

WADAC JUNIOR SECTION TRACK AND FIELD SELECTION POLICY

Unlike cross country, where there is usually no limit to the number of competitors, track and field events have a restriction on the number of competitors in each event (usually 2 per age group). Because of the recent growth in the number of junior WADAC members it may not be possible to offer events to everyone and that athletes may not get to compete in their first choice events. We will do our best to cater for all but to avoid any doubt we have set out below our selection policy for the main league events.

In all cases it is the Team Manager who will select the team taking in to account the various criteria below.

National Young Athletes League

This will be the main competitive focus for the club and so we will endeavour to select the strongest team based on ability and following discussions with coaches on individual needs and aspirations.

We will ask for availability at least 2 weeks before each match and aim to confirm selection at least 1 week before the match.

Where there are more than 2 possible competitors for any event and no clear choice based on ability we will also consider willingness to cover other events, length of membership and of course will prioritise children of coaches and assistants.

Wessex Young Athletes League

Once again we will use the Wessex League to provide valuable competition to all of our junior athletes. We will aim to cover as many events as possible and it is a great chance to try new events.

We will ask for availability at least 2 weeks before each match and aim to confirm selection at least 1 week before the match.

Priority will be given to athletes who have not been selected for NYAL competition to provide them with access to competition although consideration will be given to requests from coaches to help an athlete with a specific objective (e.g. qualifying time).

In making the selection consideration will be given to number of previous selections, length of club membership, attendance at training and of course we will prioritise children of coaches and assistants

Quad Kids

This is a unique format for Years 4 and 5 and takes part within the Wessex League matches. Numbers are limited to 10 per team for both boys and girls. In the event that we have too many athletes wishing to compete then selection will be at the discretion of the Quad Kids Manager. Priority will be given to children of coaches and assistants. We will endeavour to ensure that everyone gets to attend at least one match and if necessary we will prioritise Y5 over Y4 as this is their last year in this competition

Open Events/Championships

In addition to the league matches there are a large number of open events and championships. These are usually open to all although some may have qualifying standards. WADAC will try to provide information about these events but it will be up to individuals to enter the events as required