

Selection Policy

- 1 - It is the intention of the Scottish Schools' Athletic Association to always select the athlete best suited for the specific discipline/s, for each International. Selection will be made from all the information available to the selectors at that time and consideration of this information will be ongoing until the final date set for declaring the team.
- 2 - The Selection Committee will be made up from the International Secretary, Event Convener, Head Coach, Scottish Statistician, plus 2 Committee members with event specific experience. The International Secretary will have the casting vote. The Committee will meet within 3 working days of the Championship in question and the athletes will be emailed with their selection offer within 5 working days.
- 3 - The Selection Committee will never knowingly omit an athlete from possible selection.

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Cross Country: The first 6 athletes to finish at both under 15 & under 17, will be guaranteed to be offered selection. Selection for the remaining 2 places, plus the Mixed Relay teams, will be open to athletes who have been entered for that year's Cross Country Championship and have demonstrated their fitness and comparable performances at other major cross country events. National rankings will also be taken into consideration.

Track & Field: The gold medallist at under 17 will be guaranteed to be offered selection. Selection for the remaining place will be open to athletes who have been entered for our Track & Field Championship that year and have demonstrated their fitness and comparable performances at other Track & Field Championships. National rankings will also be taken into consideration.

- 4 - Selectors will, at all times, carefully consider athletes' suitability to be a team member, justifying to themselves that the athlete will perform to their highest standards and they will be an ambassador for the Scottish Schools' Athletic Association, their own school, their relatives and most importantly themselves.
- 5 - Selectors will monitor, where possible, social network sites to ensure that no Scottish Schools' Athletic Association athlete is entering in to discourse, contrary to section 4. Any athlete involved in such communications may be deselected from a team and may jeopardise his/her chances of any future Scottish Schools' Athletic Association selection.
- 6 - Athlete selection and subsequently competing as a Scottish Schools' Internationalist is reliant on the athlete upholding the afore mentioned paragraphs. Failure to notify the Association of injury or any reason why performance may be affected, may jeopardise future consideration for selection.
- 7 - Team selections will not be discussed in any way outside the membership of the Association. Conversations with the Committee, in any form, regarding composition, inclusions or omissions will not take place.

Succinctly: selection is not negotiable.

We hope everyone involved understands the need to set out our criteria. Should you wish to contact the Association regarding general team information, (eg flight times or accommodation arrangements) then this should be done through the Association's Secretary at ssaasecretary@aol.com, who will advise or forward any points to the relevant person for clarification.

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