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A SPORTING CHANCE FOR LOCAL YOUNGSTERS

Young sporting enthusiasts are needed to represent the Harrogate District at the North Yorkshire Youth Games at Ampleforth in May. The Games are the region's most prestigious sporting event for children and bring together teams from all over the county in a spirit of friendly rivalry. Harrogate Borough Council's sports' development unit are inviting children of all levels of ability and experience to take part.

“This is a fantastic opportunity for local children to have the privilege of representing the district at a major sporting event”, said Councillor Pat Jones, Cabinet Member for Leisure and Amenity Services. “The Youth Games are intended to be a fun introduction to sport for children of all abilities and we welcome applications from all children – particularly those with little or no prior experience. In the past the children we have taken to the Games have had a fabulous time and I am confident this year is going to be even better.”

Applications are invited for the following training programmes – indoor athletics (under 11), boys basketball (under 12), girls basketball (under 14), aquathlon (under 11 and under 14) netball (under 13), boys tag rugby (under 12), sportsability (for under 16 boys and girls with disabilities), boys football (for under 16 boys with moderate learning difficulties) and tennis (under 13).

A series of coaching sessions will be held for each sport and squads will then be selected to go to the Games.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Councillor Pat Jones is available for comment on 01423 872466. Further details, prices and application forms are available from Andrew Wilson, Sports Development Officer, on 01423 556725.