



International Handbook 2017 Track and Field

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Foreword

2016 was another year of outstanding success for Scottish athletes on the international stage and the legacy of London, Glasgow and Rio have continued to impact on the growth of the sport on the domestic front. The Age Group Indoor Championships entries were up by 24% while the entry figures for the Senior and U17 Championships also showed big percentage increases on last year. The challenge for the T and F commission is to continue to provide meaningful competition at grassroots level but also a motivating competitive pathway for developing and senior athletes.

1st January 2017 marked the start of the qualifying period for Gold Coast 2018 and the District Track and Field Championships at the start of May will provide athletes in the North, West and East Districts with an early opportunity to record an outdoor qualifying performance on home soil. Friday evening and Saturday programmes in Inverness, Kilmarnock and Grangemouth will give athletes of all age groups the chance to compete for medals alongside some of those with aspirations of representing Scotland in the Commonwealth Games in 2018. It is a huge undertaking to put on 3 events over 2 days in Scotland and huge thanks must go again to the organising groups and to the local clubs, who support the running of these championships, not to mention the Scottish officials, who work tirelessly to ensure that all 3 Championships are of the highest quality.

The main change to the 2017 summer track and field programme is that the Relay Championships are now an early season event. These will be on Saturday 22nd April at Grangemouth and will be incorporated into the Scottish Student Sport Unis and Colleges Championships. This year for the first time, relay results will be included in the Scottish Club Championships, the results of which will be announced following the Age group and Senior Championships in August. While Edinburgh Athletic Club won 4 out of 5 of the overall categories in 2016 event titles were shared between Kilbarchan (2) Giffnock North (2) Central (2) Inverclyde (1) Inverness (1) Victoria Park Glasgow (1) Glasgow School of Sport (1) Pitreavie (1) and Edinburgh (5). 17 nominated coaches took up their free places at the conference and the winner's Logos are proudly displayed on a number of club websites.

Less than a week later the Scottish 10,000m track championships will take place on the evening of Friday 28th April in the first of the outdoor Glasgow Athletic Association Miler Meets to be followed by the second meeting in early June meeting, incorporating the U17, U20 and Vet 3000M Scottish Track Championships. These event specific meetings have proved to be a huge success and are often oversubscribed with early entry recommended.

Grangemouth plays host to the CE and Masters Championships on the first weekend in July and with 2 National Age Group records broken last year in Aberdeen there are real signs of a growing strength in Combined Events in Scotland.

Winners of the Indoor SUPER teams Inverness will have home advantage when the outdoor competition is held in Inverness for the first time on July 17th. This very popular event for U12 athletes serves as the first taste of competitive athletics for many youngsters and huge thanks to the officials, who ensure that it is a very positive experience for all those taking part.

Grangemouth in central Scotland will host the Scottish Senior and Parallel Success Championships at the end of August with the U17 Championships again tied into that 2-day fixture. With the World Championships in London in 2017 featuring a number of our **scottishathletics** officials the decision was made to hold these Championships on the weekend of the 26th and 27th of August. As this falls within the qualifying period for Gold Coast it will be another opportunity for Scottish athletes to perform when it counts at a Championship event in Scotland.

A week earlier the Age Group Championships, featuring U13s, U15s and U20s will take place on the weekend of the 19th and 20th August with Scotstoun the proposed venue.

There are 2 further opportunities for Scottish athletes to post qualifying standards for Gold Coast, wearing the Scottish colours this season. In addition to the traditional Loughborough International in May a strong team will be sent to the Manchester International in August.

The Scottish Marathon Championship medal winners will be decided after the London Marathon in April, which also incorporates the IPC Marathon World cup.

Event specific competitions have continued to prove popular and for the first time this year Inverness will be the venue for the May fixture of the Scottish Athletics Throws Grand Prix with the April June and September fixtures at Craigswood in Livingston. A Pole Vault Grand Prix featured on the fixture list for the first time on the indoor calendar and was well supported.

Open graded competitions continue to offer competitive opportunities for athletes of all ages and standards while leagues continue to motivate coaches and athletes, who enjoy the camaraderie of competing as part of a team.

For our London Olympians, there will be the chance to experience once again the electrifying atmosphere of the Olympic stadium and a number of them will have to cope with the pressure of being realistic medal hopes in July and August when the IPC and the Track and Field World Championships are held in London. Such is the growing reputation of Scotland as a breeding ground for world class athletes that an ever-growing number of Scottish athletes are justified in their confidence that they will “perform when it counts” and be in those teams for these Championships.

