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Virgin London Mini Marathon 3rd October 2021 Selection Policy – published 27th August 2021

Overview

The London Mini Marathon is a unique and inspirational event that is integrated into the Virgin London Marathon programme. The event provides an exciting development opportunity for young Welsh endurance athletes where they will run the final 2.6km of the London Marathon Course.

For more information on the London Mini Marathon please click here:

<https://www.minimarathon.co.uk/event-info/index.html>

For a video of the 2019 Mini marathon please follow this link -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORD0RKMiyY4>



Team Wales at the 2019 Mini Marathon

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Athlete Eligibility

To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following;

1. Be eligible to compete for Wales by either:
 - a. Birth
 - b. Parentage
 - c. Retention
 - d. Residence (minimum 2 years)
2. Currently reside in Wales

Competition Format:

The Virgin London Mini Marathon is a 2.6km race run on the London Marathon course. The eligible age groups for the race are (based on age groups for Road and XC as of 1st September 2021 - new school year):

U13 (school years 7 and 8)

U15 (school years 9 and 10)

U17 (School years 11 and 12)

6 athletes per gender in each age group will be selected to compete in the race.



The U15 Girls Welsh team on Horse Guard's Parade post-race

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Selection Process

The selection meeting will take place on **Wednesday September 1st, 2021**. The Selection Panel) will comprise of 2 voting members from the Welsh Athletics Performance Team (to include the National Development Coach for Endurance and the Programme Manager); the team manager and 2 individuals nominated by the Road and Cross-Country Committee.

There is no automatic selection for this event. In coming to its decision, the Panel will consider the following criteria (in priority order):

1. Current form in the 2021 Track and Field Season (Prioritising 1200m (U13), 1500m and 3000m results)
2. Previous /other Championship performances
5. Injury status
6. Athletes who are supportive of Welsh Athletics

Selected athletes will be informed by e-mail on **Friday September 3rd, 2021**.

Appeals Process

There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the Welsh team made by the Panel.

De-Selection Process

De-selection of an athlete may occur following:

1. Failure to achieve the standard fitness testing protocols
2. Failure to adhere to the Welsh Athletics athlete code of conduct

In the event that an athlete sustains an injury following acceptance of their position on the team, they are required to inform the Team Leader immediately.

Team management

Team managers will be selected by the panel prior to the selection meeting due to the tight turnaround before the event

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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) at www.welshathletics.org