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**TCS Mini London Marathon – Saturday 20th April 2024
London, England
Selection Policy – published October 2023**

Overview

The London Mini Marathon will take place in London, England on Saturday 20th April 2024. Wales will compete against other British regional teams and London Borough teams. Welsh Athletics values the role the TCS Mini London Marathon plays in developing Welsh junior endurance athletes and increasing their experience in traveling and competing as part of a representative team against other representative teams.

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 TCS Mini London Marathon provides a U17, U15 and U13 age group competition opportunity.

Teams of up to **6 U17 Boys, 6 U17 Girls, 6 U15 Boys, 6 U15 Girls, 6 U13 Boys and 6 U13 Girls may be selected**. The age groups will follow the same rules as the UK road age groups. U17 athletes are in school years 11 and 12, U15 athletes are in school years 9 and 10 and U13 athletes are in school years 7 and 8.

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 cross country during the winter 2023-2024 season will be prioritised for selection. If required, results in the Welsh Cross Country and UK Inter-County Cross Country Championships will be considered. We will not consider road race results as we do not encourage athletes in the

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U17, U15 and U13 age groups to do too many road races.

Step 2: Non-programme athletes will be considered. Results of non-programme athletes in the Welsh Cross Country and UK Inter-County Cross Country Championships will be considered. We will not consider road race results as we do not encourage athletes in the U17, U15 and U13 age groups to do too many road races.

There is no obligation to fill all available positions.

The selection meeting will take place on **Tuesday 12th March** and teams will be announced on **Saturday 16th March**.

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

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