

Event Specific Competition – Scottish Athletics Track & Field Grand Prix Series 2018

Background:

Following previous communications in the latter part of 2017 it has been agreed to deliver the inaugural National Event Specific Grand Prix Series for Scotland commencing in the Spring of 2018. The series will recognise individual athlete performances, club performances and club participation across track and field event disciplines and provide an alternative to traditional league competition as well as catering for more athletes across a wider range of abilities. There has been a significant interest in the series with a great deal of feedback throughout the consultation phase. The working group has tried to incorporate as many suggestions as possible but will review again on the completion of the 2018 series with a view to improving for 2019 wherever feasible.

Aims of the Series:

- To improve individual performances through an extended event-specific series
- Provide an alternative and structured competition pathway for all athletes of all standards across a full range of events
- Encourage and promote participation at National standard level events
- Encourage athletes to compete against others with a similar ability more often
- Recognise clubs of all sizes and geographical challenges of competition

Incorporated Events & Scoring:

Using SCOTSTATS tables (courtesy of Arnold Black) and athlete's best 3 results are scored from any of the event specific opportunities, District Championship or National Championships.

Events:Throws

U13 SP / DT / JT
 U15 SP / DT / JT / HT
 U17 SP / DT / JT / HT

Jumps

LJ / HJ
 LJ / HJ / TJ / PV
 LJ / HJ / TJ / PV

Sprints/Hurdles

70H / 75H / 100m / 200m
 75H/80H / 100m / 200m / 300m
 80H/100H / 100m / 200m / 300m/400m
 300mH/400mH
 100H/110H / 100m / 200m / 400m / 400mH
 100H/110H / 100m / 200m / 400m / 400mH
 All Hurdles as Age Group/ 100m / 200m / 300m/400m

Endurance

U13 800m / 1500m / Mile
 U15 800m / 1500m / Mile
 U17 800m / 1500m / Mile / 3000m / 1500SC/2000SC
 U20 800m / 1500m / Mile / 3000m / 5000m / 10000m / 2000SC/3000SC
 SEN 800m / 1500m / Mile / 3000m / 5000m / 10000m / 3000SC
 MAS 800m / 1500m / Mile / 3000m / 5000m / 10000m / SC As Age Group

Club Competition Categories (based on annual affiliation returns of competing members):

Category A Club (270+ Members)
 Category B Club (120 – 269 Members)
 Category C Club (1 – 119 Members)

Recognised Categories of Competition (using SCOTSTATS scoring tables):

- ❖ **Overall Club (by category A, B and C)** - Overall counting performances (from best 3 results per athlete or less where athletes did not complete available competition opportunities)
- ❖ **Best Performing Club (by category A, B and C)** – best 30 scoring performances by club (max 3 counting scores per athlete – 15 male and 15 female to count)
- ❖ **Best Clubs by Event Group and Age** (as per current Club Championship format)
- ❖ **Individuals by Event Group** (by age group* and gender)
- ❖ **Best Combined Eventer** (by age group across 1 x sprint run, 1 x jump, 1 x endurance run (800m upwards) + 1 x throw)

❖ **Best Individuals Overall** (best 3 scores to count across any/all event groups)

*On back of consultation feedback, U13s will be a combined events category only (a run, a jump & a throw) but individual events scores will contribute to overall club category scoring.

Scoring and Communication:

The scoring events are identified below. After each event, scores will be entered into the scoring system and updated onto the **scottishathletics** web pages soon afterwards. Clubs and athletes should be able to keep up to date with latest positions as the season progresses.

Additional Note: Without wishing to dilute the quality of national competition opportunities, we absolutely recognise the geographical challenges of the Highlands & Islands. As such, we will work with the appropriate clubs to ensure an appropriate programme exists.

Event Dates:

Throws			
07/04/2018	Throws GP1	Inverness	SP/DT/JT/HT
11/05/2018	District Championships	Grangemouth/ Inverness/ Kilmarnock	SP/DT/JT/HT
19/05/2018	Throws GP2	Livingston	SP/DT/JT/HT
23/06/2018	Throws GP3	Livingston	SP/DT/JT/HT
14/07/2018	Scottish Masters Championships	Grangemouth	SP/DT/JT/HT
11/08/2018	Scottish Senior & U17 Championships	Grangemouth	SP/DT/JT/HT
18/08/2018	Scottish U13/U15/U20 Championships	Aberdeen	SP/DT/JT/HT
08/09/2018	Throws GP4	Livingston	SP/DT/JT/HT

