

Selection Policy

2026

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 Coordinator, relevant Event Convener, Equipment Officer and one other Committee member with event specific experience. The International Coordinator 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 of the meeting.

3 - The Selection Committee will never knowingly omit an athlete from possible selection.

SIAB selection

This continues to be for U15/U17 on 31/08/26

Cross Country: This requires a team of 10 at both U15 and U17 level, for both the individual event and the mixed relay. The first 6 athletes to finish at both under 15 & under 17 in our Championship that year will be guaranteed to be offered selection as part of **the joint team**. Selection for the remaining 4 places will be open to athletes who have been entered for our SSAA Championships and have demonstrated their fitness and comparable performances at other major events. National rankings will also be taken into consideration.

Track & Field: This requires 2 athletes per event. The results from both our U16 & U18 events in the Track & Field Championship will be compared, taking into account the dates of birth of those involved. Selection will be based on those who have entered our summer Championship and have demonstrated their fitness and comparable performances at other track & field events. National rankings will also be taken into consideration. Where performances cannot be compared there may be an invitation event to help with Selection.

Pentathlon International

This will be open to U16 & U18 in the year of competition

This requires a team of 4 at both U16 & U18 level, with the option of a travelling reserve. Invitations to the autumn Coaching & Education sessions will go out to the 6 top ranked athletes from our Pentathlon Championship that year and those demonstrating potential from other multi events. Fitness and performance will be taken into consideration following the Coaching & Education days. The winner from our Pentathlon Championship should then be offered selection.

4 - Selectors will always carefully consider athletes' suitability to be a team member, justifying to themselves that the athlete will perform to their highest standard and they will be a positive 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 into discourse, contrary to section 4. Any athlete involved in such communications may be deselected from a team and it 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. If unfit to participate, we must be notified through the Selection email address below. 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 travel or accommodation arrangements) then this should be done through the Selection email address at selections@ssaa.co.uk

Any other queries should be via the Secretary at ssaasecretary@aol.com