



Welsh School's Athletics Association/Cymdeithas Athletau Ysgolion Cymru

School's International Athletics Board (SIAB) -Track & Field International

Carmarthen, Wales - Saturday 20th July, 2024

- Overview:** The overall objective of the Welsh Athletics and Welsh Schools International Competitions Programme is to support athletes to experience high level competition and aspire to perform at their best against athletes across the UK and abroad. As part of that strategy, Welsh Athletics is committed to providing domestic and international competition opportunities to developing and aspirational Welsh athletes.
- Athlete Eligibility:** To be considered for a Welsh Schools Team athletes must be in school/college education in Wales.
- Age Groups/ Team size:** Welsh School's Athletics Association will select two athletes in each gender in the following disciplines:
Track: 100m, 200m, 3/400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 80/100m Hurdles, 3/400m Hurdles, Steeplechase & Race Walk.
Field: Shot, Discus, Hammer, Javelin, Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump & Pole Vault.
In addition, both male and female 4 x 100m and 4 x 3/400m relay teams will be selected.
- Selection Date:** The selection Panel will meet on **Sunday 7th July** after the Welsh Schools
- Selection Panel:** Track & Field Championships on **Saturday 6th July 2024**
The International Selection Panel will comprise of:
- WSAA International secretary
 - WSAA Chair
 - 1 Team Manager from each of the eight school districts
 - 1 Welsh Athletics representative
- Please note there is no obligation for the panel to fill all available positions.*
- Selection Basis:** Selections for the Welsh Schools Athletics Association team at SIAB will be based on the following criteria:
- The winner of each individual event discipline in the Middle age group (school years 10 and 11) at the Welsh Schools Athletics Association Championships on **Saturday 6th July** will gain automatic selection.
 - The remaining team spaces will be selected on performances achieved between 1st April 2024 to 6th July 2024. These performances must be ratified on the power of 10 rankings website. Priority for selection will be given to pupils in school years 10 and 11. Pupils in school year 9 may be considered at the discretion of the panel.



- Athlete selection:** Selected athletes will be informed by e-mail by **Monday 8th July 2024**. One non-traveling reserve will be contacted for each gender and event.
- Appeals Process:** There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the WSAA team made by the Panel.
- De-Selection Process:** De-selection of an athlete may occur following:
1. Failure to achieve the standard fitness testing protocols.
2. Failure to adhere to the Welsh Athletics and Welsh School's Athletics Association athlete code of conduct. If any athlete sustains an injury following acceptance of their position on the team, they are required to inform Rhys Williams - Welsh Athletics Pathway Lead (Rhys.Williams@welshathletics.org) at the earliest opportunity.
- Clean Sport:** Welsh Athletics and the Welsh School's Athletics Association are fully committed in supporting the UKAD (United Kingdom Anti-Doping) Clean Sport Programme - www.ukad.org.uk/athletes. We will continue to deliver athlete, coach and staff training to ensure a high level of knowledge and understanding to protect our sport.
- Equality Statement:** Welsh Athletics and the Welsh Schools' Athletics Association are committed to offering equal opportunities to all athletes in Wales. Any Welsh athlete who goes to school in Wales is eligible to be selected and will be considered as part of the selection process, providing they have achieved all that is laid out within this selection policy. Welsh Athletics will not discriminate in the selection of any athlete on the basis of any protected characteristic.
- Amendment:** Welsh Athletics and the Welsh School's Athletics Association reserve the right to amend this Selection Policy at its sole discretion and will make any amended version publicly available (including the date on which the amendment was made) at www.welshathletics.org.
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