



2024 Schools Indoor Combined Events International  
16<sup>th</sup> of November 2024  
Selection Policy

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 Schools and Welsh Athletics are 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 Opportunities – a development opportunity in either pathway or non pathway events for both junior and senior Welsh athletes.

The Indoor Combined Events International is classified as an Representative Opportunity.

SELECTION POLICY AIM

The selection panel will 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

This fixture is under UKA rules by invitation of Scottish Schools and the 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 Year 9 or 10 in September 2024
  - b. U18 – School Year 11 or 12 in September 2024
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

### SELECTION CRITERIA

For consideration for selection, athletes must have achieved or be projected to achieve the Published Match Standard as noted above between the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 and the date of selection.

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 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 will not be accepted,
4. Indoor performances for all events will be accepted.
5. Outdoor hurdle distances will be accepted.

### SELECTION PROCESS

The selection meeting will take place on 2nd of October.

The Welsh Schools Combined Events International Selection Panel (“the Panel”) will comprise of 4 voting members (2 members of the Welsh Schools Management Committee, 1 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.**

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. Projected scores based off personal best taken from Power of 10
2. Previous Combined Events performance
3. Current form
3. Previous / other Championship performances
4. Head to head competitive records
5. Injury status
6. Athlete engagement level
7. Any other factors that, in the panel's opinion, give Welsh Schools the best chance of success in the match

Due to there being no trial competition, athletes wishing to be considered for selection must contact Rhys Williams, [rhys.williams@welshathletics.org](mailto:rhys.williams@welshathletics.org) by 22:00 on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 to confirm their interest. Athletes must state their performances in suitable competitions within the qualification time frame, which show they meet the criteria required to be considered for selection.

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 4th October. The team will be announced on 16th October.

#### 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 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

1. Welsh Athletics Point contact is Ieuan Jones - [ieuan.jones@welshathletics.org](mailto:ieuan.jones@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](http://www.welshathletics.org).

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