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Dubinska 50 Race Walking competition – Saturday 16th March 2024

Dubince, Slovakia

Selection Policy – published October 2023

Overview

The Dubinska 50 Race Walking competition will take place in Dubince, Slovakia on Saturday 16th March 2024. This race will provide Welsh athletes the opportunity to compete on a fast course against high quality international athletes. Welsh Athletics values the role this international opportunity will provide to walk a fast 10 or 20km time, improve the chance of continuing to progress along the performance pathway and improve the chance of gaining selection in the walks for future major international championships.

Selection Policy Aim

The selection panel will select the **best team possible** to represent Wales.

Athlete Eligibility

Eligibility will be in line with Welsh Athletics eligibility criteria.

Competition Format

The Dubinska 50 provides a Senior Age Group 20km and U20 10km race walk competition opportunity.

Wales will look to send teams with a maximum of **3 Senior Men, 3 Senior Women, 3 U20 Men and 3 U20 Women**. The age groups will follow the World Athletics rules. For the U20 teams, this means athletes will need to be born in the years 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 Welsh Athletics support programmes (Performance Programme, Transition Programme and National Development Programme) who are competing over the walks will be prioritised for selection. If required, race walking results from 1st September 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 race walking races from 1st September 2023 until the date of the selection will be considered.

There is no obligation to fill all available positions.

The selection meeting will take place on **Tuesday 6th February** and teams will be announced on **Saturday 10th February**.

The senior team and a recommended U20 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. This selection meeting will include a **final analysis of the U20 team**. 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

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