



WELSH ATHLETICS
ATHLETAU CYMRU

Welsh Athletics International Representative Cross Country and Road 2021-2022

Belfast Cross Challenge inc. Celtic and Home Countries International

Billy Neill Centre of Excellence Dundonald

Saturday 22nd January 2022

Overview:	The overall objective of the Cross Country and Road 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 selection for Wales, athletes must satisfy one of the following eligibility criteria: a. Birth b. Parentage c. Retention d. Residence (minimum 3 years continuous residency, and not having competed for another nation in the previous 12 months)
Age Groups / Team size:	Welsh Athletics will select the following teams to compete at the Celtics / Home Countries International: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to four Senior Men and up to four Senior Women• Up to four U23 Men and up to four U23 Women (* Athletes born in the years 2000/2001/2002)• Up to four U20 Men and up to four U20 Women (* Athletes born in the years 2003/2004/2005)• Up to four U17 Men and up to four U17 Women (* Athletes born in the years 2006 & 2007) <p><i>*Please note that the Age Groups races are being run under World Athletics Rules.</i></p>
Selection Date:	Monday 13 th December 2021
Selection Panel:	The International Selection Panel will comprise of 2 voting members from the Welsh Athletics Performance Team; the team manager(s) and 2 individuals nominated by the Road and Cross-Country Committee.
Selection Basis:	Selections will be based on performances at the Liverpool Cross Challenge (Saturday 27th November 2021) and the Welsh Inter Regional XC Championships (Saturday 20th November 2021).

	If the Teams are not fully selected from current form and fitness shown at the Liverpool Cross Challenge and Welsh Inter Regional XC Championships, the selection panel will retain the right to consider athletes as an exceptional matter based upon current Cross-Country Performances (races since 1 September 2021).
Athlete Notification:	Athletes will be notified of their selection with 24 hours of the Selection Meeting.
Appeals Process:	There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the Welsh 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 athlete code of conduct If any athlete sustains an injury following acceptance of their position on the team, they are required to inform the Team Leader immediately.
Clean Sport:	Welsh Athletics is 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 sure a high level of knowledge and understanding to protect our sport.
Equality Statement:	Welsh Athletics is committed to offering equal opportunities to all athletes in Wales. Any Welsh athlete 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 reserves 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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