

WORLD 5000 METRE CHALLENGE 2014

For the Primary School Age Group

ORGANISERS GUIDE



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WHAT IS IT?

The World 5000 Metre Challenge is a new event aimed at primary schools around the world. It replaces the old 1500 Metre Challenge as many schools asked for more of a challenge. It's a simple and fun competition to organise and aims to link the participating teams together as part of our International Community.

In September and October 2014, schools from Canada to Hong Kong and from Spain to New Zealand will compete against each other and look to beat the World 5000m record.

A TRULY GLOBAL EVENT

The World 5000 Metre Challenge is a simultaneous relay in which primary school teams from across the world race against each other to complete 5000 metres and your school can be part of it. It will take place in parallel with the World Marathon Challenge.

WHO CAN TAKE PART?

The event is for teams of children aged between 7 and 11 on the day of the event.

The minimum team size is 9 and no team member should run more than 3 legs.

There is no maximum team size so all the children in your class can run. If you have more than 25 children some can run in pairs or why not divide the class into teams to create an exciting competition.

For children who don't wish to run there are other ways in which they can be involved such as being as team managers, timekeepers, etc. (see diagram for details)

There are three categories:

- a/ Primary Schools
- b/ Athletics Clubs
- c/ any other type of Club or Organisation

TAKING PART STEP BY STEP

1. Choose a date and venue for your World 5000 Metre Challenge event.
2. Register your team(s) online at www.competitioncentre.net and challenge other teams to take part too, for example, a school or club from your twin town.
3. Publicise your event.
4. Set up your event on a running track or in a field with the 5000 metre distance divided into 200m sections (see diagram for details).
5. RUN! Each team member runs 200m before passing the baton on. Keep going until the whole 5000 metres has been covered.
6. Enter your final times and share photos and stories through our Twitter and Facebook accounts.

REGISTER YOUR TEAMS, LOG YOUR RESULTS AND SEE YOUR PLACE ON THE WORLD LEADERBOARD AT www.competitioncentre.net

WHEN?

We know schools have busy schedules so this year we're offering a two week window from 17th September to 1st October.

We've designated the **1st October** for our main event when we're inviting as many teams as possible from around the world to run their races simultaneously*.

*For those teams running simultaneously on 1st October, the start time is 11am BST

HOW IT WORKS

The 5000 metre distance is divided into 25 sections of 200 metres each. Each team member completes one 200 metre section before passing the baton to the next runner. Each runner completes one, two or three sections. Runners should wear race numbers to identify their position in the relay sequence.

INVOLVE EVERYONE

Invite your whole school to be part of the event – not just the runners. The race itself can be organised by around a dozen young officials and there are many other ways for students to get involved:

- Photography and film
- Local press
- Social media or blogging
- Internal communications
- Guest hospitality

FUNDRAISING

The competition is free to enter. There is no obligation to collect for any charity but the World 5000m Challenge provides an excellent opportunity to raise money for a good cause.

COMPETITION CENTRE

This worldwide race comes alive at our online Competition Centre where you can:

- Register your venue and team details
- View your team on the map alongside hundreds of others from all over the world
- Enter your finishing times
- See where you're ranked against other teams around the world

Register now for free at www.competitioncentre.net .

