

MERSEYSIDE COUNTY SCHOOLS AA SELECTION CRITERIA

Athletes will be selected for the ESAA Championships based on the following criteria:

1. Athletes achieving a National Standard in their event are automatically selected.
2. Athletes achieving the Entry Standard will be selected, provided we do not exceed the 40 places allocated.
3. If more than 40 athletes achieve entry standard, then those exceeding by the greatest percentage will be selected.
4. If fewer than 40 entry standards are achieved then the athletes closest to the standard will be selected, regardless of gender.
5. Marginal decisions will be at the discretion of the committee, taking into consideration factors such as sprinters who may complete relay teams, athletes who have been injured but with a history of high performances and pole vaulters / high jumpers who may not achieve the opening height.
6. Pleas for consideration from teachers or coaches are welcomed and will be discussed at the selection meeting.
7. Competing at the County Schools Championships is required unless an athlete is injured or ill and has notified the committee in advance. This must be done by the **Wednesday prior to** the Championships at the latest. Should there be insufficient competitors in a track event, an athlete (with qualifying standard) may request to participate in a similar event on the day.
8. If three or more competitors achieve the required standard in any event, they may not be selected.
9. The committee will select the strongest team available to represent the County.
10. If an athlete, or a member of their family, fails to comply with the standards of conduct expected of a competitor representing Merseyside Schools at an English Schools Championships, the committee reserves the right to not select / deselect that individual as it is responsible for the behaviour and welfare of the team during the Championships.
11. The selection of an athlete is expected to be supported by the Headteacher / Head of Year from their school.