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2024 England Athletics U20 & Para U23 International
17th August 2024,
Windsor, England

Overview

The Welsh Athletics performance vision is to deliver a sustainable sector leading elite performance system that consistently transfers talented athletes to UKA's WCP whilst winning medals at Commonwealth Games. As part of this strategy, Welsh Athletics is committed to providing competition opportunities to developing and aspirational Welsh athletes. Opportunities to compete for Wales are categorised as one of the following;

1. **International Opportunity** - a competitive opportunity in pathway events for senior Welsh athletes.
2. **Representative Opportunity** - a development opportunity in either pathway or non-pathway events for both junior and senior Welsh athletes.

The England Athletics U20 International is classified as an **Representative Opportunity**.

Selection Policy Aim:

The selection panel will attempt to select the best development U20 & U23 Para team possible to represent Wales.

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/Grand parentage
 - c. Retention
 - d. Residence (minimum 3 years)
2. Be born in either 2005, 2006 or 2007. Younger athletes (U17) may be considered for the team, but selection priority will be for athletes in the U20 age category.

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3. Meet the selection criteria outlined below.

Competition Format:

In 2024, this fixture provides an U20 age group Para U23 competition for Wales (1 per event).

The following events will be contested:

U20 Men:

100m, 400m, 1500m, 2000m steeplechase, 110m Hurdles, Triple Jump, High Jump, Shot Put, Medley Relay, 4x100m Relay, 4x400m Relay.

U20 Women:

200m, 800m, 400m Hurdles, 3000m, Long Jump, Pole Vault, Discus, Javelin, Medley Relay, 4x100m Relay, 4x400m Relay.

Para U23

Ambulant shot (male) – F11, F12, F20, F35, F36, F37, F40, F41, F45/F46, F42/61/63

Ambulant shot (female) - F11, F12, F20, F35, F37, F40, F41, F45/F46, F54, F55-57, F42-F44, F62-F64

Ambulant Discus (Male)– F11, F37, F51/ F52, F54/F55/F56, F42-F44/F61-F64

Ambulant Discus (Female)– F11, F37, F38, F40/F41, F51 - F53, F54/F55/F56/F57, F42-F44/F61-F64

Ambulant Long Jump (male/female) - T11-T13, T20, T35-T38, T45/46/47, T44,62,64

Ambulant 100m (male/female) - T11-T13, T35, T36, T37, T38, T44, T45-T47, T42/T63, T62/T64

Ambulant 400m (male/female) – T11-T13, T20, T36, T37, T38, T45/46/47, T62

Ambulant 1500m (male/female) – T11-T13, T20, T37/T38, T45/T46

Wheelchair racing 100m - T33/T34, T51-T54

Wheelchair racing 400m – T51/52, T53, T54

Para events will be scored using the 2023-2024 World Para Athletics Scores Calculator.

(All events subject to change)

Selection Criteria

1. For consideration for selection, athletes must have achieved the U20 Representative Opportunity selection standard between 3rd July 2023 and 3rd July 2024.

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U20 Male	Event	U20 Female
11.00	100m	N/A
N/A	200m	25.00
50.50	400m	N/A
15.20	110H/100H	N/A
N/A	400H	65.50
14.75	Shot	N/A
N/A	Discus	33.00
N/A	Hammer	N/A
N/A	Javelin	39.00
N/A	800m	2:13.0
4:02.0	1500m	N/A
N/A	3000m	10:16.0
6:25.0	2000m SC	N/A
1.86	High Jump	N/A
N/A	Long Jump	5.40
13.20	Triple Jump	N/A
N/A	Pole Vault	3.40

2. Para athletes will be selected based on Raza Points and 2024 power of 10 rankings. Para athletes must have an IPC or UKA classification

Conditions

The achievement of the Senior International Opportunity selection standard must conform with the following requirements:

1. Must be achieved in competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations
2. Wind assisted performances (or performances where wind measurement was not available) will not be accepted
3. Hand timed performances in the 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles will not be accepted
4. Indoor performances for all events will be accepted
Proximity to the U20 Representative opportunity selection standard,

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Selection Process

Selected athletes will be informed by e-mail by the 4th of July 2024. The team will be announced on 14th July 2024.

There is no obligation to fill all available positions.

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

1. Current Power of 10 ranking,
2. Career trajectory,
3. Head to head competitive records,
4. Previous / other Championship performances,
5. Injury status,
6. Athletes engagement level,
7. Any other factors that, in the panel's opinion, give Wales the best chance of success in the match.

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Welsh Athletics is committed to offering equal opportunities to all of the 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 on the basis of any protected characteristic.

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.

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Confirmation of Team Staff

The following positions will be confirmed by the Panel following the selection of the athletes:

1. Team Leader
2. Team Managers
3. Team Coaches
4. Team Medical Staff

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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