

**Trafford 10km – Sunday 3rd March 2024
Manchester, England
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Overview

The Trafford 10km will take place in Manchester, England on Sunday 3rd March 2024. Welsh Athletics values the opportunity this race will provide for developing Welsh athletes to compete against a high quality domestic field on a fast course whilst competing for a representative team against other regional representative teams.

Selection Policy Aim

The selection panel will select a developmental U23/U20 team with the aim to **provide a relevant developmental opportunity** to athletes demonstrating potential.

Athlete Eligibility

Eligibility will be in line with Welsh Athletics eligibility criteria.

Competition Format

The Welsh team being selected to compete in the Trafford 10km will provide U23/U20 athletes with the chance to compete in a Senior Age Group competition opportunity.

Wales will be looking to send developmental teams of up to **4 U23/U20 Men** and **4 U23/U20 Women** to compete in the senior age group race. The age groups for the developmental teams will follow World Athletics rules. For the U23/U20 teams, this means athletes will need to be born in the years 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Selection Process

Selection of the team will use the following process to ensure the **selection policy aim** is met:

Step 1: Athletes currently on the Welsh Athletics support programmes (Performance Programme, Transition Programme and National Development Programme) who are competing over shorter road races during the winter 2023-2024 season will be prioritised for selection. If required, results and rankings over road races from 3km – 10km from 1st September 2023 until the date of the selection meeting will be considered.

Step 2: Non-programme athletes will be considered. Results and rankings of non-programme athletes over road races from 3km – 10km from 1st September 2023 until the date of the selection meeting will be considered.

There is no obligation to fill all available positions.

The selection meeting will take place on **Friday 9th February** and teams will be announced on **Tuesday 13th February**.

A recommended team, selected by the **Welsh Athletics Head of Performance** and **Welsh Athletics National Talent Development Coordinator (NTDC) for Endurance**, will be **presented to the road and cross committee** in the selection meeting **for final analysis**. From here logistical planning will commence.

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 leader immediately. If required, evidence will have to be supplied. If it is deemed that the injury or illness will negatively affect the athlete's performance this will result in deselection.

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 publically available (including the date on which the amendment was made) on the [Welsh Athletics website](#)