ON THE DAY

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

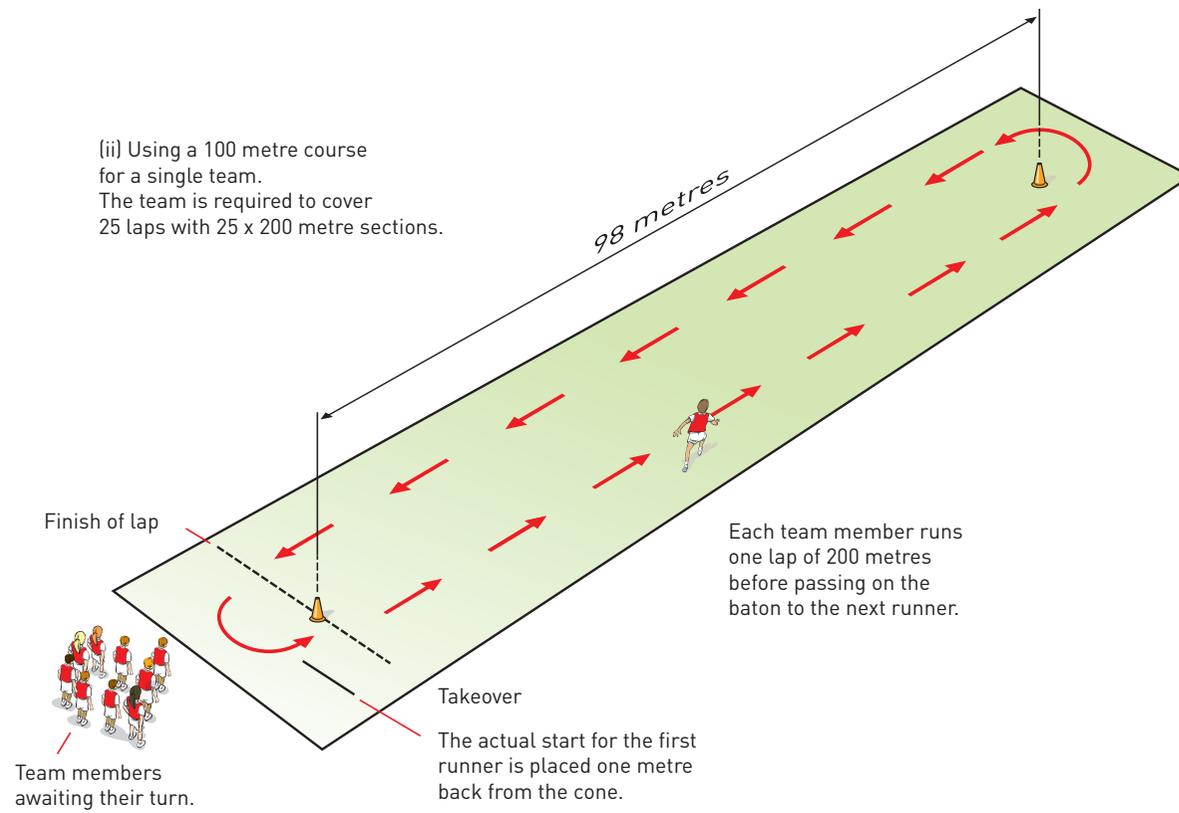
- A large open space or running track
- Cones or markers to mark out the track
- 9 or more runners per team, up to 5 teams wearing different colours
- Race numbers (pdf available online)
- Recording sheets (available online) and pens for Officials
- 1 Lap indicator board per team
- 1 Baton per team
- 1 Stopwatch per Time Keeper
- First Aid Kit
- Internet Access to log and view live checkpoint times and results if possible.

RACE OFFICIALS

- **Race Organiser:** starts the race, ensures all teams follow the rules and logs results online.
- **Timekeepers:** time and record race completion time (one per team)
- **Lap Counters:** operate a simple lap-counting board to show the number of laps their team has completed (one per team)
- **Team Managers:** Each team will require two team managers to ensure that their team members are in place in the correct sequence for each take-over.
- **Other roles:** There are many other ways in which children can be involved, for example: photographer, announcer, reporters, cheering squad, caterers etc.

You will be able to download recording sheets for judges and timekeepers from www.competitioncentre.net .

