

Minutes of Track & Field Committee

Wednesday 11th June 2025



WELSH ATHLETICS
ATHLETAU CYMRU

Present

Lynne Brier - Secretary (LB), Joyce Tomala – Chairperson (JT), Lee Hayward (LeH), Lynette Harries (LH), Crispin Backshall (CB), Chris Type (CT), Darran Williams (DW), Lisa Campion (LC)

Apologies

Zoe Holloway, Dai Williams, Euan Coney, Peter Hitchings

1. WA Updates:

a. Competition Update

i. Outdoor updates 2025

DW confirmed that all arrangements were in place for the junior championships in Swansea on 14th and 15th June and the senior championships in Cardiff on 28th and 29th June, which will also include British Under 23 championships and trials for the forthcoming European Under 23 championships.

ii. Inter-Regional T & F Championships 2025

DW confirmed that all arrangements were in place for the inter-regional championships to be held in Carmarthen on July 12th.

iii. Event Specific Meetings

DW confirmed that all the endurance evenings this year are to be held in Aberdare, with BMC handling the entries for these events.

iv. Welsh Throws League

LeH shared information on forthcoming throws events and the new throws league, stating that they aim to cater for all age groups and abilities. Plenty of support is being provided for these events and interest is high.

v. Welsh Junior Competitions.

DW shared information on the Welsh junior league, stating that there were two matches left, one being in North Wales and the other in West Wales. Both matches are scheduled for August.

b. WA Performance update

CT shared information on Commonwealth Games arrangements, including standards and selection policies and procedures. To date, eleven athletes have achieved the relevant standards, with four of them being A standards and seven of them being B standards.

CT said that they envisaged a relatively small team of track and field athletes representing Wales at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games because they were competing against athletes from other sports in Wales for their places in the team.

CT said that accreditation and kit alone will be very expensive, which also contributes to a small team of representatives across the sports being taken to Glasgow.

CT reported back on the Loughborough international match and future opportunities to represent Wales.

2. DISCUSSION

a. Volunteers and New officials

There was no representative present for the officials committee and no report submitted.

Once again, it was noted that some events on the calendar were not attracting enough officials, with many fixtures only just managing to cover the events with enough officials.

LeH asked if anything had been done, following a near miss in the cage in Cardiff during a recent YDL.

JT said that a health and safety report had been submitted to YDL and UKA and DW added that the cage had been inspected and any problems rectified prior to the next fixture. Thankfully the official involved was not hurt.

b. Welsh Athletics Registration

JT highlighted that some athletes were still waiting a few weeks for their registration to go through. This is apparently because they are not paying by 'Stripe.'

JT asked DW if 'Stripe' is the only way for them to pay.

DW said that athletes can affiliate via Open Track or pay their club directly.

JT requested that all regional representatives ensure that their regions are aware that they will all have to use 'Stripe' moving forward.

DW said that all regions should now be aware of this.

c. New Age Groups and Events

JT reminded the committee that we had agreed to set up a group to plan for this.

The committee agreed that this should begin towards the end of August, once the season comes to an end.

3. REPORTS:

a. Welsh Schools

There was no representative from Welsh Schools, but DW was able to update the committee on events and venues, stating that Welsh Schools continues to be at Aberdare and the Cup and Plate meeting moving from Brecon to Aberdare.

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

b. Regional Issues

North Wales

Nothing to report.

West Wales

LC reported on behalf of West Wales that the track upgrade was complete at Neath and ready for use.

All plans for inter-regional championships in Carmarthen in place.

Proposals in place for next year that all clubs must provide three officials to enable their athletes to compete in West Wales junior leagues.

South Wales

Nothing to report.

East Wales

Nothing to report

Officials Committee

c. There was no representative from the officials committee.

4. Any Other Business.

DW reported that he has submitted a proposal to Chris Moss and Malcolm Rogers that competition days are reduced to eight hours, including the set up and dismantling of equipment. Chris Moss will put this forward as part of the rule changes to hopefully be accepted and implemented from April 1st 2026.

Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 1st October 2025 at 6pm

Dates of Future Meetings:

Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 6pm

The meeting ended at 7:30pm.