2017 gives an opportunity for those born in 2000 and 2001 to represent Scotland in the Youth Commonwealth Games in the Bahamas and it is an early May selection date they are aiming for. With the European U23 Track and Field Championships in Bydgoszcz, the European U20 Track and Field Junior Championships in Grosseto, the IPC World Junior Championships in Switzerland and a World Student Games in Taipei in China there is a busy year ahead. I wish everyone in the athletics community a healthy and successful 2017.

Moira Maguire

Scottish International Matches and Selection Dates 2017

Track and Field

Fixture	Date	Venue	Selection
Loughborough International Eng v Sco v Wal v Loughborough v GB U20	21 May	Loughborough	2 May
Celtic Games	5 August	Dublin	18 July
Home Country International	16 August	Manchester	1 August

The above Scottish International fixtures are classified as full international matches and carry the honour of Scottish Team representation.

Scottish Athletics Competition Opportunities and Selection Dates 2017

Track and Field

Fixture	Date	Venue	Selection
England Athletics U20 & U23 Championships Incorporating World Junior Trials	17-18 June	Bedford	No selection
British Athletics UK Championships	30 June-2 July	Birmingham	No selection
UK CAU Inter Counties (Inc England Athletics Senior Championships)	29-30 July	Bedford	No selection
England Athletics U15 & U17 Championships	26-27 August	Bedford	No selection

The above competition opportunities do not carry full representative honours and Scottish kit will not be issued. Athletes, are, however, encouraged to wear their national kit for both competition and for award presentations.

Please note, previous GB kit with Adidas will not be allowed.

International, UK and Domestic Fixtures 2017

Track and Field

Event	Date	Venue Major International Fixtures
European Senior Clubs T & F	27-28 May	Mersin (TUR)
European 10,000m Cup	10-11 June	Minsk (SVK)
European Athletics Team Championships	23-25 June	Lille (FRA)
NatWest Island Games	24-30 June	Gotland (SWE)
European Combined Events	1-2 July	Tallinn (EST)
London Anniversary Games DL	9 July	QEOP, London
European Athletics U23 Championships	13-16 July	Bydgoszcz (POL)
Deaflympics	18-23 July	Samsun (TUR)
IPC World Para Athletics Championships	14-23 July	London (GBR)
Commonwealth Youth Games	18-23 July	Bahamas
European Athletics U20 Championships	20-23 July	Grosseto (ITA)
European Masters Athletics Championships	27 July- 6 Aug	Aarhus (DEN)
IAAF World Athletics Championships	4-13 Aug	London (GBR)
Birmingham Diamond League	19-20 Aug	Birmingham
World University Games	23-28 Aug	Taipei (CHN)
DECANATION	9-10 Sept	Angers (FRA)
Euro Junior Clubs	16 Sept	Brno (CZE)

Major British Fixtures

Event	Date	Venue
British Universities (BUCS)	29 Apr-1 May	Bedford
England Athletics U20 & Senior CE Championships	27-28 May	Bedford
Loughborough International Eng v Sco v Wal v Loughborough v GB U20	21 May	Loughborough
European Senior Clubs - Men & Women	27-28 May	Mersin (TUR)
HYPO CE Challenge	27-28 May	Gotzis (AUT)
England Athletics U20 & U23 Championships Incorporating World Junior Trials	17-18 Jun	Bedford
British Masters Championships	24-25 June	Birmingham
British Athletic Championships	30 Jun-2 July	Birmingham
Belfast International	5 July	Belfast
Welsh Athletics International	12 July	Cardiff
LEAP Open Meeting	22 July	Loughborough
CAU Inter-County Championships (Inc England Athletics Senior Championships)	29-30 July	Bedford
Home Country International	16 Aug	Manchester
UK School Games	2 Sept	Loughborough
European Junior Clubs Cup – Men & Women	16 Sept	Brno (CZE)

National/ Territorial/ Inter Territorial/ Regional Fixtures

Event	Date	Venue
scottishathletics Relay Championships	22 April	Grangemouth
scottishathletics 10,000m Championships	28 April	Crownpoint, Glasgow
scottishathletics District Championships	12-13 May	Various
scottishathletics U12 SuperTeams	17 June	Inverness
scottishathletics Masters Championships	1-2 July	Grangemouth
scottishathletics CE Championships	1-2 July	Grangemouth
scottishathletics U20/ U15/U13 Championships	19-20 Aug	Scotstoun
scottishathletics Senior & U17 Championships	26-27 Aug	Grangemouth

British Milers Club Grand Prix Fixtures

Event	Date	Venue
Grand Prix 1	13 May	Solihull
Grand Prix 2	27 May	Manchester
Grand Prix 3	24 June	Watford
Grand Prix 4	8 July	Loughborough
Grand Prix 5	19 Aug	Trafford

