

Surrey Schools' Selection Criteria for ESAA's Track and Field Championships

This should be read in conjunction with the "ESAA Entry and National Standards 2026" document

Rationale

The English Schools' Championships represent the pinnacle of schools-based competition in England. As such, the team picked will be based largely on the ability of the athlete to compete at this level. Competitions such as inter-counties matches represent a chance to compete for Surrey Schools' and teams are normally selected on the basis of results from the Surrey Schools' County Championships.

Surrey Schools' Track and Field Team will consist of a maximum of 70 athletes. **As Senior (U20) athletes will not be competing at the Surrey Schools' Championships, they should submit details to the Selection Committee ([via this link](#)), to be checked against the PowerOf10 database.** The Selection Committee of Surrey Schools' Athletic Association will select the team based on the following criteria:

Round 1 of Selection

All athletes (unless more than 70) obtaining National Standard (N.S.) at the Surrey Schools' County Championships plus any Hammer Throwers, Pole Vaulters, Steeplechasers or U20 athletes that obtained N.S. at a recognised competition prior to the Surrey Schools' County Championships **during the current season**. U20 athletes should have achieved this by Wednesday 10th June 2026.

Round 2 of Selection

All athletes (unless more than 70) obtaining N.S. at a recognised competition prior to the Surrey Schools' County Championships **during the current season**. Important note: These athletes (except any Hammer Throwers, Pole Vaulters, Steeplechasers or U20 athletes) must have competed in the Surrey Schools' County Championships. U20 athletes should have achieved this by Wednesday 10th June 2026.

Round 3 of Selection

All athletes (unless more than 70 by this round of selection) obtaining Entry Standard (E.S.) at the Surrey Schools' County Championships plus any Hammer Throwers, Pole Vaulters, Steeplechasers or U20 athletes that obtained E.S. at a recognised competition prior to the Surrey Schools' County Championships **during the current season**. In addition, Surrey Schools' County Champions who hold the E.S. but do not achieve it on the day of the Surrey Schools' County Championships will also fall into this category. U20 athletes should have achieved this by Wednesday 10th June 2026.

Round 4 of Selection

All athletes (unless more than 70 by this round of selection) obtaining E.S. at a recognised competition prior to the Surrey Schools' County Championships **during the current season**. Important note: These athletes (except Hammer Throwers, Pole Vaulters, Steeplechasers or U20 athletes) must have competed in the Surrey Schools' County Championships or the South of England Championships (U20 age group). U20 athletes should have achieved this by Wednesday 10th June 2026.

Round 5 of Selection

If, from rounds 1 to 4, the number of athletes fails to reach 70, further athletes may be selected from performances achieved one week after the Surrey Schools' County Championships.

Important notes:

Once numbers in any round reach more than 70, no further rounds of selection will be considered. When the number of athletes reaches more than 70, the Selection Committee will consider the athlete's relative performances in relation to closeness to National Standard and their Power of 10 ranking at the time of selection. The decision of the Committee is final.

Recognised Competitions

These include competitions with graded officials and wind reading equipment / electronic timing. As a general rule, school athletics matches are usually not included.

Special Consideration

The Committee reserves the right to select an athlete that does not meet the above criteria. Similarly, the Committee reserve the right not to select an athlete even if they have met the above criteria.

Athlete's responsibility

It is the responsibility of the athlete to inform the Committee that they are available for selection for the English Schools' Championships. This would be done following competing at the Surrey Schools' County Championships for most U15/U17 athletes but can also be [via this link](#). Hammer Throwers, Pole Vaulters, Steeplechasers or U20 athletes are reminded of their responsibility to inform the Committee of their availability by Wednesday 10th June 2026. Athletes need to inform the Committee of the event that they wish to be considered for, their P.B. (date, venue and competition) their school name and their relevant contact details, by submission [via this link](#).

Changing events

If an athlete wishes to be considered for another event, other than the event that they competed at during the Surrey Schools' County Championships, they must make this known to the Committee prior to selection. (Selection takes place on the day following the Surrey Schools' County Championships).

Injuries

If an athlete is unable to compete in the Surrey Schools' County Championships due to injury they will generally not be considered for selection. If an athlete finds themselves in this situation, they are strongly advised to get in contact with the Committee at the earliest opportunity and certainly prior to the selection meeting.

Relay Teams

Relay teams will be made up only from the athletes selected in individual events. The Association is allowed to enter five relay teams and this decision will be taken by the Committee.

Anti-doping

To ensure fair competition, all athletes selected must give consent to the following statement from English Schools' Athletics Association:

'An entrant shall be deemed to have made him/herself/their self, familiar with, and agreed to be bound by the UKA Anti-Doping Rules and to submit to the authority of UK Anti-Doping in the application and enforcement of the Anti-Doping Rules.'

The UKA Anti-Doping Rules apply to entrants participating in the sport of Athletics, for 12 months from the [date of entry to the competition], whether or not the licence holder is a citizen of, or resident in, the UK.'