



Much Wenlock Olympian Junior Biathlon

14th July 2012

Run as part of the
126th Annual Olympian Games

Run under ASA Laws and Technical Rules
Registration at 9.00 am.

In Partnership with

 Northgate Swimming Club



So what is a Biathlon?

It's a combination of running and swimming.

Younger competitors (School years 5, 6 and 7) will swim 50m and run 500m

Older competitors (School years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12/13) will swim 100m and run 1000m.

Any school that has three entries in a single age group will automatically be entered into the team event for that age group. The top three scores will be added together and the team with the overall top score will be the winners.

The swimming will take place in the new swimming pool at Much Wenlock Leisure Centre.

The running takes place on the new running track at Much Wenlock Leisure Centre.

Unlike the Triathlons you might have seen on television we don't go straight from one event to the other. Instead competitors will have plenty of time to change take breath and have a drink or even a bite to eat between the events.

The emphasis is on fun and enjoyment. You don't need to be the worlds best athlete – just so long as you can swim a bit and run a bit we'll be delighted to see you.



[Competitors in the 2011 Junior Biathlon](#)

The Olympic Connection

“If the Olympic Games that modern Greece has not yet been able to revive still survives today it is due, not to a Greek, but to Dr William Penny Brookes.”

Baron Coubertin wrote in his obituary to Brookes December 1895.



William Penny Brookes, born in 1809 in Much Wenlock was the principal founding father of the Modern Olympics movement.

After studying medicine in London and Paris Brookes returned to Much Wenlock in 1831 to take over his fathers practice. He soon established himself in local life becoming a Justice of the Peace and then becoming Commissioner for Roads and Taxes. Having already set up the Agricultural Reading Society – an early lending library for the ‘*promotion and diffusion of useful information*’ in 1850 he formed the Wenlock Olympian Class. Its objective to hold an annual games to “*promote the moral, physical and intellectual improvement of the inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood of Wenlock, and especially of the working classes, by the encouragement of out-door recreation and by the award of prizes annually at public meetings for skill in athletic exercises, and proficiency in intellectual and industrial attainments*”.

The first games were held in Oct 1850, and with some breaks – notably through the two world wars, have continued ever since. Brookes continued to press for the games to be run at National level with the setting up of the National Olympian Association in 1865 and then at international level with the revival of the international Olympic games in Greece.

In 1890 Baron Coubertin - the organiser of the International Congress on Physical Education, attended the Wenlock games and was impressed by what he saw. He gave a glowing account of his stay in Much Wenlock when he returned to France referring to Brookes dream of reviving the Olympic Games in Athens.

Sadly Brookes died in December 1895 just 4 months before a revived ‘International Olympic Games’ came to fruition.

The Olympian Society - working in Partnership with Northgate Swimming Club will be holding the 2nd ever Junior biathlon as part of the 2012 Wenlock Olympian Games.

We hope you will join us to take part in this historic event in the year of the 2012 London Olympics



One of the games more unusual events

The Wenlock 2012 Mascot at the 2010 Wenlock Olympian Games



Promoter's Conditions

1. The event will be called the Much Wenlock Olympian Junior Biathlon
2. It will be held in the Much Wenlock Leisure Centre Pool and on the outdoor running track.
3. The pool is a 6 lane 25m with Anti Wave Lane Ropes
4. The track is a 6 lane 200m oval.
5. The event will be follow the British Schools Pentathlon Format.
6. All competitors must complete the entry form in full. Entries will be accepted on a 1st come 1st served basis, to a maximum of 100 Younger age group and 100 Older Ag Group entries or until 30th June 2012 which ever occurs 1st. Entries received after that date will be returned in full.
7. The promoter reserves the right to refuse entry.
8. All competitors will compete as an individual and may additionally compete for a school team.
9. Events are seeded on submitted times.
10. Confirmation of entry will be sent to school contacts.
11. Medals will be awarded to the girls and boys achieving most points in each age group.
12. Schools who have three or more entries in any age group will be automatically entered in the team competition. The top 3 scores will be added together.
13. Age groups will be based on the following school year groups
- 14.

Younger Age Groups – Years 5, 6, & 7

Older Age groups - Years 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12/13

15. Anything not covered in these conditions will be at the discretion of the promoter
16. The promoter of the Much Wenlock Olympian Junior Biathlon is Richard Hawthorn

Entries

All entries need to be submitted by the 30th June 2012 to

Richard Hawthorn.
Clovelly Cottage
Homer
Much Wenlock
Tf13 6NJ

All entries must be accompanied by payment by cheques made out to Northgate Swimming Club.

Copies of details can be found at: www.wenlock-olympian-society.org.uk