

London Mini Marathon – 26th April 2025
London, England
Selection Policy – published October 2024

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 aspiring Welsh international 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 London Mini Marathon (U17, U15 and U13 para and non-para athletes) is classified as a **Representative Opportunity**.

Selection Policy Aim

The aim of the selection policy is to provide U17, U15 and U13 Welsh athletes demonstrating potential with a **developmental opportunity** in a non-pathway event (road).

Athlete Eligibility

To compete for Wales at the TCS Mini-London marathon the athlete needs to be born in, live in or go to school in Wales.

Competition Format

The Welsh team being selected to compete in the London Mini Marathon will provide U17, U15 and U13 athletes with the chance to compete in a representative team against other representative teams.

For para athletes, Wales will be looking to send **Girls** and **Boys** in the **U17, U15 and U13** age groups. For non-para athletes, Wales will be looking to send developmental teams of up to **6 U17 Girls, 6 U17 Boys, 6 U15 Girls, 6 U15 Boys, 6 U13 Boys** and **6 U13 Girls** to compete. The age groups will follow the same rules as the UK road age groups. U17 athletes are in school

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years 11 and 12, U15 athletes are in school years 9 and 10 and U13 athletes are in school years 7 and 8

Selection Process

Selection of the team will use the following process to ensure the **selection policy aim** is met:

Para athletes who wish to be considered for selection are to contact Welsh Athletics Para Athletics Coordinator (Neil Taylor) by end of Sunday 9th March 2025. They are recommended to provide evidence that they wish to be used for consideration in the selection meeting. Neil Taylor's email address is:

Neil.Taylor@welshathletics.org

Non-para athletes who meet the following criteria will be selected:

- The first two eligible Welsh athletes in the Welsh National Cross Country on Saturday 25th January
- The highest ranked eligible Welsh U17, U15 and U13 male and female athletes in the London Marathon age groups (these differ to track age groups) over 1500m from Saturday 14th December 2024 to end of Sunday 9th March 2025
- The highest ranked eligible Welsh U17 and U15 male and female athletes in the London Marathon age groups (these differ to the track age groups) over 3000m from Saturday 14th December to end of Sunday 9th March 2025. 3000m will not be used for the U13 age group as year 7 athletes are not allowed to compete at 3000m on the track
- In the U13 age group the first three eligible Welsh athletes in the Inter-Counties Cross Country on Saturday 8th March, and in the U15 and U17 age groups the first two eligible Welsh athletes in the Inter-Counties Cross Country on Saturday 8th March. There is an extra place from this race in the U13 age group as we can't select an U13 athlete for the 3000m.

If an athlete meets more than one of these criteria, we will go to the next eligible Welsh athlete finisher in the Inter-Counties Cross Country until six athletes are selected.

The Welsh Athletics National Talent Development Coordinator for Endurance (Steve Mitchell) will contact athletes meeting these selection criteria to see if they wish to be selected. If athletes do not reply by the time of the selection meeting, it will be assumed that the athlete does not wish to be selected. If athletes do not wish to be selected, we will go to the next eligible Welsh athlete finisher in the Inter-Counties Cross Country until six athletes have accepted their selection.

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P.S. We are not using road races for selections as we do not encourage athletes in the U17, U15 and U13 age groups to do too many road races.

The selection meeting will take place on **Wednesday 12th March** and teams will have been announced by **Saturday 22nd March**.

The selection panel will consist of **two members of the Welsh Athletics Performance Team** and a **nominated member of the road and cross committee**. **Selections will be ratified by the Welsh Athletics Head of Performance**. Selection meeting notes will be made available.

Please note that, if having been selected you become unavailable, evidence for why you are unavailable will need to be supplied to the Welsh Athletics Head of Performance and the Welsh Athletics NTDC for endurance.

Appeals Process

There shall be no right to appeal the selection of the Welsh team made by the selection panel.

De-selection Process

De-selection of an athlete may occur following:

1. Failure to adhere to the 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.

Equal Opportunities

Welsh Athletics will not discriminate in the selection of any athlete on the basis of any protected characteristics.

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) on the [Welsh Athletics website](#)