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WMRA International U18 Mountain Running Cup

26<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Saluzzo, Italy.

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### **Overview**

The World Mountain Running Association U18 Mountain Running Cup will take place on Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> in Saluzzo, Italy. Welsh Athletics continue to value competition opportunities and the role they play in developing Welsh athletes.

### **Selection Policy Aim**

The selection panel will attempt to select the best team possible to represent Wales in a high-quality junior mountain running race.

### **Selection Criteria**

At the Selection Panels discretion, Teams of up to **4 U18 Men and 4 U18** women may be selected.

The race is run under World Athletics rules and is open to athletes **aged 16 or 17 years on 31.**

**December (born in 2005 and 2006)** of the year of Competition. No athlete aged less than 16 years on 31. December of the year of the competition may compete in U18 Cup races

For consideration for selection, athletes **must** take part in the **U17 race** at the **Red Kite Challenge ([www.redkite-barcudcoch.org.uk](http://www.redkite-barcudcoch.org.uk))** which will take place on **Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. This will act as the official trial race. Only athletes in the eligible age categories will be considered for selection.

Athletes must also show evidence of having attended Junior Mountain Running Development sessions or fell races to be considered for the team. Welsh Athletics will consider only selecting 3 Athletes per team if it believes that selection / performance standards indicate that an athlete would not be competitive at the event.

### **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 3 years)

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### **Selection Process**

The selection meeting will take place on **Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**. The Selection Panel will comprise of 5 voting members - 2 members of the Coaching and Performance team, 2 independent panel members (as nominated by the Mountain and trail Committee) and 1 of the nominated team managers for the event.

### **There is no obligation to fill all available positions.**

Welsh Athletics is committed to offering equal opportunities to all athletes in Wales. Any Welsh athlete 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 based on any protected characteristics.

### **Covid Protocols**

All athletes and team staff selected will be subject to Government Guidance at the time of this event in respect of dispensation to travel and compete.

### **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 Manager immediately.

### **Amendment**

Welsh Athletics reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy at its sole discretion and will make any amended version available to the public (including the date the amendment was made).