

**TCS Mini London Marathon – Saturday 20th April 2024
London, England
Selection Policy – published October 2023 (updated January 2024)**

Overview

The London Mini Marathon will take place in London, England on Saturday 20th April 2024. Wales will compete against other British regional teams and London Borough teams. Welsh Athletics values the role the TCS Mini London Marathon plays in the development of Welsh junior endurance athletes by providing the opportunity to travel and compete as part of a representative team against other representative teams.

Selection Policy Aim

The aim of the selection policy is to **provide a relevant developmental opportunity** to U17, U15 and U13 athletes **demonstrating potential**.

Athlete Eligibility

To compete for Wales at the TCS Mini-London marathon the athlete needs to be born in, live in or go to school in Wales.

Competition Format

The TCS Mini London Marathon provides a U17, U15 and U13 age group competition opportunity.

Teams of up to **6 U17 Boys, 6 U17 Girls, 6 U15 Boys, 6 U15 Girls, 6 U13 Boys and 6 U13 Girls may be selected**. The age groups will follow the same rules as the UK road age groups. U17 athletes are in school years 11 and 12, U15 athletes are in school years 9 and 10 and U13 athletes are in school years 7 and 8.

Selection Process

Selection of the team will use the following process to ensure the **selection policy aim** is met:

Step 1: The first two eligible Welsh athlete home in the Welsh Cross Country Championships and the first two eligible Welsh athletes home in the Inter-Counties Cross Country Championships (as long as they have finished inside the top 20) will gain automatic selection.

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If the same athletes are in the top two Welsh athletes in both races, or if any of the first two Welsh athletes home in either race do not make themselves available for selection, there will be no automatic selections for the 3rd or 4th Welsh athlete in either race. Athletes in automatic selection spots will be contacted prior to the selection meeting to find out if they wish to be considered for selection. We are using cross country races for the automatic spots as we do not encourage athletes in the U17, U15 and U13 age groups to do too many road races.

Step 2: All performance programme athletes (Performance programme, Transition programme and National Development Programme) who have identified in their Individual Athlete Plans (IAPs) that they wish to compete in this race, and non-programme athletes who competed in the Welsh Cross Country and/or Inter-Counties Cross Country, will be considered. Non-programme athletes who did not compete in either Welsh Cross Country or the Inter-Counties Cross Country but wish to be considered for selection need to email Steve Mitchell (Welsh Athletics National Talent Development Coordinator for Endurance) by Friday 8th March to state their wish to be. Steve Mitchell's email address is:

Steve.Mitchell@Welshathletics.org

To ensure athletes who do not wish to be considered for selection are not discussed in the selection meeting, non-programme athletes who have a realistic chance of being selected will be contacted prior to the selection meeting to see if they wish to be considered for selection.

The following evidence will be considered when deciding who to select:

- a. Performances from 1st September 2023 to the selection meeting
- b. Career trajectory
- c. Previous Performance History
- d. Athlete Engagement with Welsh Athletics
- e. Any further evidence which implies the athlete is in a position to compete strongly

There is no obligation to fill all available positions.

The selection meeting will take place on **Wednesday 13th March** and teams will be announced on **Saturday 16th March**.

The selection panel will consist of **two members of the Welsh Athletics Performance Team** and a **nominated member of the road and cross committee**. **Selections will be ratified by the Welsh Athletics Head of Performance**. Selection meeting notes will be made available.

Please note that, if having been selected you become unavailable, evidence for why you are unavailable will need to be supplied to the Welsh Athletics Head of Performance and the Welsh Athletics NTDC for endurance.

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Appeals Process

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

De-selection Process

De-selection of an athlete may occur following:

1. Failure to adhere to the Welsh Athletics code of conduct
2. In the event of an athlete sustaining an injury or illness following acceptance of their position on the team, they are required to inform the team leader immediately. If required, evidence will have to be supplied. If it is deemed that the injury or illness will negatively affect the athlete's performance this will result in deselection.

Equal Opportunities

Welsh Athletics will not discriminate in the selection of any athlete on the basis of any protected characteristics.

Amendment

Welsh Athletics reserves the right to amend this selection policy at its sole discretion and will make any amended version publically available (including the date on which the amendment was made) on the [Welsh Athletics website](#)