

School Games Organisers Insight Report

Key findings (February 2023)

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Report introduction

- School Games Organisers play a hugely important role in a school setting by getting young people active, healthy, and playing sport, especially for those who need it most.
- They are a 450-strong network of professionals. However, this network is at risk of redundancy and in the past six months many have said they have considered leaving the role amid years of funding uncertainty.
- Together with schools, young people, and the nation's leading sport organisations, the Youth Sport Trust is urging Government to confirm next year's School Games Organiser funding this month.

Scale and aims of the School Games



450

**School Games
Organisers**



18,700

**School Games
registered schools**



- to coordinate appropriate competitive opportunities for all young people from Key Stage 2-4
- to recruit, train and deploy a suitable workforce
- to support the development of club opportunities for all young people

In the 21/22 academic year alone...

Participation (21/22)

50%



Boys

49%



Girls



82% Primary schools

18% Secondary schools



73% White British

5% White Non-British

11% Asian

4% Mixed Race

6% Black

2% Other Ethnicity



11% Special educational needs or disability (SEND)

Competitions per Term (21/22)

Autumn Term

9,715

Spring Term

8,846

Summer Term

9,740

Total

28,301

What are the issues?

School Games Organiser's (SGO) role turnover is high, ~ 20% this academic year. A further 14% indicate a perception that they are at risk of redundancy.

A recent SGO Network Pulse survey (January 2023) found...

47%

of SGOs have considered leaving their role in the last 6 months

14%

of host sites have indicated the SGO role is at risk

47%

of SGOs drive other school sport and physical activity delivery/roles (over and above, but in connection with, the SGO role)

64%

of SGOs have a buy-in model which supplements their salary

What could be lost...

2.2 million

annual participation opportunities for children

28,000

annual competitive school sports events – that's 148 events a day!

8,357

competitions / events in sports like Cricket, Football, Rugby League, Rugby Union and Tennis

Girls' sport would be particularly badly hit with hundreds of girls-only football, cricket, rugby union and rugby league competitions lost. On the back of England women's success in these sports, now is not the time to lose momentum.



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