

Event Descriptions

The Javelin Throw - Choose a straw and stand on the piece of tape provided. Throw the javelin as if you're throwing a dart. Remain at the piece of tape and estimate how far the end of the javelin is from you. Write down your estimation. Using the measurement tools provided, measure - in as straight a line as possible - how far the javelin actually is from the piece of tape. Write down the actual measurement.

The Shotput - Choose a cottonball and stand on the piece of tape provided. Throw the cottonball as if you're throwing a dart. Remain at the piece of tape and estimate how far the cottonball is from you. Write down your estimation. Using the measurement tools provided, measure - in as straight a line as possible - how far the cottonball actually is from the piece of tape. Write down the actual measurement.

The Hand Span - Using a piece of graph paper provided, estimate how many squares the span of your hand will cover. Write down your estimate in square units. Widen your hand as much as possible and trace it on the graph paper. Count the actual number of squares and write down the measurement.

The Discus - Choose a paper plate and stand on the piece of tape provided. Throw the paper plate as if you're throwing a frisbee. Remain at the piece of tape and estimate how far the paper plate is from you. Write down your estimation. Using the measurement tools provided, measure - in as straight a line as possible - how far the paper plate actually is from the piece of tape. Write down the actual measurement.

The Relay - Form a team of four to six people in all. Stand in a straight line behind the piece of tape. The first person needs to balance a marshmallow on a spoon. Estimate how much time - in minutes and seconds - it will take for your whole team to walk the marshmallow balancing on the spoon down to the far piece of tape and back. Using the stopwatch provided, go through the relay. Only stop the watch after the last person has reached your team. Stop the watch and record the actual time.

Classroom Olympic Games!

Name: _____

Event	Estimate	Actual Measurement
The Javelin Throw		
The Shotput		
The Hand Span		
The Discus		
The Relay		

*Find the difference between your estimates and actual measurements. For which event were you the closest between the estimate and actual measurement?