

GOTHENBURG 2019

Following a very successful team visit to Gothenburg in 2017, the coaches and adults have recovered sufficiently to start mentioning the 'G' word again!! (For those of you unfamiliar with the event, please see the links at the bottom of the page).

We have secured funding from the club to assist with costs and have decided to undertake a second visit to the games in 2019.

The 2019 games will be held 28,29 & 30 June and we would be proposing to use similar travelling arrangements to those from 2017. This means we would be away from Thursday 27 June to Monday 1 July.

The cost will be £600 per athlete and this includes all flights and transfers from Glasgow to Gothenburg, hotel accommodation (shared twin rooms) for 4 nights and meals from Thursday evening meal to Monday breakfast, event kit and event entry fees. Last time, parents set up a fundraising committee and managed to reduce the cost for each athlete by £150 so I would suggest this would be something to consider this time once the team is announced.

We will be circulating a set of standards for the various events which we would be expecting athletes to achieve (or be very close to) if they wish to be selected. The deadline for standards is the end of September 2018. There are plenty open graded meetings, national championships and of course, the club champs, to enter to achieve the necessary times and distances. We will be looking for athletes to achieve at least two event standards as they will have to compete in a minimum of two events when on the trip. Throws standards are the only ones set by the organisers.

Selection will not be guaranteed even if the standards have been reached, we will take into account attendance and commitment at training and we would also be looking for athletes who have competed for the club over the season.

I would be grateful if you could advise at this stage if your athlete would be interested in being considered for the trip. This is not a firm commitment nor is it a guarantee of a place but gives me an indication of the numbers we are looking at, to allow me to ensure we will have enough coaches and adult helpers willing to accompany the team. Please email me by Friday 13 July to express interest.

Please note we have a lower age restriction on athletes being considered - all athletes will have to be U15 or above next competitive season. This means that only U13 athletes who are second year U13s can be considered. If your athlete moved up from U11 at the start of the indoor competition season 17-18, they are too young to attend.

I've attached the website report from the last trip to give an idea of what we got up to and also the link to this year's event. If you have any questions, please contact either Sara Lang or me and we'll try to help.

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<https://www.giffnocknorth.co.uk/gothenburg-trip-gets-the-thumbs-up/>

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