



WHY ROUNDERS

What are the benefits of playing my sport?

“We have so much fun with our students, especially when playing rounders; it is a sport that fosters a fun, laid back atmosphere, especially when the sun is shining and the weather is dry.”

By placing the emphasis on fun, rounders can stand out from other sports on offer at school and present a different way into physical activity through enjoyment and sociability – more like an after-school club that kids go to because they love the activity and do it with like-minded people.

Get them to have fun and enjoy the game and you may have them for life.

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Spirit of the Games:
Excellence through competition
How does your sport exemplify these values?



Working hard on all aspects of the game.



Sportsmanship and respecting the umpire's decision.



When bowling, call a no ball.



Believing in your ability to make the right decisions i.e. when to run from a post or calling a catch.



Communicating and working together to achieve success within the game.



Being driven to achieve your personal best in training and games.

Priority competitions:

Name of the competition 1: Rounders

Age group: Year 5/6

Intra/Inter Competition? Played at Intra School Competition (Level 1), Inter School Competition (Level 2) and County Final - Inter School Competition (Level 3). Male/Female/Mixed

Who can run it? Intra School Competition (Level 1) and Inter School Competition (Level 2) — Schools/SGOs (supporting guidance provided by Rounders England); County Final - Inter School Competition (Level 3) — County Local Organising Committees (supporting guidance provided by Rounders England)

How to enter it: Enter through the relevant person depending on the level of competition

When does it take place? Spring/summer term

Next steps after this competition: The winners of Inter School Competition (Level 2) will progress to the County Final - Inter School Competition (Level 3)

Name of the competition 2: Rounders

Age group: Year 9

What level/location: Played at Intra School Competition (Level 1), Inter School Competition (Level 2) and County Final - Inter School Competition (Level 3). Male/Female/Mixed

Who can run it? Intra School Competition (Level 1) and Inter School Competition (Level 2) — Schools/SGOs (supporting guidance provided by Rounders England); County Final - Inter School Competition (Level 3) — County Local Organising Committees (supporting guidance provided by Rounders England)

How to enter it: Enter through the relevant person depending on the level of competition

When does it take place? Spring/summer term

Next steps after this competition: The winners of Inter School Competition (Level 2) will progress to the Inter School Competition (Level 3) County Rounders Final

Where do young people go next (from school to club/community)?

Young people wanting to play in the community should contact delivery partners who have established rounders opportunities in the community. These can be found at <http://bit.ly/2ml88yj>. Ideally the opportunity will be a mix of social and fun, providing young people with the opportunity to improve their skills and game play as well as enjoy themselves with friends.

Young Leader/Officials courses/qualifications available:

The Rounders Young Leader Award — the course is a six-hour rounders specific course which helps young people 14 and over to learn how to gain basic coaching and officiating skills and assist in the planning, organising and running of rounders festivals and tournaments. <http://bit.ly/1S4J9b3>

The Preliminary Umpire Course — this is a three-hour course providing young people 14 and over with an introduction to umpiring and the skills to enable them to start to officiate at matches and events. <http://bit.ly/2k2yd3V>

Embracing the School Games Vision

Development Competitions provide an opportunity to engage all young people. Utilising the NGB format, consider:

- Identifying targeted participant groups (i.e. gender, physical activity levels, impairment groups).
- Using the STEP principles to condition activities.
- Consider how to reward success – what does it look like?

Signposted competitions:

Rounders England use the School Games as a route to the 'National Schools Championships'.

Be in with the chance to represent your school in the highest calibre of educational rounders.

Year 6 Mixed National School Championships:

www.roundersengland.co.uk/event/year-6-mixed-national-school-championships-2017/

Year 8 Girls National School Championships:

<http://bit.ly/2pYnGq9>

Year 9 Mixed Open Competition:

<http://bit.ly/2pQxZkf>

Year 10/11 Girls Open Competition:

<http://bit.ly/2rwzQHs>

Relevant web links:

www.roundersengland.co.uk

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Competition Card

Primary or Secondary:

Primary and Secondary

Name of competition:

Year 6 Mixed (Approved Soft Ball) and
Year 8 Girls (Approved Hardball)

Age group:

Year 6 and Year 8

How to enter:

Via your local SGO

Tournament format:

Can be played either home and away, or at a
central venue depending on local facilities.

Simple rules:

- A squad should consist of 15 players. A team should consist of nine players and six substitutes. You can have a minimum of one boy and a maximum of five boys on the pitch at one time for mixed competition formats.
- Teams can bat for one or two innings each; alternatively a limited number of balls e.g. 20 good balls or until all batters are out.
- One team bats while the other team fields and bowls.
- The bowler bowls the ball underarm to the batter who hits the ball anywhere on the rounders pitch. The batter then runs around the outside of as many posts as possible before the fielders return the ball to touch the post the batter is heading for.
- If the batter hits the ball backwards then they must wait at first post until the ball returns to the forward area.
- If the batter reaches the second or third post in one hit, the batting team scores half a rounder. If the batter reaches fourth post in one hit, the batting team scores a rounder.
- A batter can wait at first, second or third post when it is not safe to run.
- A batter is out if the fielding team catch the ball hit by the batter before it touches the ground or by touching the post the batter is heading to with the ball before the batter reaches it.
- Complete rules and scorecards available from www.roundersengland.co.uk

Roles for young people:

- Young people can get involved as team managers, assistant umpires or assistant coaches.

How can depth in competition through extra teams be achieved?

Rounders can be offered to more young people through leagues that cater for A, B and C teams. By placing the emphasis on fun, rounders can stand out from other sports on offer at school and present a different way into physical activity through enjoyment and sociability for many more young people.

Think inclusively!

Rounders is a fun and accessible sport that develops core skills and team experiences through flexible and inclusive fun play. The rules provide the freedom for each player to rotate and try out every position. Rounders can easily be adapted to include all young people. A runner can be introduced to support a person with a visual or physical impairment. Using a larger bat or ball will help a player with difficulties with hand-eye co-ordination. Visually or physically impaired players can use a batting tee.

The route from here to County Final – Inter School Competition (Level 3)

Winners of Inter School Competition (Level 2) should progress to County Final – Inter School Competition (Level 3).
County Final – Inter School Competition (Level 3) competitions should happen in June or early July at the latest.

How can regularity be achieved?

Rounders can be offered on a regular basis through a league format. This could be home and away fixtures or at a central venue depending on your local facilities.



Relevant web links:

www.roundersengland.co.uk