



# CHANCE TO COMPETE

## SKILLS CHALLENGE LKS2

### GUIDANCE

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## Aim

All Chance to Compete competitions have been designed to provide all children with access to a fun, inclusive and fast paced format of the game. Competitions are generally run on a festival basis, meaning maximum opportunity for participation.

Skills Festivals can be played indoor or outdoor, the number of pitches dependent on venue size and safety considerations. The purpose of the Skills Festival is to provide children with an opportunity to try out a number of different cricket based fundamental activities, and to improve upon their personal best scores. As such, there will be opportunity for multiple goes at each activity within the festival.

All state primary schools are eligible to play, and participants must be in **Key Stage 2 Lower**

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## Teams

Each team comprises of up to 10 players. Schools are encouraged to enter more than 1 side in the competition if space allows. Ideally, 3 sides would lead to all children within a class getting an opportunity to take part.



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## Scoring

Each teacher will be provided with a scorecard for their team. All children will get the opportunity to have two goes at each of the FIVE Skill Stations, so they can aim to beat their own individual score on the second attempt.

Teachers will be responsible for keeping the scores for all of their team, with support from any Young Leaders/ECB Cricket Activators or County Cricket Board staff who are present on the day.



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## Clothing & Equipment

Schools will be responsible for ensuring that all children wear the appropriate cricket clothing, i.e. PE kit or cricket kit or All Stars Cricket kit.

Competition organisers will supply all the relevant playing equipment. However, schools are encouraged to allow any of the children with All Stars Cricket kit to bring their own personal equipment with them. Schools will be responsible for ensuring all kit is kept safe.

The basic equipment required to play a Skills Festival is as follows:

- 5 sets of Plastic stumps\*
- 5 plastic bats (sizing suitable for KS2 lower)\*
- Large supply of tennis balls/All Stars Cricket balls/bean bags/balloons
- Large supply of different coloured cones
- Rubber discs/markers/batting tees

\*The volume of equipment required will be dependent on the number of teams entered into the competition. The above suggestion is based on 4 teams of 10 players.



## Skill Stations

Each group will work on a station for 10 minutes

There will be five stations in total, these are outlined below. After each station, teams will move clockwise round the venue to the next activity. There will be a 3 minute break between each station.

Once the first round of stations is completed, there will be a 10 minute break. All teams will then complete their second rotation on each station. Note that this is a recommended timing - this can be adapted for delivery through school based intra-competition (indoor or playground) or to fit the time available.

All Skill Stations are adapted from the Play Content, covering batting, bowling, fielding and fundamental movements. Teachers delivering or supporting Play sessions within their curriculum will therefore be supporting all children to develop the skills to play in these festivals.

## Venues

To be confirmed by local organisers. Organisers are encouraged to ensure high quality venues, supporting an excellent playing experience and plenty of space to allow for maximum engagement.

<b>KS2L</b>
<b>Bat Taps</b> Scoring: time based
<b>Hit the Target (zone 3)</b> Scoring: time based
<b>Perfect Pitch</b> Scoring: points based dependent on targets hit
<b>Catching Comets</b> Scoring: points based dependent on number of catches
<b>Striking Star</b> Scoring: points based dependent on targets hit



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## Scoring

The overall standings are defined by the sum of individual scores across all four stations in both rounds for each team.

There will also be a prize for the team who shows the biggest improvement from rotation 1 to rotation 2.

Teachers will be responsible for ensuring a fair and objective scoring of each station and must pass on sheets to the festival manager after each full rotation of 4 stations.

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## Wet Weather/ Indoor

Should matches not be able to take place outdoors due to weather conditions, then organisers can ensure play takes place by adopting the same rules if a suitable indoor venue is available. The same format of the game can be used for indoor matches

