

Event Specific Competition – Scottish Athletics Track & Field Grand Prix Series 2021

Background:

Following previous communications starting in 2017 **scottishathletics** has delivered a National Event Specific Series for Scotland in 2018 and 2019. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 series did not take place. The series, returning in 2021, will recognise individual athlete performances, club performances and club participation across track and field disciplines, and provide an alternative to traditional league competition, catering for more athletes across a wider range of abilities.

The 2021 edition sees a slight change in format, with the implementation of 4 score-based tiers with, for the first time, promotion and relegation between the tiers. There will be 3 top tiers of 20 clubs, with remaining clubs in Tier 4).

Aims of the Series:

- To improve individual performances through an extended event-specific series
- To provide an alternative and structured competition pathway for all athletes of all standards across a full range of events
- To encourage and promote participation at National level events
- To encourage athletes to compete against others of a similar ability more often
- To recognise clubs of all sizes and in all locations through an accessible competition format

Incorporated Events & Scoring:

Using SCOTSTATS tables (courtesy of Arnold Black), an athlete's best 3 results are scored from any of the Summer's event specific opportunities or National Championships. A full list of all competitions included in the Series can be found on the Event Specific Series page of the **scottishathletics** website.

Events: Throws

U13 SP / DT / JT
 U15 SP / DT / JT / HT
 U17 SP / DT / JT / HT
 U20 SP / DT / JT / HT
 SEN SP / DT / JT / HT
 MAS SP / DT / JT / HT

Jumps

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

Tiers – based on 2019 Event Specific Results

Tier 1

Aberdeen AAC	Central AC	Cumbernauld AAC	Dundee HH	Edinburgh AC
Falkirk Vic H	Fife AC	Giffnock North AC	Inverclyde AC	Inverness Harriers AAC
Kilbarchan AAC	Kilmarnock H AC	Lasswade AC	Law DAAC	Livingston AC
Pitreavie AAC	Shetland AAC	Shettleston Harriers	Team East Lothian	VP Glasgow AC

Tier 2

Annan District AC	Ayr Seaforth AC	Banchory Stonehaven	Cambuslang H	Corstorphine AAC
Dunfermline TF	East Kilbride AC	Elgin AAC	Gala Harriers	Garscube Harriers
Greenock Glenpark	Moray RR	Motherwell AC	North Ayrshire AC	Orkney AC
Perth Strathtay	Ross County AC	Stornoway RAC	Whitemoss AAC	Glasgow SOS

Tier 3

Airdrie Harriers	Arbroath DAC	Clydesdale Harriers	Edinburgh Uni HH	Ellon AAC
Hamilton DAC	Harmeny AC	Helensburgh AAC	Hunters Bog Trot	Larkhall YMCA
Metro Aberdeen RC	Montrose D AC	Nairn AAAC	Nithsdale AC	North Uist AAC
Springburn Harriers	Stirling Uni AC	Strathearn Harriers	Teviotdale Harriers	Tweed Leader Jed

Tier 4

All other affiliated athletics clubs

PROMOTION – Top 5 Clubs from Tiers 2, 3 and 4

RELEGATION – Bottom 5 Clubs from Tiers 1, 2 and 3

Recognised Categories of Competition (using SCOTSTATS scoring tables):

- ❖ **Overall Club (by Tier 1, 2, 3 and 4)** - Overall counting performances (from best 3 results or less where athletes did not complete available competition opportunities, per athlete)
- ❖ **Best Performing Club (by Tier 1, 2, 3 and 4)** – best 30 scoring performances by club (max 3 counting scores per athlete – 15 male and 15 female to count)

Scoring and Communication:

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 the 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 competition programme exists for all athletes across Scotland.