



DNA Kids

5 February 2022 - Emirates Arena

Alongside the European Athletics DNA match taking place at the Emirates Arena on 5 February, **scottishathletics** has the opportunity to offer a short programme of events for its youngest members within the main arena before the international match. The top teams from January's SUPERteams Final will qualify for a place in DNA Kids.

DNA Kids will offer a mixed-team multi-event competition opportunity for athletes aged 9-11. Selected athletes will be invited to compete in DNA Kids within the DNA arena, as well as receiving tickets to watch the afternoon's international action.

DNA Kids athletes will complete 1 running event (60m), 1 throwing event (shot put) and 1 jumping event (long jump) before participating in a 4x200m relay. Team points will be awarded based on each athlete's performance in each of the three individual events, with the combined points total determining the team's standings before the relay. Teams will then be divided into heats and then set off at intervals determined by their team score. The more points your team has, the greater your head start. The team finishing in first place in the final relay will be crowned the DNA Kids champions.

Age Group

DNA Kids will be open to athletes within the under 12 age group, who are at least 9 years old on the day, with athletes participating in the January SUPERteams event given the opportunity to qualify to take part in the DNA Kids event.

Age Group Dates: born 01/09/2010 - 05/02/2013

Competition Format

Teams will be split into three groups of 5-7 teams each. As with SUPERteams, all athletes from the same team will compete within the same group. The teams will rotate around the three events as a group. The mixed relays will be seeded based on points with the six top-placed teams running in the final heat to determine the overall DNA Kids winning team.

Provisional DNA Kids Timetable

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
09.30	Teams Arrive		
10.00	Warm up		
10.30	60m	Shot	Long Jump
10.55	Long Jump	60m	Shot
11.20	Shot	Long Jump	60m
11.45	Mixed Relays (3-4 heats, based on points)		

Qualification

Athletes in the top 5 girls' and top 5 boys' teams in January's SUPERteams Final automatically gain a place in the DNA event and will form mixed teams (2 girls and 2 boys) with others from their club. This will give a maximum of 20 automatic qualifiers, or a minimum of 10. Should the number of teams fall below 15 (60 athletes), the next placed teams will be invited until the number of teams is between 15 and 20 (72-80 athletes).

Clubs may qualify for a maximum of **TWO** team places at DNA Kids.

Whilst we encourage clubs to bring back the athletes who compete at SUPERteams as their DNA Kids team, alternative athletes not participating within your SUPERteams team may be selected in the DNA Kids team if clubs wish.

Qualification Example

Example team selection based on 2021 outdoor SUPERteams results:

	Girls Results	Boys Results
1	Airdrie	Giffnock A
2	Pitreavie A	Pitreavie
3	VP Glasgow	Dunfermline
4	Aberdeen	Shettleston
5	Pitreavie B	VP Glasgow
6	Elgin	Giffnock B
7	Dunfermline	Motherwell
8	Banchory	Aberdeen

All clubs with teams in the top 5 girls' teams and 5 boys' teams would automatically qualify for places in the DNA event.

- As Airdrie, Giffnock, Dunfermline, Aberdeen and Shettleston feature once each in the top 5 in the above table, each club would be offered TWO team spots in the DNA event, and could bring in additional athletes of the opposite gender to make up their two mixed teams.
- VP Glasgow features once each in both the boys' and girls' results, so they would combine to create TWO VP-Glasgow teams only.
- Pitreavie feature once in the boys' results and twice in the girls' results as A and B teams took part. **All clubs can qualify a maximum of 2 teams.** This means that their first girls and their boys would combine to create two teams, and the next-placed club of that gender (Elgin) would be invited as the fifth-placed club.

The teams qualifying would be:

1	Airdrie 1	9	Aberdeen 1
2	Airdrie 2	10	Aberdeen 2
3	Pitreavie 1	11	Giffnock 1
4	Pitreavie 2	12	Giffnock 2
5	Elgin 1	13	Dunfermline 1
6	Elgin 2	14	Dunfermline 2
7	VP Glasgow 1	15	Shettleston 1
8	VP Glasgow 2	16	Shettleston 2

- If all of the above teams could attend, the event would go ahead with 16 teams.
- If, for example, Elgin, chose to only field 1 team, the event would go ahead with 15 teams.
- If, for example, Pitreavie chose to only field 1 team, and Aberdeen were unable to attend, the total number of teams drops to 13. In this case, the next placed SUPERteams team would be invited to attend, determined by the gender of the team(s) withdrawing. This would mean two Banchory teams (as Aberdeen's girls' team qualified) could be added, bringing the total back to 15 teams.

If you have any questions about DNA Kids, please contact us on events@scottishathletics.org.uk