## **BDAC Tommy Clay Development Series**

Under UKA Rules

## **Dates**

All matches will take place at the Tommy Clay Track, The Princess Royal Sports Arena, Boston, PE21 7PB

April 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May 18<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> July 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> August 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.

All matches will start at 6.30pm

**<u>Participation</u>** All invited clubs and schools. There is no affiliation fee. Numbers will be purchased on the day by paying the £5 per individual competitor.

### **Competition Rules**

The series are to be seen as being development events so therefore no prizes or medals.

In all Track Events athletes may be asked to state their personal best in order that heats can be graded on known performances.

Events will take place for the following age groups:

MALE. U9 Boys (school years 2 & 3) U11 Boys (school years 4 & 5) U13 Boys (school years 6 & 7) U15 Boys (school years 8 & 9)

U17Men (school years 10 & 11) & Junior/Senior Men – all three age groups will compete together where practical but appropriate weights of throwing equipment for each age group will be used, as will the appropriate height of hurdles.

**FEMALE** U9 Girls (school years 2 & 3) U11 Girls (school years 4 & 5) U13 Girls (school years 6 & 7) U15 Girls (school years 8 & 9)

U17 Women (school years 10 & 11) & Junior/Senior Women – all three age groups will combine where practical. U17 athletes will compete over the 80m hurdles & 300m Hurdles.

There is no limit on the number of competitors per club/school.

When there are more competitors than the number of lanes available, or safety dictates, the race will be run in graded heats.

**Field Events** Each competitor will be allowed, at the discretion of the referee, three or four trials in all throws, together with long jump and triple jump. There is no restriction on the number of attempts allowed in high jump and pole vault.

The opening height for high jump shall be 1.00m for all age groups with increments of 5cm until four athletes remain.

**Numbers** The individual athlete or club/school representative will collect a number from a desk at each meeting following on payment of the £5 entry for each meeting. The athlete need state only name, club/school & date of birth.

Track events will normally be run in the order listed on the programme, however competitors should listen to announcements to ensure that they report to the start when required.

Athletes competing in Field events should listen carefully to announcements as timings for these events will depend on the number of athletes taking part.

### The maximum number of events an athlete may compete at any one match is:

U9,U11,U13,U15 & U17 – 4 events, one of which must be a relay. Junior 5 events Senior unlimited number of events.

# Clubs are requested to provide as many officials/helpers as possible.

**Safety** All clubs/schools must ensure that their athletes and parents are aware of safety rules and regulations at athletic meetings. Practice/warm up for field events must not take place unless the official leading the team of judges for that event is present and properly graded. Athletes are allowed in the centre of the arena only when they have been called for competition. The meeting Secretary and/or Referees have the right to abandon any event if they feel that safety is an issue. For safety reasons athletes must not walk across the infield at any time and no one should be inside the track at any time UNLESS they are actually taking part in an event or officiating at that time.