

J.H. Collins Gwent Cross-country League – AGM Notes

1. The league continues to enjoy increasing numbers in all age groups. The biggest increase being Senior Women with a doubling in competitors since 2018.
2. Representatives from Welsh Athletics (Rhiannon Linington-Payne, Alex Donald) said the league should plan to hold a full fixture list this coming winter.
3. Provisional 2021/22 fixtures:- 16th.Oct Cardiff, 13th.Nov tbc, 4th.Dec. Pembrey, 19th.Feb Blaise Castle, 19th.Mar Singleton Park, Swansea
4. Replies to last year's survey showed general satisfaction with the league's operation, however, improvements need to be made to provide more toilet facilities and improved catering at events.
5. The survey results showed no conclusive decision regarding equalisation of race distances for men and women. A number of proposals from clubs/officers will be submitted in the next few weeks. It is worth noting that some English XC leagues have seen a substantial reduction in women's competitors with the equalisation of race distances. It is worth noting that the Cardiff Cross Challenge will remain at 8k for women and 10k for men. Welsh Athletics did not offer any guidance when asked about future championship distances. What is not acceptable is any extension to the timetable as a result of race distance equalisation. Once I have the proposals I will circulate to all seniors/masters.
6. The use of chip timing was discussed (again). This could mean no on-the-day entries as well as extra entry fees. The officers of the league, together with Welsh Athletics will hold a further meeting to investigate and report back.
7. It would be helpful for athletes, parents, managers, officials, to add their names to the Gwent League mailing list. <https://gwent-league.us2.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=a0bf1326fa9ac82ec485760a4&id=65a941917d> This will allow easier access to the latest news about fixtures results and amendments.

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