

Welcome to the Medway Business Games

Remember those heady days when you could beat two players before rifling home a 20-yard scorcher, or run more than 10 steps without collapsing with exhaustion?

Well now you can re-live them through the Medway Business Games.

The Games is a series of five tournaments aimed at getting Medway's working population out of their suits and into their shorts.

You and your colleagues can enjoy some fun, competitive sports and at the same time challenge for the ultimate honour of being crowned Medway's top sporting business for 2008.

It is an opportunity for bosses to promote the benefits of a healthy workforce, and for local companies to network and get involved in organised sport as Medway continues its countdown to the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

So what are you waiting for? Get your workmates together and encourage your employees to be a part of the inaugural Medway Business Games.

Good luck!

How the competition works

The Medway Business Games 2008 comprises monthly tournaments in five sports. The sports featuring in this year's inaugural Games are:

- Six-a-side football 29 February
- Badminton 19 March
- Table tennis 25 April
- Golf 30 May
- Netball 27 June

Trophies will be presented to the winning team in each sport. Points will also be awarded to the top eight teams in each event, with the overall crown of Medway Business Games champion going to the organisation with the most points at the end of the competition.

Organisations are welcome to enter more than one team, but only the highest placed team's points in each event will count towards that company's overall position in the Medway Business Games table.

Companies are also welcome to join forces for the Games. If you are struggling to get a team together, email 2012@medway.gov.uk and we will try to put you in touch with other organisations short of players. Any points earned would be shared proportionately between the respective companies.

The event is not restricted to Medway organisations and we would welcome teams from elsewhere in Kent and beyond.



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The Events

Round 1 – Five-a-side football

Date: Friday, 26 February

Venue: Kicks Soccer Centre, Strood Leisure Centre

Time: 2pm to 6pm

The 2008 Business Games will kick off with football at the new Kicks Soccer Centre. The tournament is open to squads of up to eight players, which can include both males and females.

Entry fee per player: £5

Closing date for entries: Friday, 12 February 2008

Round 2 – Badminton

Date: Wednesday, 19 March

Venue: Medway Badminton Association, Castlemaine Hall, Gillingham

Time: 2pm to 6pm

The badminton tournament will begin with a mixed doubles competition, followed by men's and women's singles events.

Each team will comprise one mixed doubles pair, one male singles player and one female singles player. Players can play in the doubles and singles if they wish, but will pay two entry fees. Players will need to bring their own rackets. Shuttlecocks will be provided.

Entry fee per player per event: £5

Closing date for entries: Wednesday, 5 March 2008

Round 3 – Table Tennis

Date: Friday, 25 April 2008

Venue: Howard Table Tennis Centre, The Howard School, Rainham

Time: 2pm to 6pm

Re-live your youth and past summer holiday fun in round three of the Medway Business Games. The tournament is being staged at Medway's purpose-built table tennis centre and will follow the same format as the badminton.

Each team will therefore comprise one mixed doubles pair and a male and female singles player. Players can contest the doubles and singles if they wish, but will pay two entry fees.

Bats and balls will be provided, and a coach will be on hand to offer advice to any newcomers to the sport.

Cost per player per event: £5

Closing date for entries: Friday, 11 April 2008



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Round 4 - Golf

Date: Friday, 30 May

Venue: Deangate Ridge Golf Course, Hoo Peninsula

First tee-off time: Noon (provisional).

The golf tournament will be played using the Stableford points system and is open to teams of three players per company.

The winning team will be decided based on the best two scores achieved by each organisation. Additional individual prizes will also be up for grabs on the day.

Players must provide their own equipment, including clubs and balls. The entry fee includes a complimentary bacon sandwich and drink.

Cost per player: £20

Closing date for entries: Friday, 9 May

Round 5 - Netball

Date: Friday, June 27

Venue: Rainham Netball Centre, Rainham School for Girls, Rainham

Time: 2pm to 6pm

Squads of up to 10 players - male or female - will battle it out at the Rainham Netball Centre in the final event of the 2008 Medway Business Games.

Cost per player: £5

Closing date for entries: Friday, 13 June

Please note, all event details are provisional and may alter slightly depending on interest in individual events and other unforeseen circumstances.



Above: Images of the 2007 Medway Business Games football tournament, won by the 1RSME team.
Left to right: Medway Council team in action; the squads from MHS Homes and Henry Schein.

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How to enter

Please use separate entry forms for each sport and for each separate team representing your company, if you are entering more than one team.

TEAM DETAILS			
Company:		Contact name:	
Which tournament you are entering?	<input type="checkbox"/> Football <input type="checkbox"/> Badminton <input type="checkbox"/> Table tennis <input type="checkbox"/> Golf <input type="checkbox"/> Netball		
Company address			
	Postcode:		
Phone:		Email:	
Contact's signature:			

Please return completed forms with your entry fee payment to: Medway Business Games, Medway 2012 team, 95 High Street, Rochester, Medway, ME1 1LX.

Cheques should be made payable to Medway Council. Cash will also be accepted. We regret that entry fees are non-refundable if teams withdraw after the closing date for entries.

If you have any questions, please email 2012@medway.gov.uk or call 01634 338255.