

BLACKPOOL WYRE & FYLDE ATHLETIC CLUB

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SELECTION GUIDELINES

For the Mid Lancs and Youth Development Leagues

Introduction

There are many open athletics competitions available for Young Athletes to compete against other athletes of a similar age. Open competitions are as the name suggests open to all athletes with many competitions having an entry on the day policy. Details of these events can be found on the club website and from club coaches who will suggest suitable events for individual athletes.

There are also closed competitions where athletes are entered by the club. Our two main summer competitions are the Youth Development League (YDL) and the Mid-Lancs League.

At these competitions entries are limited both by a maximum number per event and by the number of officials the club is able to provide.

Though both competitions are important, YDL is the premier league for young athletes and the best possible team is selected by the team managers (in liaison with coaches). The Mid-Lancs league provides athletes with an opportunity to show what they can do and on rare occasions these athletes will be given priority over others who have represented the club in the YDL.

YDL Selection Guidance

Selection for the YDL is based on:

Best Available in each event;

This is decided by Team Managers who will liaise with Coaches

Final selection is with Team Managers

Where possible the Team Manager will not be a Coach (to avoid criticism of favouritism)

In selecting athletes up-to-date membership will be taken into account - [Membership](#).

Mid Lancs Selection Guidance

This competition is used to give those below the top tier an opportunity to impress and develop their talent.

This is on the basis that the 'more talented' have wider competition opportunities.

On occasion where a Mid-Lancs event is held at, or close to, Blackpool there may be

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more athletes than there are available places, in which case proof of up-to-date membership will be taken into account - [Membership](#).

In this instance priority must be given athletes who have not represented the club at Youth Development League meetings.

Where there are several athletes who have represented the club at YDL meetings, the athlete who has most recently represented the club at YDL should give way. If this does not resolve the selection the athlete with the best performance should give way. In this case, where possible, they will be offered an alternative event or a place in a higher age group.

Using this guidance the team will be decided by Team Managers who will liaise with Coaches.

Final selection is with Team Managers.

Where possible the Team Manager will not be a Coach (to avoid criticism of favouritism)

Notes:

YDL Competition rules (Handbook 2017) state that:

Lower YDL 2 competitors per club shall be permitted and score in each track & Field event. Refer to the timetable for Non Scoring events.

Upper YDL 2 competitors per club shall be permitted across the U17/U20 Track events. Special Rules for Field Athletes. To be explained by your Team Manager. Refer to the timetable for Non Scoring events.

Mid Lancs Rules of Competition (2017) state that:

Only two members per club shall represent their club in any Track & Field event. Six non-counters may run in Track events, one non-counter in High Jump and three in other field events.

Each club must provide officials as follows:

Up to 3 athletes - no officials

4 - 10 athletes - 2 officials

11 - 20 athletes - 3 officials

21 - 30 athletes - 4 officials

> 30 athletes - 5 officials