

# Devon Schools Cross-Country Selection Policy 2025/26

## ***Selection for South West Schools' AA Cross-Country Championships (10 Places plus 6 nominated reserves)***

- The winner of the Devon Schools' AA Championships will automatically be selected for both South West Schools' AA Cross Country and English Schools' AA Cross Country Championships.
- The first 9 available athletes in the Devon Schools' Championships gain automatic selection for the Devon Schools' team entered in the South-West Championships.
- The remaining place will be awarded to the runner in tenth position or next highest available runner (i.e. to make 10 in total), unless there is an athlete with an extenuating reason brought to the selection committee's attention by the Area Team Managers by 12 noon on the Monday following the South West Schools' AA Championships .  
Extenuating circumstances could be one of the following:-
- Illness or injury at the time of qualifying race(s) and is considered to be an exceptional athlete based on current form in the 2025/26 cross country season..
- If more than one athlete meets the extenuating circumstances criteria, then selectors may consider exceptional performances in the Devon Area Trials against those athletes who have automatically qualified from the same Devon Area Trials race(s). If that is not possible, performances in other recognised cross-country will be considered.
- If any selected athlete(s) become unavailable, replacement(s) will be selected and made by the Devon Schools' AA Cross Country Manager based on their placing at the Devon Championships ***among those who have confirmed availability.***
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## ***Selection for English Schools' AA Cross-Country Championships (8 Places plus 6 nominated reserves)***

- The first placed Devon runner, if different from the Devon Schools' AA Championships, will automatically be selected for English Schools' AA Championships.
- The remaining team places are determined by athletes having the lowest average position when combining their scores in Devon Schools' AA Championships and their finishing position for the Devon team in the South West Schools' AA Championships.
- In the event of athletes having the same average, better placement in the Devon Schools' AA Championships will be used as the tiebreaker.
- If selected athlete(s) later become unavailable, replacements will be made by the Devon Schools Cross Country Manager according to the same criteria among those available.
- \* If an athlete is given exceptional circumstances discretion at either the Devon Schools' AA or South West Schools' AA Championships, they will be awarded a 4th place position to make up their average.

### **Example**

Athlete	Devon Championships placing	South West Championships placing	Average
	4 ( <b><i>as per exceptional circumstances criteria</i></b> )	2 ( <b><i>devon runner to finish</i></b> )	3