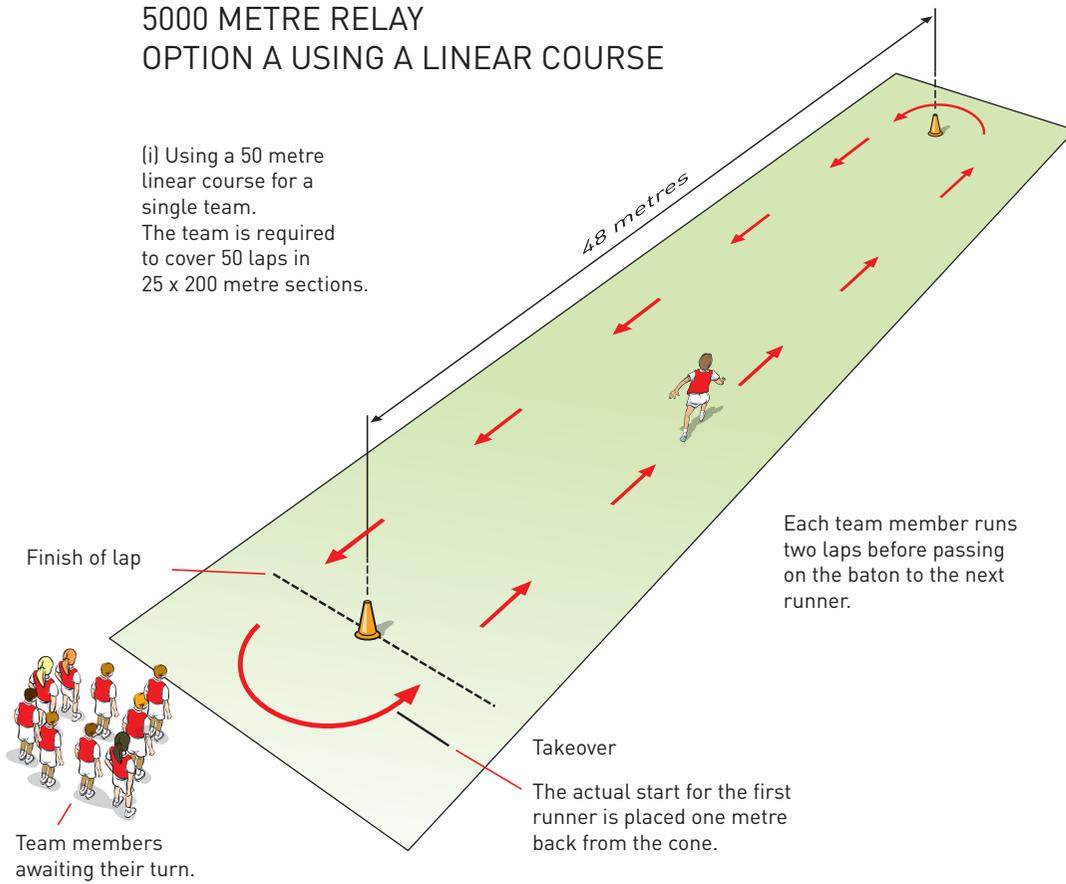
(ii) Using a 100 metre course for a single team.
The team is required to cover 25 laps with 25 x 200 metre sections.



To accommodate more than one team a second or third track can be placed alongside.

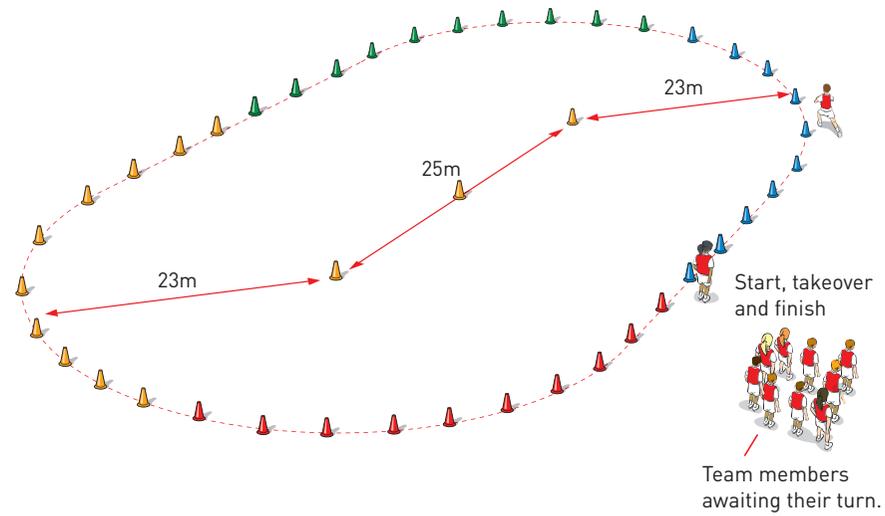
5000 METRE RELAY OPTION A USING A LINEAR COURSE

(i) Using a 50 metre linear course for a single team. The team is required to cover 50 laps in 25 x 200 metre sections.



