

Schools' Combined Events International – 14/11/26
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Overview

The Welsh Athletics performance vision is to deliver a sustainable sector leading elite performance system that consistently transfers talented athletes to UKA's WCP whilst winning medals at Commonwealth Games. As part of this strategy, Welsh Athletics is committed to providing competition opportunities to developing and aspiring Welsh international athletes. Opportunities to compete for Wales are categorised as one of the following;

1. **International Opportunity** - a competitive opportunity in pathway events for senior Welsh athletes.
2. **Representative Opportunity** - a development opportunity in either pathway or non pathway events for both junior and senior Welsh athletes.
3. **School Aged Match Opportunity** - a development opportunity in either pathway or non-pathway events for school aged Welsh athletes to compete in a representative match. The eligibility criteria for some of these competitions is different to that for International and Representative opportunities.

The Schools' Combined Events International is classified as a **School Aged Match Opportunity**.

Selection Policy Aim

The aim of the selection policy is to provide junior Welsh athletes demonstrating potential with a **developmental opportunity** in a pathway event (track and field).

Athlete Eligibility

To be considered for selection to a Welsh Schools' Team, athletes must either be in full-time education at a school or college in Wales, or be registered with a Welsh Education Authority as home schooled.

Please note that these eligibility criteria differ from those required to represent Welsh Athletics. Athletes must meet the following conditions to be eligible for selection:

1. **Educational Requirement**
 - Athletes must attend a school located within Wales.
2. **Year of Birth Criteria:**

- **Under 16:** athletes born 2011 and 2012
 - **Under 18:** athletes born in 2009 and 2010.
3. **Minimum Standards for International Match Selection:**
- **Under 16 Female:** 2700 points
 - **Under 16 Male:** 2600 points
 - **Under 18 Female:** 2700 points
 - **Under 18 Male:** 2700 points

Competition Format

The Welsh team being selected to compete in the Schools Combined Events International will provide U16 and U18 athletes with the chance to compete against athletes from other international teams.

Athletes compete as part of a Team of four, each athlete scoring individually:

- Under 16 Female
- Under 16 Male
- Under 18 Female
- Under 18 Male

Wales will look to select reserves for each age group where applicable.

Selection Process

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

Individual Disciplines:

- The Welsh Athletics & Welsh Schools Athletics Association Joint Outdoor Combined Events Championship at Carmarthen (on 19th of September) will act as the trial competition. The first 2 eligible athletes in each U16 and U18 age group will be automatically selected. If the winner decides not to take their place in the team, the automatic space will be moved down to the next placed athlete in the trial competition.
- The remaining eligible athletes will be selected based on the below criteria;
 - Projected scores based off personal best taken from Power of 10
 - Previous Combined Events performance

- Current form
- Previous / other Championship performances
- Head to head competitive records
- Injury status
- Athlete engagement level
- Any other factors that, in the panel's opinion, give Welsh Schools the best chance of success in the match

There is no obligation to fill all available positions.

The selection meeting will take place on Monday **21st of September** and teams will have been announced by **14th of October**.

The selection panel will consist of the WSAA International Team Lead, the WSAA Chair, 1 representative from each of the eight school districts and 1 Welsh Athletics representative. Selections will be ratified by the Welsh Athletics Head of Performance. Selection meeting notes will be made available.

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 and Welsh Schools 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 publicly available (including the date on which the amendment was made) on the [Welsh Athletics website](#).