

Road Running and Cross Country Commission

Scottish International Cross Country and Road Racing Programme & Selection Dates 2016–17

Cross Country

Fixture	Age Group	Date	Venue	Selection Date
Cross Country Challenge - <i>European Trial</i>	SEN U23 U20	26 th Nov	Liverpool	7 th Nov
Inter Districts <i>Great Edinburgh CC</i>	SEN / U20 U17 U15 U13	7 th Jan	Edinburgh	5 th Dec
Cross Country Challenge	SEN U23	14 th Jan	Antrim	5 th Dec
Celtic Nations	U23 U20 U17	22 nd Jan	Cardiff	5 th Dec
Inter Counties	SEN U20 U17	11 th Mar	Loughborough	27 th Feb
Home Countries	SEN U20	25 th Mar	Wales	27 th Feb

Road Racing

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London Mini Marathon	U17 U15	23 rd Apr	London	27 th Feb

Please read the notes below for further clarification on the age group specifications for the races above

Selection Policy

It is important to note that 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. Although this type of decision can be disappointing for athletes, there are a number of factors that will affect the standard of team that may be sent to particular events and all of these will be taken into account. These may include the age of an athlete, the wishes of race promoters, the demands of the event (distance, conditions and course profile) and funding. The selected teams for the events in the programme will be funded by **scottishathletics** Road Running and Cross Country budget.

For this programme to be successful and to ensure progress towards our aim of fielding Scottish athletes in GB Teams our top endurance athletes and their coaches are encouraged to participate in this programme and plan their season accordingly.

Please keep Mark Pollard (mark.pollard@scottishathletics.org.uk) and/or members of the selection committee fully informed of athletes' racing programmes, results, training progress, injuries, illness and availability for selection for those races on the programme.

This type of information and two-way communication is extremely valuable in assisting the selectors to pick the best teams.

European Trial: Up to 4 Senior Men; 4 Senior Women; 4 U23 Men; 4 U23 Women; 4 U20 Men and 4 U20 Women will be selected on current form.

Where this race is used as a selection trial for the UK Club team to represent the UK at the European Club Championships, the Scottish team to represent Scotland at the trial is selected from the combined 4 fastest times for UKA defined 1st claim members (Senior, U23 and Masters) from each club at the National Cross Country Relays.

Celtic International: 4 each of U23 Men (born 1995, 96, 97), U23 Women (born 1995, 96, 97), U20 Men (born 1998, 99, 2000), U20 Women (born 1998, 99, 2000), U17 Men (born 2001 and 2002) and U17 Women (born 2001 and 2002) will be selected on current form, particularly the District Championships. Note age groups are under IAAF rules.

Inter Districts: Cross Country Teams will be selected by the districts on current form - especially the District Championships.

Chair of selectors:

East – Alex Jackson **North** – Sophie Dunnett **West** – Clare Barr

UK CC Challenge (Antrim): Up to 3 Men (including one U23) and 3 Women (including one U23) can be selected on current form - particularly the European Trial and District Championships.

Inter Counties: District teams (of 32 approximately) will be selected, consisting of up to 9 Males and Females at Senior level, up to 6 Males and Females at U20 and U17 levels. Teams will be selected with consideration given to their potential to medal. U15 athletes may be selected by the districts if they have shown exceptional form and funding is available. Other U15 and U13 athletes can participate (should they meet the qualifying standards), but they will not receive any funding for travel or accommodation.

Home Countries International: Up to 4 Senior Men; 4 Senior Women; 4 U20 men; 4 U20 women, (U20 based on UK rules). First 3 eligible athletes from the National Championships will be offered selection.

London Mini Marathon: The Scottish team each age group (U15 & U17) will be selected, based on current form, but particularly performances in the **scottishathletics** Indoor 3000m Championships (late Dec 2016) and the **scottishathletics** National Cross Country Championships (25th Feb 2016). Age groupings for this race are U15 dob 1/9/02 to 31/8/03 and U17 dob 1/9/99 to 31/8/01

International Fixtures

Fixture	Date	Venue
European CC Championships	11 th Dec	Chia, Italy
World CC Championships	26 th Mar	Kampala, Uganda

UKA Cross Challenge

Venue	Date
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Milton Keynes	12 th November
Liverpool	26 th November
Antrim	14 th January
Cardiff	22 th January (Sun)
Loughborough	11 th March

Relay Championships

Fixture	Date	Venue
District CC Relays	8 th Oct	N (Edderton) E (Livingston) W (Kilmacolm)
National CC Relays	24 th Oct	Cumbernauld
6/4 Stage Road Relay	26 th Mar	Livingston

Scottish Cross Country Championships

Fixture	Date	Venue
National Short Course CC Championships	5 th Nov	Renfrew
District CC Championships North	3 rd Dec	Inverness
District CC Championships East	3 rd Dec	Aberdeen
District CC Championships West	4 th Dec	Ayr
National Championships	25 th Feb	Falkirk

University Championships

Fixture	Date	Venue
Scottish Universities	19 th Nov	Edinburgh
BUCS	4 th Feb	Sheffield

Schools Cross Country Championships

Fixture	Date	Venue
Scottish Schools	4 th Mar	TBC
SIAB	25 th Mar	Wales

Scottish Road Race Championships

Fixture	Date	Venue
YA Road Race Championships	18 th Mar	Greenock

ERRA 6 Stage (Male) & 4 Stage (Female) relay: The ERRA will invite **scottishathletics** to enter teams in their National 6 / 4 Stage relay, which is held at Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield on 8th October. Entry forms are normally sent to the first 3 teams in the Scottish 6 & 4 Stage Relay but team managers wishing to enter should contact Mark Pollard (mark.pollard@scottishathletics.org.uk) in advance.

ERRA 12 Stage (Male) & 6 Stage (Female) relay: The ERRA will invite **scottishathletics** to enter teams in their National 12 / 6 Stage relay, which is held at Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield on 8th April. Entry forms are normally sent to the first 3

teams in the Scottish 6 & 4 Stage Relay but team managers wishing to enter should contact Mark Pollard in advance.

Lotto Cross Series: Additional race opportunities are sometimes available (primarily for athletes targeting GB representation at European and World Cross Country Championships) as part of the Lotto Cross Country Series in Belgium. Interested athletes should contact Mark Pollard. Dates for this year's events are still to be confirmed but will be available at <http://www.lottocrosscup.be/>