



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 available, 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 two points of entry into the senior school. The main scholarship entries will be at 11+ and 13+.

- There are four stages in the Sport Scholarship process.

Stage 1: Completed Scholarship application is reviewed and candidates selected for practical assessment

Stage 2: Formal practical assessment will take place.

This may include:-

- a live or video 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 13+:

Standard 1: Elite Performer (any sport)

If an applicant demonstrates "international potential" in any sport, the school would 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: New Hall School Focal Sports (Rugby, Hockey, Netball, Cricket, Tennis)

An applicant would be expected to be at 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: New Hall School 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 applicant 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-curriculum school team sports (e.g. skiing, golf, riding, sailing etc.) and there would be a commitment to compete for New Hall, please provide written evidence/references to support the application.