

**Schools' International Athletics Board (SIAB) Track and Field – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025**  
**Derby, England**  
**Selection Policy – published April 2025**

## **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.

The Schools' International Athletics Board (SIAB) Track and Field is classified as a **Representative 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 a Welsh Schools' Team athletes must be in school/college in Wales or registered with an Education Authority in Wales.

## **Competition Format**

The Welsh team being selected to compete in the SIAB Track and Filed will provide Middle Boys and Girls (School years 10 and 11) with the chance to compete against athletes from other international teams. Athletes in school year 9 may be selected if their performance profile justifies selection.

Wales will be looking to send teams of up to **2 Girls** and **2 Boys** in each individual discipline. The SIAB Track and Field includes the following events: 100m; 200m; 300m (girls) 400m (boys); 800m; 1500m; 3000m; 1500m S/Chase; 3000m Race Walk; sprint hurdles; 300m hurdles (girls); 400m hurdles (boys); shot; javelin; hammer; discuss; long jump; high jump;

pole vault; triple jump

Additionally, Wales will select the following relay teams: **1 Girl** and **1 Boy** 4 x 100m team, **1 Girl** 4 x 300m team and **1 Boy** 4 x 400m team.

Wales will look to select reserves for all disciplines.

## **Selection Process**

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

### **Individual Disciplines:**

- The Welsh Schools Track and Field Championships (**on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July**) will act as the trial race. The winner in each individual discipline in the middle age group will be automatically selected. If the winner decides not to take their place in the team, the automatic space will not move down to the next placed athlete in the Welsh Schools Championships.
- The remaining places for each discipline will be selected using the following criteria:
  - Recent Performance History (10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025: times/distances and championships/competition placings)
  - Head-to-head records (10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025)
  - Rankings from 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025
    - *Athletes in school year 9 may be selected if their performance profile justifies selection*
    - *Performances used will be those ratified on Power of 10*

### **Relays:**

- Athletes selected for the individual places in the 100m, 300m and 400m will be selected in the relevant relay team
- Other athletes for the relays teams will be selected using the following criteria:
  - Recent Performance History (10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025: times/distances and championships/competition placings)
  - Head-to-head records (10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025)
  - Rankings from 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025

The selection meeting will take place on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** and teams will have been announced by **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July**.

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