WELSH ATHLETICS
ATHLETAU CYMRU

OPPORTUNITIES TO REPRESENT WALES AT MASTERS LEVEL IN 2027 AND DETAILS OF MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS



Once again in 2027, Welsh Athletics are providing a number of opportunities for Master athletes to represent Wales in Internationals across all distances from 5km through to marathon and following the success of the 3,000m races this year we will be repeating them again in 2027. As last year in addition to competing against England in all of the fixtures we hope for even more competition from Northern Ireland and the Armed Forces in some of the matches.

Athletes have to be eligible to compete for Wales and registered athletes in Wales. It is expected that all athletes competing for Wales would take part in at least one Welsh Championship in the preceding or current year.

MASTER INTERNATIONAL OPPORTNITIES 2027

5km	- Shrewsbury Festival of Sport	-	26/06/2027
10km	- Colchester 10km	-	09/05/2027
Half Marathon	- Caernarvon ½ Marathon	-	05/09/2027
Marathon	- Manchester Marathon	-	18/04/2027
Trail ½ Marathon	- Forest of Dean	-	26/09/2027
Cross Country	- Tolcross Park, Glasgow	-	20/11/2027

***** Details of the 3,000m races will be posted in due course*****

Teams of up to 6 male and 6 female athletes will be selected in **FIVE** year age groups across all distances on the road and trail. In the cross country there are teams of five for ages up to 54years and teams of four for ages above. In road events athletes are required to meet the minimum standards as follows:

Minimum Welsh Standards 2027

	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79
5KM									
Men	16-00	16-30	17-00	18-00	19-00	20-00	21-00	24-00	26-00
Women	19-30	20-00	21-00	22-00	23-30	24-30	27-30	30-00	32-30
	35-39	**40-44**	**45-49**	**50-54**	**55-59**	**60-64**	**65-69**	**70+**	**75-79**
10KM									
Men	33-30	34-30	36-00	37-30	39-00	41-00	45-00	47-30	50-00
Women	41-00	42-30	44-30	45-30	47-30	50-00	56-30	62-30	67-30
	35-39	**40-44**	**45-49**	**50-54**	**55-59**	**60-64**	**65-69**	**70+**	**75-79**
1/2 MARATHON									
Men	75-00	77-30	80-00	85-00	90-00	95-00	1hr40	1hr55	2hr10
Women	89-00	93-00	96-00	1hr40	1hr45	1hr50	2hr10	2hr20	2hr30
	35-39	**40-44**	**45-49**	**50-54**	**55-59**	**60-64**	**65-69**	**70+**	**75-79**
MARATHON									
Men	2-45	2-50	3-00	3-10	3-20	3-40	4-00	4-15	4-30
Women	3-20	3-30	3-40	3-50	4-00	4-15	4-30	5-15	5-30

Athletes are expected to pay their own race entry fees, make and fund their own travel and accommodation arrangement. All athletes representing Wales for the first time are entitled to a free Welsh vest and are entitled to purchase a kit package.

PLEASE only express an interest if you are available on the date of the event. Whilst we accept athletes get injured between expressing an interest, and selection, we have had a number of late withdrawals due to change of availability. This often results in others missing out on an opportunity.

Expressions of interest for the international matches will be sought **on a race by race basis** as some athletes expressed an interest across all races last year and after selection then declared themselves unavailable.

1. **Manchester Marathon**

If you are interested in competing for Wales at the Manchester Marathon on Sunday 18th April 2027, please complete the **Expression of Interest Form** via the following link by no later than 6th December 2026: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/ha5ex4tVhN or QR Code



Please note that selection for the Manchester Marathon will take place on 9th December and athletes will be informed as quickly as possible afterwards.

2. **Colchester 10km**

If you are interested in competing for Wales at the Colchester 10km on Sunday 9th May 2027, please complete the **Expression of Interest Form** via following link by no later than 11th April 20-27: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/5ENJ77my8d or QR code



Please note that selection for the Colchester 10km will take place on 14th April 2027, and athletes will be informed as quickly as possible afterwards

3. **Shrewsbury Festival of Running**

If you are interested in competing for Wales at the Shrewsbury Festival of Running on Saturday 26th June 2027, please complete the **Expression of Interest Form** via the following link by no later than 23 May 2027: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/BVqu6PEyCf or QR code



Please note that selection for the Shrewsbury Festival of Running will take place on 26th May 2027, and athletes will be informed as quickly as possible afterwards

4. **Caernarvon Half Marathon**

If you are interested in competing for Wales in the Caernarvon Half Marathon on Sunday 5th September 2027, please complete the Expression of Interest Form via the following link by 12th July 2027: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/WRydge71f5 or QR code



Please note that selection for the Caernarvon Half Marathon will take place on 14th July 2027, and athletes will be informed as quickly as possible afterwards

5. **Forest of Dean Trail Half Marathon**

If you are interested in competing for Wales in the Forest of Dean Trail Half Marathon on Sunday 26th September 2027, please complete the Expression of Interest Form via the following link by 22nd August 2027: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/EUQqg88DVH or QR code



Please note that selection for the Forest of Dean Trail Half Marathon will take place on 25th August 2027, and athletes will be informed as quickly as possible afterwards. The first two home in each age group in the Bwstfil y Bryn Trail race, the Welsh Athletics Masters Championships, will automatically be chosen, if they are interested.

Details of how to express an interest in the Cross Country International in Tollcross, Glasgow will be posted in due course.

Further details of all of the International Programme, are available from **Bernie Jones** at Bernie-jones@sky.com or 07919043117

NB. There is no obligation to fill all available positions.

The selection panel will consist of members of the Welsh Athletics Masters Advisory Group.

Appeals Process
There shall be no right to appeal the selection of the Welsh team made by the selection panel.

De-selection Process
De-selection of an athlete may occur following:
1. Failure to adhere to the Welsh Athletics code of conduct
2. In the event of an athlete sustaining an injury or illness following acceptance of their position on the team, they are required to inform the Team Manager immediately.

Equal Opportunities
Welsh Athletics will not discriminate in the selection of any athlete on the basis of any protected characteristics.

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) on the Welsh Athletics website

Further details or information is available from Bernie Jones Bernie-jones@sky.com or 07919043117

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MASTER CHAMPIONSHIPS 2027

The following Masters Championships have been agreed for 2027. It is expected that athletes competing for Wales will run in at least one championship during the year.

The championships for 2027 are:

5km	-	Caerphilly 5km	-	8th August 2027
10km	-	Richard Burton 10km	-	5th November 2027
Half Marathon	-	Anglesey Half Marathon	-	23rd May 2027
Trail	-	Bwstfil y Bryn	-	22nd August 2027

Entries should be made via the appropriate websites