



## WSAA Cross Country Team Selection Policy 2023

Please be advised that all athletes selected to represent the County will have met the selection criteria listed below.

### South West Schools' Cross Country Championship

Immediately after the end of our WSAA Cross Country Championship there will be a selection meeting to select the team that will compete at the South West Schools' Cross Country Championship.

Athletes who wish to be considered for selection must have submitted their availability and personal details via the Results Hub within five minutes after the finish of their race at our WSAA Cross Country Championship. Those seeking special consideration must submit a completed form by 12.15pm on the day of our WSAA Cross Country Championship, using our Special Consideration form. Special Consideration forms are available on our website, via your area and are available from the Results Hub on the day of our WSAA Cross Country Championship.

### SWS Team selection will be based on:

1. Performance (position) at our WSAA Championship.
2. Athlete's confirmation of their availability for the SWS Championship **based on the fact that they understand that they MUST be able to make their own travel arrangements to the SWS Cross Country Championship this year.**
3. Total number of entries: WSAA are allowed a maximum of 10 entries per age group.
4. Suitability of the athlete to represent Wiltshire (e.g. An athlete's willingness to comply with the WSAA Code of Conduct)
5. Athletes unable to compete today, for genuine reasons will be considered under "Special Considerations".

Note\* Any athlete who cannot travel by their own means to the SWS Cross Country Championship, after consultation with the WSAA, **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO COMPETE.**

### ESAA National Championship Team selection will be based on:

1. Performances at county level and above will be a guide to current form and thus an aid to selection. The South West Schools Championship will be an important guide to current form, and as such, be an aid to selection, as it will probably be the highest level of competition this season for most of our athletes; but it will not be the only guide we use for selection. The other criteria are:
2. Athlete's confirmation of their availability for the ESAA Championship **based on the fact that for the ESAA Championship they MUST travel on the team coach the day before the ESAA Championship (i.e. on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March) and stay overnight on the Friday night in accommodation booked by W.S.A.A.**
3. Total number of entries. WSAA are allowed a maximum of 8 entries per age group.
4. Suitability of the athlete to represent Wiltshire (e.g. An athlete's willingness to comply with the WSAA Code of Conduct)
5. Athletes unable to compete for genuine reasons will be considered under Special Considerations. In this case, evidence of performance from a major meeting (county level and above) will need to be provided plus it is helpful if the athlete has a record of representing WSAA and performing well at SWS and ESAA Championships.

WSAA take the selection of athletes very seriously. We do our best to form the most comprehensive picture of each athlete as possible. In addition to raw data we consider all available evidence in order to arrive at the most fair and reasonable decision we can.