December 2017

Dear PE Contact,

**Leeds North West Y5/6 Tag Rugby Festivals**

I would like to invite your school to enter the **Leeds North West** Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Competition 2018.

Each school is invited to enter one team into the competition. If schools wish to enter further teams please indicate your preferred number and I will confirm if this is possible after the entry deadline. Games will be played according to the dual code rules, a copy of which is enclosed.

The qualifying two teams from each of the two festivals will be invited to the Leeds City Finals day on **Tuesday 22nd May at Headingley.**

Successful schools will then progress to the West Yorkshire School Games: Monday 2nd July at Leeds Beckett University.

Leeds Rhinos Foundation have kindly agreed to deliver our competitions. As Leeds Rhinos are committed to delivering the School Games for West Yorkshire this year we will be following Rugby League rules instead of generic tag. **Please ensure you read the new rules carefully**. All staff and spectators from your schools should follow the code of conduct. It is important all in attendance respect the referee’s decisions.

Please bring children dressed and ready to play in outdoor PE kit. Prepared for all weather conditions. Children will be asked to remove muddy boots before entering the club house. Please ensure they respect the club grounds and facilities.

If you would like to participate in the programme please complete and return the enclosed entry form as soon as possible. You will notice that there is a choice of venues which you may attend and places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

Yours Sincerely,

Natalie Mallinson

Leeds North West School Sport Partnership

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**Generic Tag**

# Pathway

SSP Competition Leeds Final West Yorkshire School Games

Qualifiers: The top two teams per SSP festival will qualify through to the Leeds final.  
  
**Age Category**

Year 5 and 6

1. This is a 7 a-side game, comprising of a squad of 10 children. The squad will be mixed with at least four girls and at least two girls must be on the pitch at all times.
2. The duration of the game will be two halves of 7 or 10 mins each.
3. The game will be played with a size 4 rugby ball.
4. When playing Tag Rugby all players must wear a “tag belt” that has two ribbons (tags) attached to Velcro. The belt must be worn around the waist with all loose clothing tucked in. The tags are positioned on either side of the hips with teams being distinguished by the colour of the tags they wear.
5. The team in possession has the ball for a total of six tags (tackles).
6. A try is scored the normal way by placing or touching the ball down on or over your opponents’ try line. **NB players will not be allowed to dive over the try line in the act of scoring a try.**
7. **Players must stay on their feet AT ALL TIMES (NO DIVING). This includes when making a tag, falling on a loose ball and scoring.**
8. Only the player in possession of the ball can be tagged. A tag is simply the removal by a defender of one of the two ribbons from the ball carrier. The ball carrier cannot fend off or guard (hand off) the tags in any way. When a defender has removed the tag, it should be held above their head and shout “TAG!” for all to hear.
9. The player at Acting Half-Back **cannot** score a try from that position.
10. The defensive line will be asked to retreat 5 metres.
11. The ball carrier must stop and play the ball within 3 metres of the ‘tag’. If not, the referee will instruct the tagged player to return to the mark where tagged.
12. The tagged player then plays the ball through his/her legs. After playing the ball, the tackler will give the tag back to the attacker who must replace it on his/her belt, before re-joining the game.
13. **Spinning with the ball** to avoid being tagged in not allowed.
14. All infringements will result in a handover to the non-offending side at the place the infringement occurred and play is restarted with a pass.
15. There will be no kicks allowed including conversions.
16. The game will commence with a pass, centre field at the beginning of each half.
17. After a try has been scored the non-scoring team will restart with a pass at the half way line with the opposition back 7 metres.
18. A try scores 4 points.

**NB.**

**PLAY THE BALL SEQUENCE:**

1. **DEFENDER REMOVES TAG, SHOUTS “TAG!” AND HOLDS THE TAG ABOVE THEIR HEAD (DO NOT THROW ON GROUND)**
2. **BALL CARRIER STOPS, PLAYS THE BALL AND THEN RECEIVES THE TAG BACK FROM THE DEFENDER. HE/SHE REPLACES THE TAG BEFORE RE-JOINING THE GAME.**

**Further information**

The Leeds Rhinos Foundation can create a Sport & PE package that is tailored to the needs of the school and will truly benefit the pupils. For more information see the link below or contact Gareth Cook.

<http://www.leedsrhinosfoundation.org/sport/school-sport-offer.php>

Email: Gareth.Cook@leedsrhinosfoundation.org

**Leeds North West: REPLY SLIP**

**I confirm that our school will be attending (Please Tick Preference):**

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| Event | Date | Time | Venue | Please Tick |
| Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby | Tuesday 13th March 2018 | 12.30noon – 3pm **Competition Only** | **Otliensians RC**  Pool Rd, Otley LS21 1DY |  |
| Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby | Wednesday 21st March 2018 | 12.30noon – 3pmCompetition Only | **Guiseley Rangers RC**  Nunroyd Park, LS19 7HR |  |

Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

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| **Criteria** | **Reply** | | | |
| **School** |  | | | |
| **Teacher Attending** |  | | | |
| **Contact Mobile** |  | | | |
| **Contact Email(s)** |  | | | |
| **Team Colours** |  | | | |
| **No. of Players** | **Boys** |  | **Girls** |  |

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| **Signed** |  |
| **Please Print Name** |  |
| **Date** |  |

**Please return by Friday 2nd February 2018.**

**To Natalie Mallinson**

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**HEALTH & SAFETY / SAFEGUARDING**

**FILMING & PHOTOGRAPHY**

* Please ensure that the member of staff in charge is aware of which pupils can/cannot be photographed
* Pupils who cannot be photographed must be identified by a yellow wristband which will be provided
* The school will be asked to identify a designated member of staff for photography who must wear a blue wristband which will be provided
* Only images taken by that person can be used by the school
* All persons accompanying the school must be informed of the following:

They may take photographs, however;

* they must not display or distribute images taken unless they have consent to do so from the school or Active Schools;
* they must not use images which may cause distress;
* they must not use a mobile telephone to take images;
* they must not take images “in secret” or take images in situations that may be construed as being secretive;
* they must not take images of single children/young people with no surrounding context;
* they should ensure that in all images taken children/young people are dressed appropriately
* and that any inadvertent photograph taken of a child wearing a yellow wristband must be destroyed.

**FIRST AID**

In the first instance staff are responsible for providing first aid to the children they have brought to the event. There will be support for larger instances. Please ensure you bring sufficient first aid supplies.

**RISK ASSESSMENTS / EVOLVE NOTIFICATION**

It is the responsibility of individual schools to have appropriate risk assessments in place for all activities they attend. SGO’s and Active Schools will not send risk assessments direct to Schools.  They should download sample risk assessments from Evolve for all Active Schools and SSP events and personalise them.

For large, centrally organised Active School events, risk assessments will be in the Active Schools tab of the resources section on Evolve.  For School Games and SSP events risk assessments are in the PE tab. The ‘Events’ risk assessment can be adapted to cover the vast majority of sites used, and for all multi skills activities. Your school may also add activity specific risk assessments if they feel it necessary. (Sample activity risk assessments can also be downloaded from Evolve.) As always a Transport risk assessment will be required.