



European Athletics

Dynamic New Athletics Indoor Match

Wales v England v Scotland v Ireland v Spain v Turkey

5th February 2022

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Overview

The overall objective of the international competitions programme is to prepare Welsh athletes to perform at the best of their ability at major, senior Championship events (e.g. the Commonwealth Games). As part of that strategy, Welsh Athletics is committed to providing international competition opportunities to developing and aspirational Welsh athletes. International competitions are categorised as one of the following;

1. **International Matches** (where a Welsh team is fielded in a competitive fixture against other teams)
2. **International Overseas Fixtures** (an international, overseas competition that provides Welsh athletes of the appropriate standard with a conducive environment to achieve a good performance outcome)

The Dynamic New Athletics Indoor Match is classified as an **International Match**.

Selection Policy Aim

The selection panel will attempt to select the best team possible to represent Wales at this prestigious European Athletics Competition.

This competition opportunity will also support athletes who are looking to build a Nomination Profile for the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Athlete Eligibility

To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following;

1. Be eligible to compete for Wales by either:
 - a. Birth
 - b. Parentage
 - c. Retention
 - d. Residence (minimum 3 years)
2. Have achieved the International Match selection standard

Competition Format

2022 Dynamic New Athletics Indoor Match

- 6 Teams: Wales, England, Scotland, Ireland, Spain, Turkey
- 2 hours of competition
- 11 events in total
- 18 athletes per team in total
- Points scoring: 12 points: 1st place until 2 points: 6th place in each event
- Winner decided in the final race (The Hunt): staggered start according to point ranking after 9 events.

| Draft Programme | |
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| Races (all finals) | Jumps and Throws (all head to head competition) |
| 60m men & women | Long Jump women |
| 60m hurdles men & women | High Jump men |
| 800m Women | Shot Put men |
| Mixed 4x400 relay: 2 men, 2 women, teams decide order | |
| Mixed 2x2x200m relay: 1 man, 1 woman | |

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| The Hunt: 800m women – 600m men – 400m women – 200m men | |
| Total of 18 athletes to compete (9 women and 9 men) | |

Athletes

Only athletes aged at least 18 (eighteen) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the DNA Indoor Match.

A maximum of 18 athletes to be selected.

Venue

Emirates Arena, 1000 London Road, Glasgow, G40 3HG, Great Britain

Travel

The Welsh Athletics Team will travel as one team from Bristol Airport on Friday 4th February 2022.

Selection Criteria

Welsh Athletics will endeavor to select the best possible Team to compete in this high-level match.

There will be no right of appeal in relation to Team Selection.

Selection Process

The selection meeting will take place on **Monday 10th January 2022**. The International Match Selection Panel (“the Panel”) will comprise of 5 voting members (2 members of the Coaching and Performance team, 2 independent panel members (Track & Field Committee) and 1 of the nominated team managers for the event) and an independent observer (non-voting).

Welsh Athletics will aim to select the best possible Team for this Match:

There is no automatic selection for this event. In coming to its decision, the Panel will consider the following criteria (in no particular priority order):

1. Current form (2021 - 2022 season's best performance and depth of performances above the selection standard)
2. Future potential at senior level (and associated progression / development)
3. Head to head competitive records
4. Previous / other Championship performances
5. Injury status
6. Athletes who are supportive of Welsh Athletics
7. Any other factors that, in the panel's opinion, give Wales the best chance of success in the match

Selected athletes will be informed by e-mail by Wednesday 12th January 2022. The team will be announced on Friday 14th January 2022.

Welsh Athletics is committed to offering equal opportunities to all of the 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.

Covid Protocols (*Subject to revision*)

All athletes selected will be subject to Government Guidance at the time of this event.

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

In the event that an athlete sustains an injury following acceptance of their position on the team, they are required to inform the Team Leader immediately.

Confirmation of Team Staff

The following positions will be confirmed by the Panel following the selection of the athletes:

1. Team Leader
2. Team Managers
3. Team Coaches
4. Team Medical Staff

Clean Sport

All athletes competing at the DNA Indoor Match agree to abide by the following rule/statement:

“I hereby (i) acknowledge that I am bound by UKA’s Anti-Doping rules, (ii) agree to provide a urine sample and/or blood sample on request in connection with this event and in accordance with UKA’s Anti-Doping rules; and (iii) confirm that I am aged either 18 years or older or have fully completed and returned the U18 Doping Control consent form.”

To check the status of registered medicines, please visit www.globaldro.com. For information on the Clean Athletics programme, testing procedures and for a copy of the full UKA Anti-Doping rules, please visit www.uka.org.uk/cleanathletics. For general Clean Athletics queries, please contact enquiries@cleanathletics.org.

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