 28 May to 31 May 2015
- Secondary COBIS Games - 14 May to 17 May 2015

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As a guide, host COBIS Games schools are required to meet the following criteria:

- Have on site, or situated close by, access to sports facilities which can cater for Games events which are football, athletics and swimming or basketball.
- Available sports facilities need to be large enough to host and manage a schedule containing between 12-16 teams plus room for spectators.
- Any facilities which are not on site are required to be close to the host school and inexpensive to hire.
- Facilities and associated staff need to be able to support wider logistical aspects of the Games. For example, hosting of the opening and closing ceremony, catering, first aid and health and safety.
- Host schools are required to be relatively close to an International hub airport and access is available for optional extended cultural excursions.
- Host schools are willing to work with COBIS to attract sponsorship which could effectively lower the overall cost of the COBIS Games, which in turn could reduce the participation fees charged to competing school teams.
- The school has previous experience of successfully hosting similar events.

How to apply:

For an initial discussion and to register the interest of your school please contact me on

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The next stage would be to submit a letter of application which identifies how each of the criteria for host COBIS Games schools is met. In addition to a letter of application, further documentation, for example photographs of facilities, maps and plans, would also be welcomed.

Please note that the closing date for the receipt of applications to host the 2015 COBIS Games is **Friday 11 April, 2014.**

Applications will initially be reviewed by the COBIS Competitions and Events Committee, following which a final decision will be taken by the COBIS Board prior to the 2014 COBIS Annual Conference.

Finally, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding the COBIS Games or any other COBIS initiatives and as always, I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,



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