

Merseyside County Schools selection criteria

Athletes will be selected on the basis of 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 standards 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 chosen 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 previous high performances and high jumpers/ pole vaulters 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 Championships is required unless an athlete is injured or ill and has notified the committee in advance. Seniors (U20 only) who wish to be considered for ES selection **MUST** inform the team managers no later than 9pm on Wednesday, 5th June, if they are competing in the Northern Championships. Otherwise, they are expected to take part unless medically exempt. Should there be insufficient competitors in a track event, an athlete (with the qualifying standard) may request to participate in a similar event on the day.
- 8 If three competitors achieve the required standard on the day he or she may not be selected.
- 9 The committee will strive to select the strongest team available to represent the county.
- 10 If an athlete, or member of their family, fails to comply with the standards of conduct expected of an English Schools competitor, the committee reserves the right to deselect/ not select that individual as it is responsible for the behaviour and welfare of the team during the Championships.
- 11 Selection is expected to be supported by the Headteacher/Head of Year from their school.