Endurance			
20/04/2018	GAA Miler Meet	Crownpoint	10,000m
11/05/2018	District Championships	Grangemouth/ Inverness/ Kilmarnock	800m/1500m/5000m/ SC
01/06/2018	GAA Miler Meet	Scotstoun	800m/3000m
13/06/2018	The Monument Mile Classic	Stirling	Mile
14/07/18	Scottish Masters Championships	Grangemouth	800m/1500m/SC
27/07/2018	GAA Miler Meet	Scotstoun	1500m/5000m
11/08/2018	Scottish Senior & U17 Championships	Grangemouth	800m/1500m/5000m/SC
18/08/2018	Scottish U13/U15/U20 Championships	Aberdeen	800m/1500m/5000m/SC
01/09/2018	Team East Lothian OGM	Meadowmill	Steeplechase
01/09/2018	Inverness Harriers OGM	Inverness	Steeplechase

Sprint & Hurdles			
11/05/2018	District Championships	Grangemouth/ Inverness/ Kilmarnock	Hur/100m/200m/400m
30/05/2018	GAA Sprints Gala	Scotstoun	Hur/300m
02/06/2018	Inverness Harriers OGM	Inverness	Sprints
14/07/2018	Scottish Masters Championships	Grangemouth	Hurdles
15/07/2018	SAL Hurdles OGM *Combined Event Hurdles will also be scored and included.	Grangemouth	Hurdles
08/08/2018	GAA Sprints Gala	Scotstoun	100m/300m/400m
11/08/2018	Scottish Senior & U17 Championships	Grangemouth	Hur/100m/200m/ 400m
18/08/2018	Scottish U13/U15/U20 Championships	Aberdeen	Hur/100m/200m/ 400m

Jumps			
27/04/2018	Inverness Harriers OGM	Inverness	LJ/HJ/TJ
11/05/2018	District Championships	Grangemouth/ Inverness/ Kilmarnock	LJ/TJ/HJ/PV
30/05/2018	GAA Sprints Gala	Scotstoun	HJ/LJ U17+
03/06/2018	SAL Jumps Series	Perth	LJ/TJ/HJ
23/06/2018	Pole Vault Grand Prix	Aberdeen	PV
11/07/2018	GAA Sprints Gala	Scotstoun	HJ/LJ U15/U17/U20
14/07/2018	Scottish Masters Championships	Grangemouth	LJ/TJ/HJ/PV
27/07/2018	Pole Vault Grand Prix	Scotstoun	PV
08/08/2018	Pole Vault Grand Prix	Scotstoun	PV
11/08/2018	Scottish Senior & U17 Championships	Grangemouth	LJ/TJ/HJ/PV
18/08/2018	Scottish U13/U15/U20 Championships	Aberdeen	LJ/TJ/HJ/PV
02/09/2018	Pole Vault Grand Prix	Pitreavie	PV
09/09/2018	SAL Jumps Series	Livingston	LJ/TJ/HJ

List Clubs by Category:

Category A Clubs:	Category B Clubs:	
Aberdeen Amateur Athletic Club	Airdrie Harriers	Kirkintilloch Olympians
Ayr Seaforth Athletic Club	Banchory Stonehaven Athletic Club	Lasswade Athletic Club
Central Athletic Club	Bellahouston Road Runners	Law & District AAC
Dundee Hawkhill Harriers	Cambuslang Harriers	Livingston Athletic Club
Edinburgh Athletic Club	Corstorphine AAC	Metro Aberdeen Running Club
Fife Athletic Club	Cumbernauld Amateur Athletics Club	Moray Road Runners
Garscube Harriers	Dumfries Running Club	Motherwell AC
Giffnock North AC	Dunfermline Track and Field Club	Musselburgh & District AC
Harmeny Athletics Club	East Kilbride Athletics Club	North Highland Harriers
Kilbarchan Amateur Athletic Club	Falkirk Victoria Harriers	Orkney Athletics Club
Kilmarnock Harrier & Athletic Club	Forres Harriers	Perth Strathtay Harriers
Pitreavie AAC	Gala Harriers Athletic Club	Portobello Running Club
Shettleston Harriers	Greenock Glenpark Harriers	Ross County Athletics Club
Victoria Park City Of Glasgow AC	Haddington Running Club	Springburn Harriers
	Helensburgh Amateur Athletics Club	Stornoway Running and Athletics Club
	Inverness Harriers	Whitemoss AAC
Category C Clubs: All other clubs		