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**2019 Manchester International  
14<sup>th</sup> August 2019, Manchester, UK  
Selection Policy – published May 2019**

**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 Manchester International is classified as an **International Match**.

**Selection Policy Aim**

The selection panel will attempt to select the best team possible to represent Wales. It will prioritise Senior and U23 age group athletes but will consider selecting U20 and U17 age group athletes where appropriate.

**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 2 years)
2. Have achieved the International Match selection standard

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### **Competition Format**

In 2019, this fixture provides a senior age group competition for Wales (1 per event) against teams from England, Scotland, GB Juniors, Iceland and a combined UK Women's League and Men's British Athletics League team.

The following events will be contested;

Men;

100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, Mile, 110m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles, 3000m Steeplechase, 3000m race walk, 4x100m, 4x400m, Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump, Pole Vault, Shot Put, Discus, Hammer, Javelin

Women;

100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, Mile, 100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles, 3000m Steeplechase, 3000m race walk, 4x100m, 4x400m, Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump, Pole Vault, Shot Put, Discus, Hammer, Javelin

### **Selection Criteria**

For consideration for selection, athletes must have achieved the International Match Standards between the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 and the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

### **Conditions**

The achievement of the International Match standards must conform with the following requirements:

1. Must be achieved in competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations
2. Wind assisted performances (or performances where wind measurement was not available) will not be accepted
3. Hand timed performances in the 100m, 200m, 400m, sprint hurdles, 400m Hurdles will not be accepted
4. Indoor performances for all events will be accepted

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### **Selection Process**

The selection meeting will take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The International Match Selection Panel ("the Panel") will comprise of 5 voting members (2 members of the Coaching and Performance team, 2 independent members nominated by the Track and Field committee and 1 of the nominated team managers for the event) and an independent observer (non-voting). There is no obligation to fill all available positions.

The winner of the Senior Welsh Championships on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019 will be automatically selected for this event, as long as the athlete has achieved the International Match Standard before the date of selection. If the Welsh Senior champion declines selection, or does not have the International Match standard, or the event at the Manchester International is not held at the Senior Welsh Champs on the 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> July, there will be no automatic selection, and in coming to its decision, the Panel will consider the following (in priority order):

1. Current form (2019 season's best performance and depth of performances above the selection standard)
2. 2018 form (performance and depth of performances above the selection standard)
3. Future potential at senior level (and associated progression / development)
4. Head to head competitive records
5. Previous / other Championship performances
6. Injury status
7. Athletes who are supportive of Welsh Athletics
8. 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 Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The team will be announced on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

### **Appeals Process**

There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the Welsh team made by the Panel.

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### **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

### **Amendment**

Welsh Athletics reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy at its sole discretion and will make any amended version publically available (including the date on which the amendment was made) at [www.welshathletics.org](http://www.welshathletics.org)

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