



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



## Summer 2009 Update



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## Molten National Take Six Development Days



Mini-Basketball England successfully delivered 5 Molten Take Six Mini-Basketball Development days in:

Leicester, Sidcup, Blackburn, Barnsley &, Enfield

The days brought together Partnership Development Managers, Competition Managers, SSCos, teachers, coaches and young leaders to experience mini-basketball activities appropriate for key stage 1 & 2 children and how they should be developed into playing Take Six Mini-Basketball.

Very positive comments were expressed in support of the Take Six concept where children are introduced to officiating mini-basketball at the same time as learning to play. There was 100% approval for the game to be introduced to all primary schools in the School Sports Partnerships. It was also considered appropriate for Take Six to be included as part of secondary school leadership training with young leaders assisting in the organisation of the Take Six Festivals.

## Take Six Mini-Basketball Development Day Close Up



### Leicester

The development day was held at Rushey Mead Sports & Science College promoted by John Peacock, Licensed Take Six Provider. John promoted an excellent day with 24 participants signing up to the course. In the afternoon 60 boys and girls with the help of sports leaders from Rushey Mead school enjoyed a Take Six Mini-Basketball Festival. There is now a huge potential to roll out Take Six Mini-Basketball across Leicestershire and Rutland. John has now emigrated to Australia. We wish him all the best and thank him for his dedication to mini-basketball. The new director of sport will take over John's role as Take Six provider.

### Sidcup

Licensed Trainer & Take Six Mini-Basketball Provider Ian Webb staged the day at Hurstmere School. We were delighted that Anne Baverstock and coaches from the Brighton Cougars were able to be with us. Anne is planning to launch Take Six Mini-Basketball in the Brighton primary schools as a club school link programme. Lee Fraser will introduce into Merton, Lisa Hardy to Bexhill and Kim Busnell to Dartford. In the afternoon Take Six Mini-Basketball was introduced to 30 young leaders who will participate in Ian's young leader training programme which will support local primary schools.



## Blackburn

Promoted by Licensed Trainer Steve Broderick, the participants included Joanne Bateson and Andrew Mercer from the Blackburn SSP as well as coaches, teachers & young leaders from Darwen Vale School & Blackwater College. Blackburn SSP is committed to support the programme with Steve's help next academic year. Children from the Redeemer School thoroughly enjoyed the Festival organised in the afternoon.

## Barnsley

High View Primary Learning Centre was the setting for the Barnsley Development day. A new purpose built school with a magnificent school hall which also doubles up as a sports hall. Gordon Calvert had chosen to use a training day to allow teachers to attend the session. It was great to see participants from the Rawmarsh and Stockport SSPs which included Louise White, the Competition Manager and Peter Scantlebury SCo previously GB National League Basketball Player of the Year. Steve Butigieg travelled from the British School of Brussels making this development day an 'International'. Steve is planning to introduce the Take Six Mini-Basketball concept to the British schools in Belgium.

## Enfield

Enfield has hosted a Take Six Mini-Basketball Festival for the last 3 years in preparation for the London Youth Games involving 6 primary schools. It was decided by Sue Chick, Competition Manager and Daniel Braiden Sports Development Officer to create a more extensive Take Six development encompassing many more primary schools in partnership with the local Phoenix Basketball Club. The development day was held at Middlesex University. We were delighted that as well as students from the University, Hannah Hollis; the local SCo, Phoenix Basketball Club coaches, teachers and Jonathan Hart, Barnet Competition Manager attended as well as Michael Ball from Oaklands College in Hertfordshire. Michael, who has been involved in all levels of basketball, is planning to roll out a Take Six Mini-Basketball programme across Hertfordshire to eventually provide access for all primary schools in the county.



**We love Mini-Basketball**

# Thoughts on Competition.....



My philosophy regarding competition has been developed over many years whilst working in different sports & countries with all abilities of children.

My research into children in sport suggests that in any sport how we present competition is crucial to children's physical, mental & social development.

My philosophy is based on the work of Dr Martin Lee who was the director of the Institute of the Study of Children in Sport. We worked together on International Mini-Basketball Courses. Martin's research as well as mine was based on questioning children, physical educationalists & teachers as well as using observational techniques.

In Mini-Basketball we encourage styles of competition which meet the needs of all children of different levels of ability.

