

DEVON SCHOOLS ATHLETICS - CROSS-COUNTRY SELECTION POLICY

For selection for the South West Schools Cross-Country Championships

1. The first seven available athletes in the Devon Schools Championships gain automatic selection for the Devon team for the South-West Championships.
2. The last three available athletes gain selection unless there are extenuating reasons brought to the selection committee's attention by the Area Team Managers. Extenuating circumstances are considered as athletes who
 - a. were unavailable
 - b. were ill or injured
 - c. finished in the first three in their area trials and can demonstrate that they could have finished in the first seven in the County Championships
 - d. have shown themselves to be exceptional athletes
3. If more than three athletes meet the above criteria, then the athletes with the best performances in the area trials will be considered.
4. Replacements for selected athletes who subsequently become unavailable will be made by the Devon Schools Cross Country Manager based on the selection criteria above who have confirmed their availability.

For selection for the English Schools Cross-Country Championships

1. First four athletes in the Devon championships gain automatic selection.
2. First four Devon athletes in the South West Championships gain automatic selection.
3. Remaining team places determined by athletes having the lowest average position from the Devon Championships and the South West Championships or have shown themselves to be an exceptional athlete.
4. In the case of athletes with the same average, then the best position in the Devon Championships decides selection.
5. Replacements for selected athletes who subsequently become unavailable will be made by the Devon Schools Cross Country Manager based on the selection criteria above who have confirmed their availability.