

Calling school age athletes for revived competition

Edinburgh High Schools and their pupils are being urged to get on their marks and sign up for the return of a city-wide athletics event after a seven-year hiatus.

The Edinburgh Secondary Schools Track and Field competition is open to S1-S3 pupils, with organisers looking for schools to enter two teams comprising four athletes each at the revamped Meadowbank Stadium on Wednesday, 29 May.

The mixed gender teams – one of S1s and the other S2-3s – will take part in a variety of discipline including the 100m, 600m, shot putt and long jump.

Entrants will choose one track race to run but will participate in both field events on the day, while a relay could also take place.

Athletes will compete to score points for their schools and secure first place, but the primary focus is on enjoyment and participation.

Organiser Grant Sheldon, on behalf of the Edinburgh Junior Athletics Development Group at Edinburgh Leisure, said: “It is an opportunity to give the kids an introduction to athletics competition and try out a few events with the hope of building a positive relationship with sport.

“We would love for this event to grow, and continue to foster these opportunities for sport in our communities.”

Entry costs have been set low at just £20 per team.

For further details or to register your school's interest, please email grantsheldon@edinburghleisure.co.uk



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