The competition needs to be structured so that:

- All children experience a degree of success at their own level
- They can test their skill against their own standard
- They can be part of a team
- They can learn to compare themselves against other players and teams without feeling they are failures
- All the children have a positive experience

So in Mini-Basketball we advocate the rally or festival, which can also include a coaching element, as the best style to use with children. In a Mini-Basketball festival:

- All teams play the same number of games
- Results can be recorded and displayed but not essential
- No ranking of teams is made.
- If necessary teams or programme is re-arranged to balance abilities to prevent mismatches.
- All players receive the same reward.

There are still many tournament style competitions organised and yes they can be handled positively but also they can produce negative experiences for a lot of children. It can often be the adult who is not very good at handling the competitive situation at such events. Certainly competitive pressure does not necessarily encourage children to learn how to play and officiate in a fun atmosphere.

I am asked to give out the winning medals at tournament style events which I will do after I have praised all the children's performances. I prefer not to announce all the rankings. While doing so, I'm still thinking "**The Mini-Basketball Festival is best**" and would always prefer to be handing out participation certificates to all the teams.

Also read: <http://www.breakthroughbasketball.com/coaching/developmental-league>. Article describing competitions organised for children in the USA

## Mini-Basketball has lift off in Haverhill



The School Sports Partnership arranged a very successful Mini-Basketball Festival held at Castle Manor Upper School.

This festival was part of a three year project to bring basketball to primary and middle schools in and around the Haverhill area. The project was funded through the Big Lottery Fund, allowing each school in the scheme to receive mini-basketball coaching and new equipment. So far all middle schools and six primary schools have received their allocation of coaching, equipment and support. The remaining primary schools come on board in September.

The festival involved the following schools: Hundon, Thurlow, Wickhambrook, Kedington, Clemence and Clare primary schools. 60 pupils attended the festival during which they practiced basketball skills and enjoyed some competitive mini-basketball games. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed the morning.

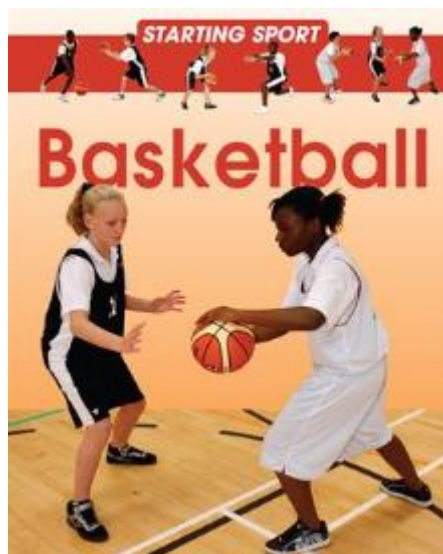
The Schools Sports Partnership would like to thank the young leaders from Castle Manor School for their invaluable help in running the events.

Next year the remaining Haverhill primary schools will have a similar festival. In September and a new mini basketball club will start at The Haverhill Leisure on a Friday night from 3.30 until 4.30. The club will be open to all abilities.

Report provided by Keith Limon, Licensed Mini-Basketball Trainer & Haverhill SSCO



## New Children's Reader Published



Franklin Watts have recently published a new children's reading book "Starting Sport Basketball" edited by Rebecca Hunter. The book is part of a series which includes: Starting Sport Athletics, Cricket, Fishing, Football, Gymnastics, Judo, Karate, Netball, Rugby, Swimming and Tennis.

The book is aimed at primary school children but also at the reluctant reader in the secondary school.

Rebecca asked Martin, our Education Officer to act as consultant and to provide students for the photographs. The book introduces children to the rules and technical skills of Mini-Basketball and also describes Take Six Mini-Basketball. Because the book is also aimed at the reluctant reader in the secondary school and to match with the rest of the series, Rebecca requested that the photographs were of students in year 7 or 8. Students from The Northampton Academy & Weston Favell School in Northampton, who had played Mini-Basketball in the primary schools, were invited to demonstrate the technical aspects.

In the introduction Rebecca states: "In Schools players under the age of 12 play a version of the game called Mini-Basketball. This book covers the rules and way of playing Mini-Basketball."

Please encourage your primary and secondary schools to purchase copies for groups of children to read together or to place in the sports section of the school library.

The book can be ordered through school suppliers or Amazon: ISBN: 978 0 7496 8944 5

Contents: The Game of Basketball, The Court and Positions, Rules of the Game, Warming Up, Playing a Game, Dribbling, Passing, Shooting, Defending, Rebound Play, Other Ways to Play, Glossary, Further Reading, Further Information, Index



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Have a really good summer and Good Luck with your Take Six Mini-Basketball developments next academic year!

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