British Milers Club Gold Standard Meetings

Venue	Dates
Trafford	25 April, 16 May, 27 June, 25 July, 29 Aug
Watford	3 May, 14 June, 12 July, 9 Aug

For more information, visit the website:
<http://www.britishmilersclub.com/>

Schools Fixtures

Event	Date	Venue
Scottish Schools CE Champs & Relays	3 June	Grangemouth
Scottish Schools Championships (All Ages & Relays)	9-10 June	Grangemouth
SIAB (Schools International)	15 July	Santry, Dublin
UK School Games	1 Sept	Loughborough TBC

Combined Events

Event	Date	Venue
England Athletics U20 & Senior CE Championships Inc. North, Midlands & Wales Championships	27-28 May	Bedford
Scottish Schools CE Championships	3 Jun	Grangemouth
British Masters Pentathlon Championships	18 Jun	Horspath, Oxford
scottishathletics CE Championships	1-2 July	Grangemouth
England Athletics U17 & U15 Championships	12-13 Aug	Manchester

Track and Field League and Cup Fixtures

BAL League

Match	Date
1	6 May
2	3 June
3	15 July Big Weekend Bedford
4	20 August
Qualifier	16 Sept (Nottingham)

UK Women's League

Match	Date
1	6 May (Prem, Div 1), 7 May (Divs 2, 3)
2	3 June (Prem, Div 1), 4 June (Divs 2 & 3)
3	16 July All

Scottish Men's League

Match	Date	Venue
1	6 May	Aberdeen
2	11 June	Crownpoint
3	9 July	Grangemouth
4	13 August	Grangemouth

Scottish Women's League

Match	Date	Venue
1	16 April	Grangemouth
2	9 July	Aberdeen
3	13 August	Scotstoun

Scottish Youth Development League – U13/ U15

Match	Date	Venue
1	23 April	various
2	21 May	various
3	18 June	various
Scottish Final	Sunday 29 July	Grangemouth

Youth Development League – Upper Age Group

Match	Date	Venue
1	30 April	Hull & Woodburn Road
2	28 May	Darlington & South Leeds
3	25 June	York & Doncaster
	23 July	Play-off @ Sheffield Relegation Play-off Middlesbrough

Open Graded Meetings

Grangemouth	For further information please contact 01324 504590
Glasgow	Full details available from Brian Donaldson on 0141 287 4725
Nithsdale AC	Full details are available from 07801 194093 nacsecretary@hotmail.co.uk
Ayrshire Harriers Club	Full details are available from Bill Simpson on 01292 270317 (billsimpson@uku.co.uk)
DunRen	Further details to follow. http://events.scottishathletics.org.uk/events
Shettleston Harriers	Crownpoint, Glasgow Further details available from Jo Scally on 0141 551 9046, email: jo.scally@hotmail.com

Scottish International Selection Policy

The selection of teams for full **scottishathletics** Track & Field International Representative Matches will be made by a Selection Committee which will consist of an Independent Chairman, Head Coach, Coaching Representative, two representatives from Track and Field Commission (one of which must sit on the Commission) and the **scottishathletics** Statistician. Voting rights will be held by Head Coach (or substitute) and one representative from Track & Field Commission and The Chairman will have the casting vote. Track and Field Commission will appoint a secretary for minute taking purposes.

Their selection will be made according to the following criteria: -

- 1 The **scottishathletics** nationality qualification shall apply.
- 2 Athletes must be current members of **scottishathletics** on date of selection meeting
- 3 Selectors will make their selection based on nominations from the National Coaches taking account of where appropriate:
 - The needs of the sport to continue to develop athletes towards key future senior goals.
 - Current Scottish rankings and performances in nominated trial events.
 - Priority will be given to results at **scottishathletics** Championships.
 - Current and, where applicable, head-to-head form.
 - The nature and quality of the event at which performances were achieved e.g. presence of qualified officials, use of automatic timing/wind gauges; licensing status of facility etc.
 - Consideration will be given to wind speeds in making athlete comparisons.
 - Athlete availability.
 - Any other relevant factors e.g. fitness status, ability to compete at the required level, commitment to and conduct at previous international opportunities.
- 4 Where the selection for an event involves an athlete with whom a selector is closely involved e.g. as Manager or Personal Coach, then the selector involved will play no part in the selection for that event.
- 5 Only athletes who will benefit from the standard of competition at a particular event will be selected and the selection committee has discretion to leave places empty if necessary.
- 6 The decision of the selectors is final. Any correspondence regarding selections must be forwarded to the Chair of Selectors via **scottishathletics** for response. No other response will be deemed official.
- 7 All international selections are dependent on athlete full acceptance of the terms of the International Athlete Code of Conduct issued to all selected athletes.
- 8 See the selection notes for each international for additional detail specific to the fixture.
- 9 Any athlete substitutions resulting from changes in athlete availability, fitness status, injury, illness etc. occurring post-selection will be based on named reserves from the selection meeting. Any further substitutions that may be required beyond this are the responsibility of the Head Coach and International Teams Administrator.

