



Minimum Standards Required from Sport Scholarship Applicants

Sport is a key focal point for students at New Hall School. There is a wide range of sports on offer to all students of all standards. We have some of the best facilities you will find at any school or club in the country. With the large number of teachers and professional coaches we are able to provide numerous opportunities for students to develop their sporting prowess and talents. Each year New Hall enjoys numerous county successes and reaches national finals in a number of sports. With over 20 students each year representing their county many current and past students have also gone on to achieve national honours in their sports.

Some of our highest performers successfully secured their place at New Hall through the Sport Scholarship system.

Sport scholarships are offered to boys and girls at 3 points of entry into the senior school. The main scholarship entry will be at 13+ but there is also entry at 11+ and 16+.

There are 4 stages in the Sport Scholarship process.

Stage 1: Completed Scholarship application

Stage 2: Formal assessment will take place.

This may include:-

- a live or videoed performance being observed by a Head of Sport or the Director of Girls' / Boys' Sport.
- applicants invited in for assessment of core physical abilities (e.g. strength, speed, power, agility)
- testing of generic and sports specific skills and through drills and small sided games

Stage 3: A formal interview with the applicant

Stage 4: Applicants successfully achieving a pass mark in the entrance examination.

The minimum standards for an application at 11+:

Standard 1: Elite Performer (any sport)

For students demonstrating "international potential" in any sport. In some cases the athlete may already be identified within their National Governing Body (NGB).

Standard 2: New Hall School Focal Sports (Rugby, Hockey, Netball, Cricket, Tennis)

You would be expected to be a minimum of "county standard" in one or more of the above sports. Where there are mitigating circumstances e.g. the sport does not have a county structure in place at that age group, the player would be expected to excel at his or her club or school team.

Standard 3: Potential in Focal and Associative Sports (Rugby, Hockey, Netball, Cricket, Tennis, Athletics, Swimming, Skiing)

Possibly through lack of opportunity or exposure the applicant has the core abilities (speed, strength, power, balance, agility) and aptitude across a range of activities to develop into an elite performer. The player would be expected to excel at his or her club or school team across a number of these sports.

The minimum standards for an application at 13+:

Standard 1: Elite Performer (any sport)

If the student demonstrated “international potential” in any sport, the school would also consider awarding a Sport Scholarship. The athlete will already be identified within their National Governing Body (NGB) and would be expected to be either:

- competing at Junior or Senior National/International Level
- Nationally ranked (subject to sport)
- attending a Level 1 or 2 - Professional Club/Academy
- have Olympic potential in terms of qualifying times/distances etc.

Standard 2: NHS Focal Sports (Rugby, Hockey, Netball, Cricket, Tennis)

You would be expected to be a minimum of “county standard” in one or more of the above sports. Where there are mitigating circumstances e.g. the sport does not have a county structure in place at that age group, the player would be expected to excel in his or her club or school team.

Standard 3: NHS Associate Sports (Athletics, Swimming)

Consideration would be given to an applicant that participated in one of our associate sports. You would be expected to be a minimum of “county standard” in one or more of the above sports. Where there are mitigating circumstances e.g. the sport does not have a county structure in place at that age group, the player would be expected to excel in his or her club or school team.

Additional Skills (Optional)

If a high standard of competitive sport is played in one of our co-curricular school team sports (i.e. skiing, golf, riding or sailing) and there would be a commitment to compete for New Hall, please provide written evidence/references to support the application.

The minimum standards for an application at 16+:

Standard 1: Elite Performer (any sport)

If the student has demonstrated “international success” in any sport, the school would also consider awarding a Sport Scholarship. The athlete will already be identified within their National Governing Body (NGB) and would be expected to be either:

- competing at Junior or Senior National/International Level
- Nationally ranked (subject to sport)
- attending a Level 1 or 2 - Professional Club/Academy
- have Olympic potential in terms of qualifying times/distances etc.