

Berkshire Schools' Selection Criteria for English Schools' Track & Field Championships 2019

Rationale

The English Schools' Championships represent the pinnacle of schools-based competition in England. As such, the team picked will be largely based on the **ability of the athlete to compete at this level**, and, in particular, to make a significant contribution to the team score. Competitions such as inter-county matches represent a chance to compete for Berkshire Schools' and teams are normally selected on the basis of results from the Berkshire Schools' County Championships.

Berkshire Schools' Track & Field Team will consist of a maximum of 70 athletes. Thus, **obtaining an entry standard does not automatically ensure selection for the team.**

The Committee of Berkshire Schools' Athletic Association will select the team based on the following criteria – all of which must be met in the **current outdoor track and field season**. Prior seasons' performances may be considered in special circumstances, e.g. where an event is of limited availability, **subject to proving current fitness and a written request is received before the selection meeting.**

Round 1 of Selection

All athletes (unless more than 70) obtaining National Standard (N.S.) at the Berkshire Schools' County Championships **or** the U20 Southern Championships, if on the same weekend.

Round 2 of Selection

All athletes (unless more than 70) obtaining N.S. at a recognised competition prior to the Berkshire Schools' County Championships and demonstrating current form.

Round 3 of Selection

All athletes (unless more than 70 by this Round of Selection) obtaining Entry Standard (E.S.) during or prior to the Berkshire Schools' County Championships, at a **recognised event in the year of competition**. These athletes must have competed at the 2019 Berkshire Schools' County Championships **or** the U20 Southern Championships if on the same weekend.

Round 4 of Selection

All athletes (unless more than 70) obtaining E.S. at a recognised competition prior to the Berkshire Schools' County Championships and demonstrating current form.

Important Notes

Once numbers in any Round reach more than 70, no further Rounds of Selection will be considered. When the number of athletes reaches more than 70, the Selection Committee will consider athlete's relative performances in relation to closeness to National Standard and their Power of 10 ranking at the time of selection. **The decision of the Committee is final.**

Recognised Competition

These include competitions **with graded officials and wind reading equipment and/or electronic timing**. As a general rule, school athletic matches are usually not included. For sprints, hurdles and jumps, all wind readings must be within the legal requirements of up to +2.0m/s.

Special Consideration

The Committee reserves the right to select an athlete that does not meet the above criteria. Similarly, the Committee reserves the right **not** to select an athlete, even if they have met the above criteria, for example those who have been selected by British Athletics for international duty, clashing with the English Schools' Championships.

Athlete's responsibility

It is the responsibility of the athlete to inform the Committee that they are available for selection for the English Schools' Championships. For many athletes this would be done automatically when they compete at the Berkshire Schools' County Championships. Athletes need to inform the Committee of the event that they wish to be considered for, where they achieved the relevant standard (date, venue and competition), their school/college name, date of birth, and their relevant contact details.

Such requests should be sent to lesleywagg@btinternet.com

Changing Events

If an athlete wishes to be considered for another event, other than the event they competed at during the Berkshire Schools' County Championships, they must make this known to the Committee prior to selection. Selection takes place on the day of the Berkshire Schools' County Championships – Saturday 8th June 2019.

Injuries

If an athlete is unable to compete in the Berkshire Schools' Championships due to injury they will generally not be considered for selection. If an athlete finds themselves in this situation, they are strongly advised to get in contact with the Committee at the earliest opportunity and certainly, **prior to the selection meeting.**

Relay Teams

Relay teams are generally made up only from athletes selected in individual events. The Association is allowed to enter five (5) Relay teams; the Committee will take the decision as to which age groups these are from. However, the committee is allowed to consider teams that meet the requirements in Rounds 1 – 4 above, providing this does not exceed the 70 athletes total.

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