**SUMMARY OF NATIONAL SCHOOLS COMPETITION 2020/2021**

**High Schools**: age groups are **u/13 (if in high school end of season), u/15, u/17, u/19, senior open** **(if still in high School at end of season),** **special needs**

**Primary Schools**: age groups for this competition are **u/9, u/11, u/13, u.15 (if still in primary school end of season), special needs**

**Format of the Competition**

* Schools compete at provincial league events
* Winning High and Primary schools of the provincial league are:
  + Adhere to age group criteria
  + Need to do at least one league meeting
  + Minimum of 1 500 points
  + Athletes best league meeting result in his/her age group
  + Add athletes best meeting result in the season (take in consideration the criteria for the team total above) and determine the schools team total
  + High and Primary schools with highest team total win the provincial league
* The winning Primary and High schools of the respective provinces qualify to compete at the SA Championships.
* Provinces to inform SA Biathlon of provincial high and primary school winners – part of entries to the SA Biathlon Championships – complete spreadsheet.
* SA Biathlon can invite extra schools to the SA Championships on their discretion.

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

* Team can consist of **only boys, only girls or boys and girls mixed**
* **7** highest scores based on the category requirements below will be taken into account
* Age groups are **u.9, u.11, u.13, u.15** (if still in primary school at the end of the season)**, special needs if in one of the age groups (max. 2 000 points)**
* Minimum **1 x u/9, 2 x u/11, 2 x u/13,** the highest points from 2 other athletes in any of the age groups
* **U.15** athletes and **special needs athletes** can only be part of the extra athletes.
* Schools are not disqualified if team is less than **7** athletes – can still participate.
* Schools team can consists out of **10** team members.

**HIGH SCHOOLS**

* Team can consist of **only boys, only girls or boys and girls mixed**
* **7** highest scores based on the category requirements below will be taken into account
* Age groups are **u.13** (if in high school at end of season)**, u.15, u.17, u.19, senior open** (if still in high school at end of season), **special needs if in one of the age groups (max. 2 000 points)**
* Minimum qualifying criteria per category: **2 x u/15, 2 x u/17, 1 x u/19,** the highest points from 2 athletes in any of the age groups
* **U.13**, **senior open and special needs athletes** can only be part of the extra athletes.
* Schools are not disqualified if team is less than **7** athletes – can still participate.
* Schools team can consists out of **10** team members.

**Special needs athletes**

* Can participate in schools competition in their respective age groups – max. of 2 000 points per special need athlete