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# Welsh Schools' Athletic Association Cymdeithas Athletau Ysgolion Cymru



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School's International Athletics Board (SIAB) - Cross Country International

Sefton Park, Liverpool (England)

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Overview:	The overall objective of the Welsh Athletics and Welsh Schools Cross Country International Competitions Programme is to support athletes to experience high level competition and aspire to perform at their best against athletes across the UK and abroad. As part of that strategy, Welsh Athletics is committed to providing domestic and international competition opportunities to developing and aspirational Welsh athletes.
Athlete Eligibility:	To be considered for a Welsh Schools Team athletes must be in school/college in Wales.
Age Groups / Team size:	<p>Welsh School's Athletics Association will select the following teams to compete at the SIAB Cross Country International Fixture:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 Junior Boys and 8 Junior Girls (School years 8 and 9)</li> <li>• 8 Middle Boys and 8 Middle Girls (School years 10 and 11)</li> <li>• 2 Middle Boys and 2 Middle Girls – Mixed Relay</li> <li>• 2 Junior Boys and 2 Junior Girls – Mixed Relay</li> </ul> <p>Please note a further 4 athletes will be contacted as non-travelling reserves who will be called up in the event of a drop out from the team</p>
Selection Date:	The selection committee will meet Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February virtually after the Welsh Clubs Cross Country Championships on <b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>
Selection Panel:	<p>The International Selection Panel will comprise of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WSAA International secretary</li> <li>• WSAA Chair</li> <li>• 1 representative from each of the eight school districts</li> <li>• 1 Welsh Athletics representative</li> </ul>
Selection Basis:	<p>Selections will be based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First 6 "past the post" at the Welsh Schools Cross Country Championships (to be held at Brecon <b>on Wednesday, February 15th</b>) to be automatic selections in the Junior and Middle teams to represent the Association at SIAB or (if preferred) a place in the Mixed Relay Teams</li> <li>• The final 2 places for the full course Junior and Middle teams and the mixed relay teams will be selected from the following on current form at the following races:</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Performances at the Welsh Inter-Schools/Inter Regional Championships on 19<sup>th</sup> November, the Welsh Schools Cross Country Championships on 15<sup>th</sup> February &amp; Welsh Athletics Cross Country Championships on 25<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>- 2023 Indoor performances will be considered for the mixed relays.</li> </ul> <p>Athletes unable to compete in the Championships can ask for special consideration at the selection meeting (via use of the approved proforma through District Team Managers).</p>
Athlete Notification:	Athletes will be notified of their selection with 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:	<p>De-selection of an athlete may occur following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Failure to achieve the standard fitness testing protocols</li> <li>2. Failure to adhere to the Welsh Athletics and Welsh School's Athletics Association athlete code of conduct</li> </ol> <p>If any athlete sustains an injury following acceptance of their position on the team, they are required to inform the Team Leader immediately.</p>
Clean Sport:	<p>Welsh Athletics and the Welsh School's Athletics Association are fully committed in supporting the UKAD (United Kingdom Anti-Doping) Clean Sport Programme - <a href="http://www.ukad.org.uk/athletes">www.ukad.org.uk/athletes</a></p> <p>We will continue to deliver athlete, coach and staff training to sure a high level of knowledge and understanding to protect our sport.</p>
Equality Statement:	<p>Welsh Athletics and the Welsh School's Athletics Association are committed to offering equal opportunities to all athletes in Wales. Any Welsh athlete who goes to school in Wales is eligible to be selected and will be considered as part of the selection process, providing they have achieved all that is laid out within this selection policy. Welsh Athletics will not discriminate in the selection of any athlete on the basis of any protected characteristic.</p>
Amendment:	<p>Welsh Athletics and the Welsh School's 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 <a href="http://www.welshathletics.org">www.welshathletics.org</a></p>
Contact:	<p>Team administrator &amp; logistics <a href="mailto:bethan.davies@welshathletics.org">bethan.davies@welshathletics.org</a>  Team selection &amp; composition <a href="mailto:steve.mitchell@welshathletics.org">steve.mitchell@welshathletics.org</a>  Lead Team Manager <a href="mailto:zaneiswales@hotmail.com">zaneiswales@hotmail.com</a></p>