Selection Policy 2027

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

Cross Country: This requires a joint team of 10 at both U16 and U18 level, for both the individual events and the mixed relays.

Track & Field: This requires 2 athletes per event at U18 level

For both Internationals, age is established as the athlete's age on 31/08/27

Results from competitors with an appropriate date of birth will be considered for selection.

National Rankings, as well as comparable performances at other events will also be taken into account. To be considered for selection an athlete MUST have been entered for our 2027 Championships.

Pentathlon International

This will be open to U16 & U18 in 2027

This requires a team of 4 at both U16 & U18 level, with the option of a reserve at U18 and a Development place at U16. 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 winners from our Pentathlon Championship at each age 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

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