

London Youth Games 2005



Over 250 young athletes from the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames have competed in the 28th London Youth Games over June and July. The Richmond team is organised by the Borough's Sports Development Team. The games provide young Londoners with the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of sports and get a foot on the sporting ladder. The event also helps to develop and encourage young athletes sporting talent and the Richmond team certainly played their part.



The culmination of the event began with the London Mini Youth Games on Thursday 30 June at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre.

Richmond Council's Cabinet Member for Sport, Cllr Roger Avins attended the event and said: "The Youth Games provide a tremendous opportunity for the cream of our borough's young sporting talent. Hundreds of youngsters, supportive parents and dozens of enthusiastic coaches have given their time over many months preparing for what is Europe's largest youth sporting event, boasting more competitors than the Olympics, with more than 21,000 young Londoners taking part in 26 different sports events".

The Mini Youth Games was a great success for Richmond Borough. The most successful team of the day were the swimmers who performed superbly well as individuals and ended the day as champions. For the second year running there was heartbreak for the hockey team who made it through to the final only to lose again to a golden goal this time against Redbridge. The tag rugby team from Hampton Hill Junior school performed very well and got through to the semi finals. The netball team managed fifth place, the basketball team were fifteenth as were the football team and the sportshall athletics team from Hampton Junior school came seventeenth.



The main youth games started bright and early on Saturday 2 July. Teams for archery, cycling, boys football, floor and vault gymnastics, netball, girls rugby, swimming and Trampolining made their way to Crystal Palace.



The highlight of the day was the performance of the trampolining squad. After years of managing the team Heather Bone and her squad achieved gold medal position. Once again the swimming team managed by Carol Butler and David Butler turned in fine performances with both the boys and girls team achieving seventh place.

The cycling team came fifth overall, the girls rugby team made it through to the quarter finals and ended up in seventh position, the netball team finished in ninth position an improvement of sixteen positions on last year. Boy's football came in ninth position, archery were thirteenth and the boys and girls gymnastics were twenty fifth and eleventh respectively.



On Sunday the 3 July teams for angling, aquathlon, athletics, canoeing, girl's football and girls hockey made their way to Crystal Palace. Highlight of the day was the angling team who having qualified for the finals for the second year in succession were guaranteed at least eighth position. On the day the team performed very well and secured second position overall. The girl's hockey team also qualified for the finals and ended up in eighth position, the athletics team were tenth, the aquathlon team were twelfth, the girl's football nineteenth, and the canoeing team were twenty third.

Overall the Borough came sixteenth out of the 33 London Boroughs. The Sports Development Team would like to say a big thank you to all team managers, volunteers, parents and participants for their contribution to the London Youth Games.



For more information on the London Youth Games call the Sports Development Team on 020 8831 6133, or email o.otoole@richmond.gov.uk

LYG Reception 2005

For those who have participated in the London Youth Games 2005

The reception is held to celebrate the achievements of participants, team managers, clubs, schools and volunteers.

Parents are welcome to attend and there will be a chance to purchase photos taken at the games.

Richmond London Youth Games Reception

At

**Harlequins Rugby Football Club
Stoop Memorial Ground
Langhorn Drive
Twickenham
TW2 7XS**

On

Tuesday 18 October 2005

**6:30 – 7:30pm Light refreshments
7:30 – 8:30pm Presentation of awards**

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