

**ESAA Track and Field Championships 2021 - Manchester****Vital information for athletes to understand.**

The Championships will be over three days 9/10/11th July 2021 with the likelihood of one age group competing per day only.

There will be no District trials, no County Championships and no South West Championships which are the usual three key stepping stones towards County selection. Instead athletes are encouraged to compete in Covid-Safe club events or league events to gain performances which will get onto the Power of 10. The Entry standards used this year are the same as those used for what would have been the Championships for 2020. The Entry standards are listed in the yellow column on the ESAA Standards document.

Once the county have submitted to ESAA the successful thirty-two athletes from Gloucestershire, ESAA will analyse the whole country's entries. The intention is for ESAA to then select the best sixteen entered from across the whole country per event per age group using the Power of 10 rankings on the day entries close.

Selection process

Age groups:

Under 15	Under 17	Under 19
Year 8/9	Year 10/11	Year 12/13
Junior	Inter	Senior

Athletes should look at the coloured **ESAA Standards document** and find their age group, event and performance in the yellow 'ENTRY' column. To further help this selection process it is wise to send in any performance which is above the 'COUNTY' standard.

The closing date for county athletes submitting their considerations to Mr Beadle is midnight Saturday 19th June 2021.

ALL PERFORMANCES MUST BE LISTED ON THE POWER OF 10 FOR ATHLETES TO BE CONSIDERED.

If athletes are aware they have performed to the 'Entry' Level (and above COUNTY level) they should contact Mr Beadle 07878824020.

Athletes wanting to be considered for selection need to submit, by text, the following details:

Name

Date of Birth

School

Age group

Event

Performance

If an athlete has reached the Entry standard in more than one event and would like to be considered for either event then they should submit both performances with a 'first choice' preference.

Athletes will be placed on a long list from across the whole county and a short list of thirty-two athletes draw up for consideration.

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After this date, the county will then select and submit to ESAA the strongest team of thirty-two athletes to represent Gloucestershire. The county will inform those thirty-two athletes of their submission to ESAA as part of the selection process. The ESAA will deem who from each county will be finally selected to then compete in this year's championships in Manchester.

Note

Heats and finals will be held for the 100m, 200m and sprint hurdles. For the longer sprints, 800m and the low hurdles, two races will be held as finals. The races will be seeded by times with the slower timed athletes first, followed by the faster seeded athletes. Medals and Certificates will be awarded to the fastest overall times. All endurance races will be held as finals with all selected athletes running together. All field events will be held as finals.

There will be no call room, but athletes will go straight to the event site as the designated time, published in advance.

ALL ATHLETES, PARENTS AND OFFICIALS SHOULD BE TESTED FOR COVID BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND ON ARRIVAL HOME. ANYONE TESTING POSITIVE OF SHOWING SYMPTOMS WOULD NOT ATTEND THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Regards,

Andrew Beadle – county schools athletics