



# Mini-Basketball England Take Six Mini-Basketball National Programme



## Easter 2009 Update



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## GREAT NEWS FROM MOLTEN SPORTS

TO HELP YOUR MINI-BASKETBALL PROGRAMMES MOLTEN HAVE AGREED TO GIVE ALL OUR FRIENDS A 30% DISCOUNT ON MINI-BASKETBALLS PURCHASED THROUGH THEIR WEBSITE.

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# Molten National Take Six Development Days



The two Take Six Mini-Basketball Pilot Days will take place as planned at Rushey Mead Sport & Science College, Leicester on Tuesday 21st April and on Tuesday 12th May at Hurtsmere Sports College, Sidcup. Take Providers John Peacock & Ian Webb have been working hard to ensure the success of both events. So far more than 30 participants have registered but we still have space for more. So please advertise the days to all your contacts who may be interested in attending.

Both days will be primarily practical and will explore how to introduce, organise & play Take Six Mini-Basketball.

In the afternoon session there will be a local Take Six event involving primary schools and /or young leaders. Participants are welcome to stay for a while to watch some of the Take Six events in action.

The target audience will be potential Take Six Providers, School Partnership Development Managers, School Sports Coordinators, Community Basketball Coaches, Sports Development Units, Basketball Club Officials and Teachers with an interest in organising a Take Six Mini-Basketball programme for a group of schools.

Participants will be given a free Molten Mini-Basketball, a Take Six Mini-Basketball information booklet and the opportunity to become a Take Six Mini-Basketball Registered Provider. The morning session will include practical activities so participants need to dress appropriately.

We are planning to organise 10 Take Six Mini-Basketball Development Days as part of the Molten Sportsmatch sponsored programme. You are invited to attend the pilot days or to send representatives from your area. Participation forms are available from Martin Spencer. e:mail [martin.spencer12@ntlworld.com](mailto:martin.spencer12@ntlworld.com)

We will be planning the National Development Day programme geographically to allow regional participation throughout England. Our objective is to recruit many more Take Six Mini-Basketball Providers particularly from areas who are keen to develop sustainable programmes.

**PLEASE MAKE CONTACT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND A FUTURE DEVELOPMENT DAY**  
Participation forms are available from Martin Spencer



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# Training, Events & Development News

Hi Martin,

Take 6 was run for a trial number of schools in Watford. We gave out equipment to schools who attended the training. This year we ran KS1/KS2 training for all teachers in March. We are running Festivals throughout the Partnership.

My PDM is planning to run licensed training at the brand new Sports Hall at our School.

I am no longer an SSCO having moved to Queens Sports College where the Watford & Hertsmere Partnership is based. I am back to full time teaching in the PE Dept, but I am still involved in training & festivals.

John Conway Licensed Trainer

Hi Martin,

I just wanted to let you know that I ran a very successful PLT Take Six Mini-Basketball training course on Tuesday.

The staff loved the practices (especially to music) and the game cards. It was so effective that most are adding mini bb to their OHSL timetables and curriculum!  
I will send through pictures soon.

Thanks again for your great training

Regards  
Tracy Lewis  
Luton SSCo & Licensed Trainer

Thanks Martin

We have started a programme of primary delivery and have established a mini-section for the junior club I started nearly two years ago. In total we have 60 plus regular players from under 15 down and next year will have two national league sides.

I am planning to have mini festivals once the primary sessions have been rolled out and plans are afoot for two satellite mini clubs in the area. The master plan is to have Take Six Mini-Basketball in most primary schools leading to community clubs which are all part of one larger junior club! Watch this space.

I have a leader now qualified as a coach and who has done your training delivering in primaries and at the club. I also have young sports leaders working with the mini-group.

Stroud is set to be a hotbed of basketball!!

Regards

Ian Shepherd

PDM Stroud & District SSP & Registered Take Six Provider

Hi Martin,

Thank you for organising the Take Six Mini-Basketball Festivals at Weston Favell School.

The children at Kings Meadow Primary School have been playing mini-basketball since Gail attended your Take Six teacher training.

As a special school for pupils with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties we have been delighted to see how mini-basketball has raised the self esteem of the children who have participated. We would like to congratulate Mini-Basketball England for using an approach that is inclusive of all abilities allowing the children to gain so much confidence in playing. Your Festivals promote skill learning and fair play far more successfully than the usual sports tournaments where teams are ranked according to their results. As you know our parents are now bringing their children to your practice sessions because they know that they will be well looked after and have an enjoyable experience.

Well done  
Karen Lewis Headteacher

## Third Successful Take Six Festival in Enfield

12 primary school teams entered the third annual Take Six Festival in Enfield. The Festival involved 72 children, 18 Young Leaders and 12 primary teachers. A young leaders' course for over 40 students was held in January to identify young people willing to help coach and officiate the Festival games. From this course each of the primary schools were assigned two young leaders.

The Festival programme was organised at Bishop Stopford School where there are 4 cross courts for Take Six Mini-Basketball.

For the first hour the teams were prepared by a series of mini-basketball activities that help develop an understanding of the rules and how the game is played. The young leaders developed a relationship with their team and helped them to learn how to play.

The second part of the Festival involved the teams playing in pools to identify the 4 strongest teams. In this section we stopped between some of the games to explain to all the children how they might improve. We encouraged them to help keep score and to think about helping the referee.

Brettenham Primary School yet again proved to have many athletic children with excellent agility, balance, coordination & speed. They had also been working on decision making in their mini-basketball lessons. Most of the other schools did not have the same mini-basketball background. However all the teachers agreed that the style of festival helped their children to learn and enjoy the playing experience.

Stephanie Holloway PDM wanted the four strongest teams to play semi finals in order to identify which teams would represent Enfield at the London Youth Games.

In the semi finals we had two Brettenham Primary School teams. The Brettenham A team won the final against Horsfield Primary. Both these schools will now receive coaching provided by the Borough.

Darrell Braiden, Borough Sports Development Officer and Sue Chick Enfield Competition Manager assisted Martin Spencer on the day. Stephanie Holloway PDM did the pre event organisation.

## Mini-Basketball Lesson in Action

Peter Tomley, Take Six Registered Provider from the Lakers School Gloucester was pleased to provide photographs of Year 3 mini-basketball activities taking place on the playground at one of his primary schools.



.....and yet more to come.

Peter has I have negotiated mini basketball to be included in a primary school festival to involve about 40 schools that compete in a multi sports tournament in May.



Photographs from the Year 5 & 6 Festivals held in Scarborough

Martin Roberts, Licensed Trainer works with 3 Sports Colleges in the Scarborough area running coaching programmes and many festivals. Martin is encouraging local SSPs to register with the Take Six Mini-Basketball programme.



Have a really good Easter!

The next Val Sabin Publications National Licensed Mini-Basketball Trainer's Course will take place in Northampton on Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup> Please contact VSP&T for further details:  
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