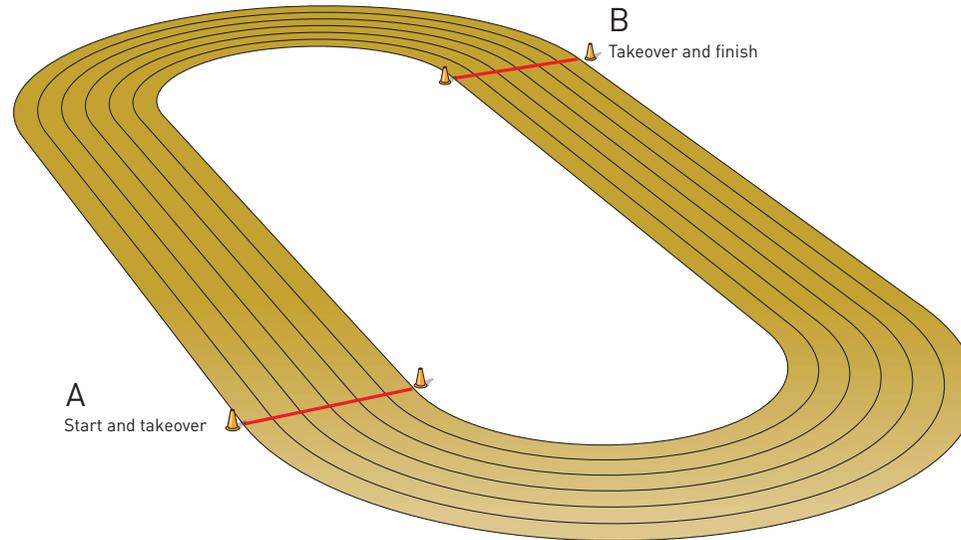
OPTION B 200M OVAL TRACK

The following diagram gives the dimensions for marking out a 200 metre track on a football pitch or other open space.



OPTION C 400M OVAL TRACK

5000 metre relay (25 x 200 metre sections)
12 1/2 laps of the track



When using a 400m track it is advisable that the team is made up of an odd number of members. This ensures that team members do not have to cross the track to maintain the running order sequence.

Divide your team and place those wearing odd numbers at point 'a' and those with even numbers at point 'B'.

Team size. A team may have 9 to 25 members. If there are extra children some can run in pairs with a friend.

no team members shall run more than three times and these runs should be spaced at least eight Sections apart.

ONLINE RESOURCES

We're here to help you make your event a huge success. There are lots of resources you can download from our website www.competitioncentre.net

- World 5000 Metre Challenge race numbers
- Certificates for runners
- Posters to promote the event in your school and beyond
- Judges' and Time Keepers' recording sheets

CHILD SAFEGUARDING

The safety and wellbeing of children is paramount, you must ensure that at all times the appropriate level of supervision and care is being provided by responsible adults to enable every child to have a fun, and most importantly, safe day. A set of guidelines on child safeguarding can be found at www.britishathletics.org.uk/governance/welfare-and-safeguarding/guidance-documents-and-resource

FIRST AID

Local Organisers will be responsible for ensuring that a qualified first aider is present at their event.

LIABILITY

The promoting partners, the Amateur Athletic Association and Eveque are not hosting these events. They therefore cannot accept any liability should you decide to organise an event, including for the travel, security (including, but not limited to, personal property and medical), health and safety, or otherwise for you, your fellow organisers and the children taking part in the event. Please ensure that the participants and your fellow organisers understand this.

STAY IN TOUCH

To keep up to date with the latest news in the run-up to, during and after the event, you can:

- Join us at www.facebook.com/EvequeWorldMarathonChallenge
- Follow us on Twitter: @EvequeWMC
- See who else has entered, enter and view results: www.competitioncentre.net
- Contact us by email: support@eveque.co.uk

OUR PARTNERS

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