

# LYG Cross Country 2023-24

## Entry Information & Rules



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### Event Overview

**Date:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**Venue:** Parliament Hill, Hampstead Heath, NW5 1QR.

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### Entry Information

**Squad Entry Deadline:** 5pm, Wednesday 8th November 2023.

**Squad Nomination Size:** 12 per age category and gender (96 total).

**Squad on the Day:** same as above.

**Competitions:** Boys & Girls (raced separately).

**Eligibility Criteria:** None.

### Age Categories

Event	Oldest DOB	Youngest DOB
U11	01/09/2012	31/08/2014
U13	01/09/2010	31/08/2012
U15	01/09/2008	31/08/2010
U17	01/09/2006	31/08/2008

### Distances

Age Category	Girls	Boys
U11	1500m	1500m
U13	2000m	2000m
U15	2000m	3000m
U17	3000m	4500m

**Alternates:** Each Borough is permitted TWO substitutions, per gender (4 total). Additional/late entries will not be accepted, and substitutions must be in the same age and gender as the original entry. All substitution details must be provided at registration on the day of the event.

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### Full Rules & Regulations

**XCO 1** The London Youth Games Athletics competition will run under [UKA rules](#).

**XCO 1.1** Should any rules listed below contradict those outlined by the UKA, these rules will supersede those.

**XCO 1.2** It will be at the discretion of the event referee and LYG personnel as to the application of these rules, and any subsequent decision made as a result will be final.

**XCO 1.3** The Tournament Organisers reserve the rights to alter or amend the playing schedule if necessary and make decisions on any matters arising during the tournament, including any matters not covered by the tournament regulations.

**XCO 2 Age Category** The following age groups and respective maximum and minimum date of births will apply to the London Youth Games Cross Country Competition:

Event	Oldest DOB	Youngest DOB
U11	01/09/2012	31/08/2014
U13	01/09/2010	31/08/2012
U15	01/09/2008	31/08/2010
U17	01/09/2006	31/08/2008

**XCO 2.1** Competitors are not permitted to race in an age category for which they are ineligible. No exceptions will be made.

**XCO 2.2** It is the responsibility of competitors/parents/team managers/local authority staff to ensure all competitors details are entered correctly at the time of submission, and that they are eligible to compete for their borough under the [London Youth Games Games Rules](#), and in accordance with the age groups outlined for each race.

**XCO 2.2.1.1** Once the published time of registration closing has passed, any competitors who race in the incorrect age category may be subject to XC 2.2.2

**XCO 2.2.2** In the instance a competitor is found to be ineligible, they will be disqualified from the competition entirely, and the borough will receive a points penalty as per the Games Rules.

**XCO 3 Squad Size** Boroughs are permitted to enter a maximum of 12 competitors per age category and gender e.g. 12 competitors in U15 Boys etc.

**XCO 3.1** Boroughs are permitted to bring all 12 competitors entered in each age category and gender to the event on the day.

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**XCO 4 Distances** The following distances will apply for each respective age category and gender:

Age Category	Girls	Boys
U11	1500m	1500m
U13	2000m	2000m
U15	2000m	3000m
U17	3000m	4500m

**XCO 5 Clothing and Footwear** Competitors should wear appropriate attire and footwear suitable for the terrain and conditions the competition will be run on/in. The terrain is largely grassland, with areas of uneven ground and potentially slippery conditions, and therefore spikes are advised, but not compulsory. All competitors should be aware that other competitors may be wearing spikes.

**XCO 6 Timing and Numbers** All competitors will be provided with a timing chip, and race number/bib

**XCO 6.1** Race numbers/bibs must be secured to the front of a competitors clothing, below the chest and above the waist area. This must be secured on all four corners – any competitors without fully secured numbers/bibs may be prevented from competing.

**XCO 6.2** Timing chips must be securely fastened to a competitor's ankle, ensuring the strap passes through the slot provided. Timing chips worn elsewhere on a competitor's body may result in a void/incomplete result.

**XCO 6.2.1** In the instance a competitor completes the race, but a time is not registered due to an incorrectly worn timing chip, it will be at the discretion of LYG whether a result can be recorded.

**XCO 6.2.2** In the instance a competitor's timing chip is lost during the competition, LYG and its timing supplier will use official video footage of the finish to estimate a time for that competitor. No external evidence will be considered.

**XCO 6.3** Where a competitor competes with the incorrect timing chip and race number/bib they may be subject to disqualification under the Games Rules.

**XCO 6.4** Timing chips must be returned before departing the finishing area. Any individuals who fail to return their timing chip may risk a £5 fine. Competitors may keep their race number/bib.

**XCO 6 Start Line and Routes** The route for each age category and gender will be provided in advance of the day via the Race Pack. It is the responsibility of competitors/parents/team managers/local authority staff to familiarise themselves with this route.

**XCO 6.1** Runners must assemble in the starting area 10 minutes prior to the advertised time of their race. There will not be any seeding, and competitors must listen to the start line marshals in terms of their positioning in this area/start line.

**XCO 6.1.1** Competitors should remain in warm clothing until a minimum of 5 minutes prior to their race.



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**XCO 6.1.2** Runners must follow the directions of course marshals and course signage. Any runners who deemed by the event referee to not have completed the course will be disqualified.

**XCO 7 Scoring** Overall borough results will be split by gender. All races are eligible to contribute to a borough's overall score for the event in each gender, but only the best three will be combined out of the four eligible races in each gender.

**XCO 7.1** The positions of a borough's first three finishers in each race are combined to create a score e.g. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> would provide a score of 21 (3+7+11). The lowest scores will be ranked first, and the largest scores ranked last.

**XCO 7.1.1** In the instance a borough does not have three competitors in a certain race, the positions of the competitor/s will be added to the equivalent of the position that comes after the final competitor in that race. Examples below;

- A race has 56 competitors take part on the day, and a borough has two runners.
- These runners place 5<sup>th</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> respectively.
- The borough score would be calculated as follows: 5 + 34 + 57 = 96
- If this borough only had one competitor who placed 5<sup>th</sup> it would be calculated as follows: 5 + 57 + 57 = 119

**XCO 7.1.2** In the instance two or more boroughs accumulate a score that is equal, their next best finish will be determine their ranking e.g. if two boroughs are both on 21 points, and the next best runner placed 23<sup>rd</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> respectively, the borough with the 23<sup>rd</sup> placed finish will be awarded the higher ranking.

**XCO 7.2** The lowest number of points accumulated across the borough's best three races will be deemed the winners of for that gender.

**XCO 7.3** In the event two or more boroughs are tied on points for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> overall borough positions, the borough with the higher points for the fourth race will determine the result.

**XCO 7.3.1** If the boroughs are still tied, the total score of the 4<sup>th</sup> best position across the original three races shall be used, and so on until a result is determined.

**XCO 7.3.2** If there is a tie for any positions for 4<sup>th</sup> position downward, there will be no separation and both boroughs will be awarded the respective Jubilee Points.

**XCO 8 Medals & Trophies** Medals and trophies will be awarded as follows:

**XCO 8.1** Individuals who place 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in their respective race will be awarded medals.

**XCO 8.2** As per XCO 7.1, the three (or less) individuals who contribute to a boroughs race result will also receive a medal if their borough ranks 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in that race.

**XCO 8.3** As per XCO 7.3, a trophy will be awarded to the borough who accumulates the highest number of points across their best three races in each gender. Medals will be awarded to all competitors who represented their borough.