

## COBIS Games 2026 Terms and Conditions

The COBIS Games 2026 will be hosted by Harrow Haikou from 12-15 March 2026. Online registration will be open from Wednesday 27 October 2025 until midday (UK time) on Wednesday 26 November 2025. Schools that wish to participate in the COBIS Games 2026, must register at [www.cobis.org.uk/games](http://www.cobis.org.uk/games) during the stated timeframe. Please ensure that you speak with students, parents and governors during the registration window, so that if you need to withdraw, you can do so before midday (UK time) on Wednesday 26 November 2025.

### Student Teams

- Schools are only permitted to bring students who are in Years 5 and 6 and were born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2016. Students outside of this age-group will not be allowed to participate.
- All schools will be asked to provide COBIS with copies of students' passports; any student outside of these age boundaries will be disqualified from entering the COBIS Games 2026. Should a school substitute a student and not provide up-to-date passport details or bring an out-of-age student to compete at the Games, the school will be eliminated from the competition.
- Schools should bring a team of between 12 and 20 students, including a minimum of 6 boys and 6 girls.
- A minimum of 6 boys and 6 girls from each team will be required to take part in football, athletics and basketball.
- All schools must abide by the rules which are set out in the COBIS Games Handbook, a copy of which will be provided to all participating schools.

### Lottery

- There are 20 school team places available at the COBIS Games 2026. Some places are pre-allocated to the following schools:
  - The host school of the COBIS Primary Games 2024 (Braeburn Mombasa International School).
  - The host of COBIS Secondary Games 2026 (British School of Vilnius).
  - The winners of the last in-person Primary Games (St. Saviour's School Ikoyi).
- The previous host and previous winner must still register for the Games on the COBIS website if they wish to be allocated a place at the Games.
- In the case of oversubscription, where a higher number of schools have registered than places available, COBIS will conduct a random lottery draw with all other registered schools, to allocate the remaining places.
- Schools that are not allocated a place at the COBIS Games through pre-allocated places or the lottery draw will be placed on a waiting list in the following order:
  - 1) Other COBIS members that have previously hosted the COBIS Games.
  - 2) COBIS members that have previously participated in the COBIS Games.
  - 3) COBIS members that are based in the host country.
  - 4) Other COBIS members.
- If a school registers after the deadline, they will be added to the waiting list after all those registered during the registration window. If multiple schools register after the deadline, these schools will be ordered as above.

- If multiple schools on the waiting list are in the same priority bracket, then the order they were drawn in the first lottery draw will decide their position on the waiting list.

### Finance

- The cost for entering the Games with a team of at least 12 and a maximum of 20 students will be 2000 RMB per student (approximately £210 based on the exchange rate at time of publication). The first three teachers are inclusive of the 2000 RMB per student price. Additional staff beyond the initial 3 will be charged at cost. Schools should contact the host school for the fee for any additional staff members attending beyond the first three.
- This excludes:
  - Travel to/from the host country,
  - Accommodation in the host country,
- The final Games balance may be subject to reduction based on cost savings the host school is able to secure.
- Schools must pay the deposit, balance and accommodation fees in a timely manner, in accordance with the timeline specified on all invoices, which is:
  - Deposit invoice of 8,000 RMB, issued on 1 December 2025, to be paid by 15 December 2025.
  - Balance invoice raised before 7 January 2026, to be paid by 4 February 2026.
- Interest will be added to late payments.
- COBIS and the host school reserve the right to cancel a school's place if they have not paid their invoice in a timely manner.
- Schools may withdraw before midday (GMT) on Wednesday 26 November 2025. Should a school withdraw after this date the deposit payment will still be due.
- If fewer than 7 schools sign up, the COBIS Games may not be financially viable and may be cancelled. If this happens, all deposit payments will be refunded, otherwise the deposit payment is non-refundable.

### Travel and Accommodation

- Schools must not make any arrangements to travel to or stay in Haikou until the delivery of the Games has formally been confirmed. This is subject to at least 7 schools making the deposit payments. COBIS will make this announcement as soon as all payments are received in order to allow schools the maximum time to organise their trip.

### Cancellation

- COBIS and the host school reserve the right to cancel this event if insufficient bookings are received, or if travel to the host country becomes inadvisable.
- Schools must take out the appropriate insurance policies in order to attend the Games; the policy should include cancellation, travel and medical insurance as well as anything else as required by your school or region.

### Data Sharing

- In order to administer this event, COBIS/the host school will be collecting the following information regarding students: name, date of birth, dietary requirements, access requirements and relevant medical details. Copies of students' passports will also be collected to verify the ages of students and support with visa applications (if required). Please

ensure that you have obtained the correct consent from pupils or guardians when providing this information to COBIS. COBIS may ask for evidence of this consent.

- COBIS will also collect lead teacher, head teacher and finance names and contact details. This data will be shared with the host school for the administration of the event.
- COBIS and the host school will have a data sharing agreement in place to protect the transfer of this information.
- COBIS will process this data in line with the COBIS [Privacy Policy](#). The host school will process this data in line with their [Data Protection Policy](#).
- Data will be retained in line with COBIS's and Harrow Haikou's respective Data Retention Policies.
- In line with the applicable Data Protection Laws, the data subject or legal guardian (if the data subject is under 18) may request the removal of their name at any time. Please contact [students@cobis.org.uk](mailto:students@cobis.org.uk) to make this request.

## COBIS Student Events Code of Conduct

By participating in a COBIS Student Event, individuals agree to abide by the Code of Conduct as outlined below. Participants who exhibit any behaviour that contravenes this may be immediately removed from the event in question and may be suspended from future COBIS events. Please review the [COBIS Student Events Code of Conduct](#) and [COBIS Student Events Incident Policy](#) in full for more information. Schools are expected to share the [COBIS Student Events Code of Conduct](#) with participating students, staff, and spectators.

### Students:

- Demonstrate empathy, tolerance, respect, and kindness towards others.
- Be respectful of differing opinions, viewpoints, experiences, and cultural sensitivities.
- Be considerate and respectful to all participants, attendees, hosts, officials and COBIS staff.
- Do not engage in unacceptable behaviour, including but not limited to demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing behaviour, materials, or speech, whether in-person or online.
- Take part for enjoyment and strive for personal excellence.
- Graciously accept constructive feedback
- Compete by the competition conditions and rules.
- Accept responsibility and apologising to those affected by our mistakes, and learning from the experience
- Learn to value honest effort, skilled performance and improvement.
- Cooperate with the officials, teachers, and teammates (if applicable).
- Do not argue with the officials' decisions.

### In the case of team events:

- Work hard for the team as well as for yourself.
- Treat all teammates and opponents with kindness and respect.

### In the case of in-person events:

- Develop and demonstrate awareness and respect for local customs, laws, expectations and cultural context.
- Respect the venues, hotels and transport vehicles.
- Keep living spaces tidy.
- Do not disturb others in the hotel.

As per the [COBIS Membership and Services Terms & Conditions](#), if a school is found to be in breach of the Student Events Code of Conduct, their membership status will be reviewed and COBIS reserves the right to remove the school from membership and/or ban the school from future Events.

These event Terms and Conditions should be read in conjunction with the COBIS Membership Terms and Conditions (with specific reference to Schedule 14), which is linked [here](#). By agreeing to these event Terms and Conditions, you agree to also be bound by the relevant sections of the COBIS Membership Terms and Conditions. Should your school not adhere to the Membership Terms and Conditions, your membership with COBIS may be subject to review as determined by the COBIS Board.

COBIS reserves the right to publish updated guidance and terms and conditions regarding the Games.

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