

**Minutes of Track & Field Committee,
Wednesday 1st October 2025,**



WELSH ATHLETICS
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Present:

Lynne Brier (LB), Joyce Tomala (JT), Rob Campion (RC), Lisa Campion (LC),
Darran Williams (DW), Euan Coney (EC), Lynette Harries (LH)
JT welcomed RC to the meeting.

1. Apologies:

Crispin Backshall, Sue Hooper, Dai Williams, Lee Hayward

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

No conflicts of interest declared.

3. Actions from Previous Minutes:

a. LB to contact Steve Jones and Andrew Jenkins to discuss representatives for this committee in future meetings

LB reported that Steve Jones will place this on the agenda for the next Welsh Schools meeting with a view to recruiting a representative from Welsh Schools to sit on this committee.

b. Set up a group to plan for events for new age groups from April 2026

DW to discuss with James Williams to decide upon the best way forward for this.
EC said that he can discuss this with England Athletics to see how they propose to move forward with leagues.

JT expressed concerns that there are no dates in place yet and no available dates have been issued from UKA.

LH shared these concerns and felt that people will start becoming agitated and need to know what it happening.

4. WA Updates:

a. Competition Update (EC/DW)

i. Indoor Dates 2025/2026

1. Junior Open (including regional championships)

EC confirmed that there is a date in place for December and a date in place for January. These dates will be publicised soon on the Welsh Athletics website.

DW was unsure if the South West region will be involved in the junior open this year and will contact them to find out.

RC confirmed that West Wales will be involved in several events as part of their regional championships.

DW confirmed that they will involve Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 athletes.

EC has met with Cardiff Met to discuss the possibility of them hosting some additional junior events. Early discussions are in place for this.

2. Senior Championships

EC confirmed that Under 17 athletes will be included in the senior championships again this year.

Chief officials are not yet in place for this event.

3. Junior Championships

EC confirmed that the date has been set and will appear on Welsh Athletics website soon.

ii. Outdoor updates 2026

1. Senior Championships

EC shared provisional dates for championships. This year Welsh Athletics face additional challenges due to Commonwealth Games and European Championships. Performance staff are likely to be away for much of the summer and there will be additional challenges surrounding a shortage of officials due to Commonwealth Games and European Championships.

2. Junior Championships

EC reported the same challenges as above. Dates are currently provisional.

3. Regional Championships

DW confirmed that North, South and East Wales are likely to be on Saturday 9th May.

RC said that West Wales will aim for Sunday 10th May.

4. Event Specific Meetings

There are currently no dates in place for event specific meetings

5. Welsh Junior Competitions 2026

DW said that there are currently no arrangements in place.

iii. Date for 2025 Outdoor Competitions Review

JT, EC and DW felt that there was no longer a need for reviews because there are now always feedback from every event. The committee agreed with this.

b. WA Performance update

Nothing new to discuss.

c. Opentrack results program update

DW confirmed that there are very few changes to Opentrack.

5. DISCUSSION

a. Ratification of records

DW shared updates to records with the committee and the committee accepted them all.

JT queried why the women's 2K steeplechase record set by Millie Gold was an allcomers record at 6.48 minutes when Kate Seary had previously set a Welsh national record of 6.36 minutes.

DW confirmed that an allcomers record can only be set in Wales and Kate Seary had set her record in America.

b. Spread of events across all regions of Wales

JT reported that North Wales representatives had expressed their concern at the recent General Council meeting that there was an uneven spread of events across Wales, with less events being held in North Wales.

EC said that Welsh Schools were looking at events in Brecon and Mid Wales and Welsh Athletics were exploring event opportunities in North Wales. However, for championships, particularly senior championships, there is no other track in Wales of the same calibre as Cardiff.

DW said that there were 'Run With The Wind' events and endurance events being held in North Wales.

JT reported that North Wales had also expressed concerns about affordability for them to send athletes to compete in South Wales and that it was unreasonable to expect athletes to travel and compete on the same day.

Representatives from other regions confirmed that they never pay travel expense to athletes when they compete in North Wales and always travel on the day of competition. This will be fed back to General Council in their next meeting.

EC said that they could possibly explore some financial support for athletes or families of junior athletes where cost is a barrier to competing in their national championships.

c. Cost of TF venues

JT expressed concerns about the cost of hiring stadiums, specifically Newport and Brecon that exceed £1,000.

RC said that most other tracks cost approximately £600.

EC has compared costs at different venues. They vary because they sometimes need to supply additional staff.

Action: RC to forward any information that he has on the hire of West Wales tracks.

Action: EC to ask Zoe Holloway to look into this.

d. Inter-Regional Championships 2026 – Age groups/events

Many committee members felt that Under 20 and senior athletes should not be included in the inter-regional championships because not enough athletes from these age groups show an interest in this event.

The committee felt that only Under 14s, Under 16s and Under 18s should be involved in the inter-regional championships.

There was a further discussion about what events should be included in the championships.

Action: Regional representatives to discuss this in their regional meetings.

This will be discussed further in the next track and field meeting.

6. REPORTS:

a. General Council – Byelaws relating to Welsh Athletics team selection

JT referred to the fact that the Byelaw relating to team selections had been raised at the recent General Council meeting because the Byelaw had not been adhered to this year and no member of the track and field committee had been invited to take part in team selections. This will be brought up again at the next General Council meeting.

b. Welsh Schools

Welsh Schools have confirmed that they will be adhering to the new age groups. Selection policies for SIAB will be complicated because England Schools and SIAB will be working with the old age groups next year.

Steve Jones will discuss a possible representative to attend track and field meetings at their November meeting.

Steve Jones has requested that he is copied into minutes and sent an agenda for future meetings.

c. Regional Issues

No issues were discussed because most regional meetings have not yet taken place.

d. Officials Committee

JT expressed concern that there are no attendees from the officials committee.

Action: RC will bring this up at the next official's committee meeting in November.

e. WA Staff update

RC introduced himself and described his new role as the officials and volunteer co-ordinator.

The committee was informed about the following new members of staff:

Chris Anthony – Head of Development
Mark Furnish – Support Education

7. Any Other Business.

a. Track & Field Secretary

JT thanked LB for her work as track and field secretary. The role will be advertised if no existing committee members step in.

a. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 10th December 2026

b. Dates of Future Meetings:

To be confirmed at the following Welsh Athletics AG

The meeting ended at 7:10pm.