

Shaun Pickering Pathway International – 27th May 2024
Loughborough
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Overview

For the Shaun Pickering Pathway International (PMTI) Welsh Athletics will select a team of U18, U20 and U23 Athletes to compete on the 27th May, the below selection policy reflects the strategic aim of Welsh Athletics and the Performance pathway to support the pathway and preparation of athletes aspiring to be selected for a major championship.

The PMT provides an international competition opportunity aimed at

- Athletes within the current performance pathway
- Athletes competing in Olympic disciplines whom the selection panel believe have the profile to progress toward GB representation and commonwealth representation.
- Athletes that are competing in Paralympic disciplines whom the selection panel believe can gain Paralympic futures or senior GB&NI selection at a major event.
- There will be teams in attendance from England , Scotland ,Ireland and Switzerland

Athlete Eligibility

To be considered for selection for this team:

- Athletes must be eligible to compete for Wales. This includes holding a full British passport.
- Athletes must not be currently serving a period of ineligibility or a provisional or permanent suspension for a doping violation or for any other reason of misconduct.
- Athletes must be currently registered as a member with Welsh Athletics, directly or through a club.
- Para Athletes must have a current National or International Para Athletics Classification.
- Athletes will be required to sign the Welsh Athletics Team Members' Agreement and abide by its terms and conditions. Any athlete failing to do so before the date of the competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.
- All athletes wishing to be selected for the PMTI must express their interest in competing, by emailing Ryan Spencer-Jones ryan.spencer-jones@welshathletics.org by 19.00 Thursday 2nd of May 2024.

Age classifications:

- **U23s = Athletes born in 2002, 2003 and 2004.**
 - **U20s = Athletes born in 2005 and 2006.**
 - **U18s = Athletes born in 2007 and 2008.**

Welsh Athletics will select up to two people per event.

- **Olympic Disciplines:** shot put, discus, hammer, javelin,
- **Paralympic Disciplines:** Ambulant shot put, ambulant discus & ambulant javelin.

Selection Process

Selection of the team will use the following process to ensure the **selection policy aim** is met:

Ambulant and Seated Throws events will be selected on ability making futures program and ability to make GB representation at Junior and senior World Championships and Paralympics

U18/U20/U23 will be selected from the following standards in line with the Performance Pathway NDP consideration standards and with the consideration of realistically making future GB representation and CWG teams.

- Step 1: Athletes currently on Welsh Athletics support programmes (Performance Programme, Transition Programme and National Development Programme)
- Step 2: Non-program athletes will be considered. Results and rankings of non-program athletes specifically looking at U18/U20/U23 GB representation.

There is no obligation to fill all available positions.

The selection meeting will take place on **2nd May 2024** and teams will be announced on **Wednesday 15th May**.

The team will be selected by the **Welsh Athletics Head of Performance** and **Welsh Athletics National Talent Development Coordinator (NTDC) for Throws**, will be **presented to the track and field committee** in the selection meeting.

Appeals Process

There shall be no right to appeal against the selection of the Welsh team made by the selection panel.

De-selection Process

De-selection of an athlete may occur following:

1. Failure to adhere to the Welsh Athletics code of conduct
2. In the event of an athlete sustaining an injury or illness following acceptance of their position on the team, they are required to inform the team leader immediately. If required, evidence will have to be supplied. If it is deemed that the injury or illness will negatively affect the athlete's performance this will result in deselection.

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Equal Opportunities

Welsh Athletics will not discriminate in the selection of any athlete based on any protected characteristics.

Amendment

Welsh Athletics reserves the right to amend this selection policy at its sole discretion and will make any amended version publically available (including the date on which the amendment was made) on the [Welsh Athletics website](#)

Other Information

- The event will be run under World Athletics and World Para Athletics Rules.
- All implements entered, including personal implements, will be available to all competitors in that weight category. U20 and U18 Age Group athletes can elect to throw the appropriate weight implement for their age group. However, they must compete with that weight of implement for the entirety of the competition.
- Welsh Athletics will not provide financial assistance for travel to the meeting point at Loughborough, meals or snacks. Athletes based overseas will be required to cover their own travel expenses to the UK.
- Welsh Athletics will not provide overnight accommodation for the team.
- Welsh Athletics will provide competition kit to any athletes that haven't received such kit within the last 12 months.
- There will be support team coaches at the event on the 27th May 2024, personal coaches are invited to attend and further entry information will be confirmed for spectators
- For more information on the performance strategy 2023 – 2026 please follow this link - <https://www.welshathletics.org/en/blog/post/performance-strategy-update>

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