

## **Terms of Reference – Junior Athlete Voice Group**

The Junior Athlete Voice group (JAV) will work in partnership with Welsh Athletics and partner organisations to represent the views of young people within Athletics. The group will provide insight on the experiences and views of junior members in the sport, whilst also providing a critical challenge to existing Welsh Athletics programmes and activities.

### **Membership**

- Up to two members of Welsh Athletics staff (ideally not a member of the Senior Management Team)
- Up to 9 athletes aged between 15 and 19 (U17 & U20 age groups)
- Group should represent a mix of gender, event groups, experiences and regional variation to ensure a balanced view
- Where required Welsh Athletics departmental leads
- External expertise could be invited from time to time

### **The aims for the group are as follows;**

- To provide a platform for junior members to share their views on the sport in Wales
- To provide a platform for Welsh Athletics to share ideas and initiatives, and for the group to play a part in shaping new initiatives across all aspects of the sport in Wales
- To work together with various departmental leads to ensure that the views of Junior members are listened as part of any decision making process
- To work with Welsh Athletics staff to ensure that the sport remains fun and accessible for junior members
- To recognise, promote and advocate young people within athletics in Wales
- Raise the profile of local initiatives, and champion best practice across Wales
- Assist with the improving the image of the sport in Wales

### **Any member of the Junior Advisory Forum must commit to the following;**

- Be willing to challenge and voice opinions
- Be respectful to all members of the group
- Champion the cause of Junior members across Wales
- Attend minimum 2 meetings a year
- On request attend youth forums across Wales
- On request attend a meeting with Welsh Athletics Board or General Council members from time to time
- Have a maximum term of 2 years

### **Welsh Athletics commits to;**

- Covering all costs associated with your involvement with the group
- To involve the group within the decision-making process of Welsh Athletics
- To ensure that the views of the group are conveyed to the General Council
- To support the development of all members of the group