Competition categories

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| **Key** | |
| Gold  (Elite) | Elite:   * These are competitive events where focus will be mainly placed on winning. * In most cases these events will require a high skill level in the sport being delivered. * In most cases team sizes will be small to medium. * Rules will be strictly administered and will broadly follow National governing body guidelines. * Where possible & appropriate your most able students would benefit from the opportunity to compete against like-minded pupils from other schools. |
| White  (Enhance) | Enhance:   * In these events some focus will be placed on winning, with focus also placed upon pupil development and intrinsic values. * The activities will require a moderate skill level to participate effectively. * Team sizes will range from medium to large in size. * Some flexibility on National governing body guidelines will be given. * A combination of physically able students and those who would benefit socially and/or emotionally from the experience would be ideal to target. |
| Blue  (Emerging) | Emerging:   * These events will focus mainly on student development and intrinsic values with some elements of competition. * Most of these events will require a low to moderate skill level to effectively participate. * Team sizes will range from medium to large in size. * The event rules will be flexible and aim to suit the participant’s and their needs. * This is an ideal opportunity for students who would not ordinarily represent your school in sport or students who would benefit socially and emotionally from the experience; for example, pupil premium, free school meals, inactive etc. |
| Star \*  (SG Events) | School Games events:   * These events are accessible to all schools within Amber Valley SGO area regardless of affiliation package |
| Green  (SEN/D) | SEN/D focused events:   * Suitable for students on the SEN/D register who would never have the opportunity to represent their school in mainstream sport. |

Summary:

Amber Valley SSP events are categorised in order to encourage as many different students as possible to take part, by doing this we hope to inspire a wide range of children to love sport and physical activity for life. Events are categorised based on 4 factors:

* Focus – some events will be more competitive than others due to the pathway, sport or tradition in place for that event. We’ll also try to ensure there are a range of events with different focuses to suit all personality types.
* Skill Level – some sports/activities naturally require a higher skill level than others to enjoy them, for example students may need a higher skill level to effectively participate in tennis than to effectively participate in dodgeball.
* Team size – events which cater for larger teams of children will naturally allow a wider range of students to take part
* Rules/Format – some events will be delivered according to a strict set of rules set out by an NGB while others may be extremely flexible to suit the participant’s needs.