

Merseyside County AA

Note on criteria used in selecting athletes to represent the County

Only those athletes who are eligible to compete as individuals in the County Championships (as specified above) are eligible to represent Merseyside County AA in Inter County competition.

It is the responsibility of Merseyside County and their Team Managers to select athletes for Inter Counties competition. The selection criteria employed is further set out below. Where an eligible athlete's first claim club is not affiliated to Merseyside, and they did not compete in the County Championships, it will be the athlete's responsibility to make their availability for County selection known to the Cross Country, Fell or Track & Field Secretary. There is no provision for an appeal against non-selection.

Cross Country: Automatic selection to the CAU Inter Counties is granted to the first six Senior Men and the first four finishers in all other age groups at the County Cross Country Championships. The Senior Men's Inter Counties team comprises 9 runners and there are 8 in all other age groups. The remaining 3 Senior Men places, the remaining 4 places in other age groups and all reserves will be determined by Team managers looking first of all at current form from the Northern Athletics Cross Country Champs and then at performances in other recent but usually shorter cross country races. Any remaining places will be offered to Merseyside clubs. It is often difficult to compare young runners on a head to head basis and selectors will need to use a measure of judgement as well as objective finish positions.

Fell Running: The results of the county Fell Running Championships will be used to select a team for the Inter Counties event, the highest placed runners being selected first. Any remaining places will be offered to runners with Merseyside qualification on the basis of performance in other, recent, fell running events.

Track & Field – Northern Athletics Junior Inter Counties: These Under 15 / Under 17 Championships usually allow for selection of two athletes per age group per scheduled event. The first place will always be offered first to the County event champion. The 2nd place will be offered first to the next highest county performer on Power of Ten. Allowing for withdrawals etc, subsequent places will be offered on the basis of best performance in the scheduled event on Power of Ten. Team Managers may also select for relays.

Track & Field – CAU Nat'l Inter Counties: These championships, usually held in Bedford, have national entry standards. Rather than select a team, Individuals can self-select if they meet the standard or clubs can recommend an athlete for inclusions by applying to the County Track & Field Secretary at least 4 weeks before the event. In the event of more applicants than places, the final selection shall be made by the Track & Field Secretary, giving priority to competitors at the County Track & Field Championships in the same year or otherwise by best performance on Power of Ten.