



Cardiff Met Schools Combined Events International
2nd December 2023, National Indoor Athletics Centre, Cardiff
Selection Policy

OVERVIEW

The overall objective of the international competitions programme is to prepare Welsh athletes to perform at the best of their ability at major, senior Championship events (e.g., the Commonwealth Games). As part of that strategy, Welsh Schools / Welsh Athletics is committed to providing international competition opportunities to developing and aspirational Welsh athletes. International competitions are categorised as one of the following:

1. International Matches (where a Welsh team is fielded in a competitive fixture against other teams)
2. International Overseas Fixtures (an international, overseas competition that provides Welsh athletes of the appropriate standard with a conducive environment to achieve a good performance outcome)

The Indoor Combined Events Invitational is classified as an **International Match**.

SELECTION POLICY AIM

The selection panel will attempt to select the best U16 and U18 team possible to represent Welsh Schools. Each Team consists of 4 athletes with the top 3 athletes scoring

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

As athletes compete as part of a Welsh Schools Team the following rules apply (please note that these are different to the eligibility rules to represent Welsh Athletics). To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following:

1. Must attend a School located within Wales.
2. Year of Birth:
 - a. U16 - School years 9 & 10 = 01/09/08 to 31/08/10 inclusive.
 - b. U18 - School years 11 & 12 = 01/09/06 to 31/08/08 inclusive.
3. Have achieved the following International Match selection standard
 - a. Under 16 Female 2700 points
 - b. Under 16 Male 2600 points
 - c. Under 18 Female 2750 points
 - d. Under 18 Male 2700 points

COMPETITION FORMAT

Athletes compete as part of a Team of four, each athlete scoring individually:

- Under 16 Female
- Under 16 Male
- Under 18 Female
- Under 18 Male

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SELECTION CRITERIA

For consideration for selection, athletes must have achieved Published Match Standard as noted above between the 1st January 2023 and the 5th November 2023.

The selection panel reserves the right not to select 4 athletes per age group if athletes do not achieve the published standards. In exceptional circumstances the selection panel can select an athlete that has not achieved the published standard if there is overwhelming evidence to support the selection

CONDITIONS

The achievement of the International Match standards 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, 60m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles will not be accepted
4. Indoor performances for all events will be accepted

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection meeting will take place on Sunday 5th November 2023. The Welsh Schools Selection Panel ("the Panel") will comprise of 5 voting members (2 members of the Welsh Schools Management Committee, 2 members nominated by Welsh Athletics and 1 of the nominated team managers for the event and an independent observer (non-voting).

There is no obligation to fill all available positions – as per the selection criteria.

Automatic selection will be awarded to the winner and runner up of each of the Age Groups. The additional places will be selected on the following basis, the selection panel reserves the right not to select athletes if published performance standards have not been achieved.

In coming to its decision, the Panel will consider the following (in priority order):

1. Current form (2023 season's best performance and depth of performances above the selection standard)
2. Position and performance at the 2023 Welsh Combined Events Indoor Championships 2023 (5th November 2023)
3. Previous / other Championship performances
4. Head to head competitive records
5. Injury status
6. Athletes who are supportive of Welsh Schools / Athletics
7. Any other factors that, in the panel's opinion, give Welsh Schools the best chance of success in the match

The selection panel reserves the right not to fill all selection places in any of the teams.

Selected athletes will be informed via e-mail by **Monday 6th November 2023**. The team will be announced on **Saturday 11th November 2023**.

APPEALS PROCESS

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

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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 Schools / 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.

CONFIRMATION OF TEAM STAFF

The Welsh Athletics point of contact is Bethan Davies, bethan.davies@welshathletics.org.

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

1. Team Managers
2. Team Coaches

AMENDMENT

Welsh Schools /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.

LOGISTICS

All athletes and team staff meet at NIAC on the morning of the competition.