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Welsh Schools' Athletic Association Cymdeithas Athletau Ysgolion Cymru



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Schools' International Athletics Board (SIAB) - Cross Country International

Santry, Dublin (Ireland)

Saturday 23rd March 2024

Overview:	The SIAB Cross Country will take place in Santry, Dublin on Saturday 23 rd March 2024. Wales will compete against teams from England, Scotland and Ireland. Welsh Athletics and the Welsh Schools' Athletics Association values the role the SIAB Cross Country 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:	To maximise both the number of individual top 8 finishes in the non-relay races and number of medals overall
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.
Age Groups / Team size:	<p>Welsh Schools' Athletics Association will select the following teams to compete at the SIAB Cross Country International Fixture:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Junior Boys and 8 Junior Girls (School years 8 and 9) – Individual Race • 8 Middle Boys and 8 Middle Girls (School years 10 and 11) – Individual Race • 2 Junior Boys and 2 Junior Girls – Mixed Relay • 2 Middle Boys and 2 Middle Girls – Mixed Relay <p>Reserves will be selected for all races, with a boy and girl reserve selected for both relays.</p>
Selection Date:	The selection committee will meet Thursday 29 th February after the Welsh Schools' Cross Country Championships on Wednesday 28th February 2024 . The team will be announced on Tuesday 5th March 2024 .
Selection Panel:	The International Selection Panel will comprise of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WSAA International secretary • WSAA Chair • 1 representative from each of the eight school districts • 1 Welsh Athletics representative
Selection Basis:	<p>Selections will be based on the following:</p> <p>Individual Races:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First 6 at the Welsh Schools Cross Country Championships (to be held at Brecon on Wednesday 28th February) to be automatically selected in the Junior and Middle teams

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final 2 places for the Junior and Middle will be selected from current form at the following races: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Performances at the Welsh Inter-Schools/Inter Regional Championships in Newtown on 18th November, Welsh Athletics Cross Country Championships in Brecon on 17th February and the Welsh Schools’ Cross Country Championships in Brecon on 28th February <p>Mixed Relay Races:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner of the Welsh Indoor 1500m U15 (on weekend of 27-28th January) and U17 Championships (on weekend of 3-4th February) to be automatically selected in the Junior and Middle Mixed Relay teams respectively • Excluding the winner of the Welsh Indoor 1500m Championships, the top Ranked Indoor 1500m U15 and U17 athletes in 2024 on date of the selection meeting to be automatically selected in the Junior and Middle Mixed Relay teams respectively <p>For athletes who meet the criteria for selection in both the individual race and the mixed relay race, if they have demonstrated the potential to achieve a top 8 finish in the individual race they will be selected for that race (unless they state before the selection meeting they would prefer to compete in the mixed relay). If not, they will be selected for the mixed relay.</p>
Athlete Notification:	Athletes will be notified of their selection within 24 hours of the Selection Meeting.
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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Failure to adhere to the Welsh Schools’ and 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
Clean Sport:	Welsh Athletics and the Welsh Schools’ Athletics Association are fully committed in supporting the UKAD (United Kingdom Anti-Doping) Clean Sport Programme - www.ukad.org.uk/athletes We will continue to deliver athlete, coach and staff training to ensure a high level of knowledge and understanding to protect our sport.
Equality Statement:	Welsh Athletics and the Welsh Schools’ Athletics Association will not discriminate in the selection of any athlete on the basis of any protected characteristic.
Amendment:	Welsh Athletics and the Welsh Schools’ Athletics Association reserve 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

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