<http://www.scottishathletics.org.uk/athletes/performance/selection-policies/>

Note to coaches - Accreditation to athlete warm-up areas will not normally be provided to personal coaches of athletes competing in Scottish International Teams.

Celtic Games International

In addition to the above, in the case of the Celtic International the following will apply:

- 1 To be eligible for selection, athletes must be Under 18 or Under 16 on the **31 December 2017**. **U16 athletes must be born on or between 01/01/02 – 31/12/03 and U18 athletes must be born on or after 01/01/00.**
- 2 Where an event is not provided in the lower age group an U16 athlete may be considered for selection in the U18 competition.

England Athletics Track & Field Championships (All Age Groups)

There will be no selection of Scottish Athletes to attend any of the England Athletics Track & Field Championships for the 2016 season, at all age groups, including seniors. Providing they have attained the qualifying standard for the Championships any Scottish Athlete is free to compete. The following should be noted:

- 1 Athletes are to enter themselves (<http://www.englandathletics.org/england-athletics/english-national-championships>)
- 2

England Athletics U20 & U23 Championships	17-18 June
British Athletics Championships & World Trials	30 June-2 July
England Athletics U15 & U17 Championships	26-27 August
- 3 Where athletes are in possession of Scottish kit it is encouraged this is worn for competition and medal presentation.

Note: It is the responsibility of each individual athlete to enter. scottishathletics cannot enter any athletes into the England Track & Field Athletics Championships. No accommodation or transport will be arranged through scottishathletics for any England Athletics Championships. For the British Athletics Senior Championships, entry is by invitation only.

Scottish International Fixture Details 2017

Track and Field

Loughborough International Scotland v England v GB U20 v Loughborough v Wales Loughborough

Date: 21 May 2017
Selection Date: 2 May 2017
No: One per event

Selection Notes: Current form provided performance is appropriate to level of competition

Women's Events:

100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3,000m, 3000m SC, 100mH, 400mH, 4 x 100m Relay, 4 x 400m Relay, High Jump, Long Jump, Pole Vault, Triple Jump, Hammer, Shot, Discus, Javelin

Men's Events:

100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 5000m, 3000mSC, 110mH, 400mH, 4 x 100m Relay, 4 x 400m Relay, High Jump, Long Jump, Pole Vault, Triple Jump, Hammer, Shot, Discus, Javelin

Personal contribution: £30.00

Celtic Games International Dublin, Ireland

Date: 5 August 2017
Selection Date: 18 July 2017
No: One per event

Selection Notes: See Celtic Games notes within Selection Policy and note age groups.

U16 Girls Events:

200m, 1500m, 80mH, High Jump, Discus

U16 Boys Events:

100m, 800m, 100mH, Long Jump, Javelin, Shot Putt

Combined girls/boys relay

U18 Women Events:

100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 100mH, 400mH, 3000m, 1500m SC, High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Pole Vault, Hammer(3k), Shot Put (3k), Discus (1k), Javelin (500g), 4 x 100m relay, 4 x 400m relay

U18 Men Events:

100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 2000 Steeplechase, 3000m, 110mH, 400mH, High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Pole Vault, Shot Putt (5k), Discus (1.5k), Javelin (700g), Hammer (5kg), 4 x 100m relay, 4 x 400m relay

Personal contribution: £70.00

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**England Athletics U20 & U23
European U23 & Junior Trials
Bedford**

Date: 17 & 18 June 2017

Selection Date: No Selections

Athletes self-enter (see selection policy for details)

Please note that no transport or accommodation will be arranged for this event by scottishathletics

**British Athletics World Trials
and UK England Championships
Birmingham**

Date: 30 June-2 July 2017

Selection Date: No Selections

Athletes self-enter (see selection policy for details)

Please note that no transport or accommodation will be arranged for this event by scottishathletics

**England Athletics U15 & U17 Championships
Bedford**

Date: 26-27 August 2017

Selection Date: No Selection

Athletes self-enter (see selection policy for details)

Please note that no transport or accommodation will be arranged for this event by scottishathletics

Overseas Competition Opportunities

There will be a number of overseas competition opportunities available. Further information on these will be available from the **scottishathletics** website, www.scottishathletics.org.uk.

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