

# ESAA RULES 2019

## Competition Rules

### General

1. All Championships and Competitions shall be conducted under U.K. Athletics rules as appropriate to the Championship or Competition except where modified in the E.S.A.A. Competition Rules.
2. Where relevant, team competitions may be decided by reference to groupings determined by the General Committee on recommendation by the Annual Council Meeting.
3. The groupings shall be determined based on relevant success shown by county teams during the period under review.
4. There will be four groupings in place which will be used as appropriate for competition purposes by the Association. These will be described as Group A; Group B; Group C and Group D.
5. A review of these figures will take place every three years.

### County Associations Championship Groupings

#### GROUP A

Berkshire;	Essex;
Greater Manchester;	Hampshire and Vectis;
Hertfordshire;	Kent;
London;	Middlesex;
Surrey;	Sussex;
West Midlands;	

#### GROUP B

Avon;	Buckinghamshire;
Cheshire;	Derbyshire;
Devon;	Lancashire;
Leicestershire and Rutland;	Merseyside;
North Yorkshire;	Nottinghamshire;
South Yorkshire;	Staffordshire;
West Yorkshire;	

#### GROUP C

Bedfordshire and Luton;	Cambridgeshire;
Dorset;	Durham
Gloucestershire;	Humberside;
Lincolnshire;	Norfolk;
Oxfordshire;	Somerset;
Suffolk;	Warwickshire
Wiltshire;	

#### GROUP D

Channel Islands	Cleveland;
Cornwall;	Cumbria;
Hereford & Worcestershire	Isle of Man
Northamptonshire;	Northumberland
Shropshire;	

British Forces Schools and other British Schools abroad, being special cases, will be allowed to enter Championships by General Committee invitation.

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## Ages

6. Unless otherwise stated the age limits for all Championships and Competitions shall be:

**Junior** - Thirteen years and under fifteen years of age on 31st August at the end of the current school year.

**Intermediate** - Fifteen years and under seventeen years of age on 31st August at the end of the current school year.

**Senior** - Seventeen years and under nineteen years of age on 31st August at the end of the current school year.

## Eligibility

7. (a) All bona fide scholars in unbroken full-time attendance (on the school roll on the Friday before the last Monday in May of the current school year) *at an educational establishment registered with their local authority* shall be eligible to compete in the Track & Field, Combined Events and Race Walking Championships appropriate to their age.

(b) Bona fide scholars in unbroken full-time attendance *at an educational establishment registered with their local authority* on the Friday prior to the Cross Country Championships shall be eligible to compete in that event in a race appropriate to their age.

(c) Other students in post-compulsory full-time continuous education in a College of Further Education, and, in respect of which are not in receipt of payment, are eligible to compete in the Championships applicable to their age. This therefore excludes all part-time students, including those on block release, *apprenticeships and other similar paid schemes*.

(d) *Any school nominated for selection to represent English Schools Athletic Association at an ISF World Schools Championships will be as a consequence of participation of a school team in either the ESAA Cross Country Schools Cup or the ESAA Track & Field Schools Cup, as appropriate.*

(e) The General Committee reserves the right to determine all questions regarding eligibility or otherwise of those nominated.

8. All competitors in the Association Championships shall be in full-time attendance at schools or recognised educational establishments in affiliation with the County Schools Athletic Association in which the schools or recognised educational establishments are geographically situated, and allocated in accordance with the current rules of the Association.

9. All competitors in the Association Championships shall derive eligibility for participation from the geographical situation of the school or recognised educational establishment attended.

10. Teams shall be under the management and control of Team Stewards who must be qualified teachers.

11. Failure to comply with Rule 10 above may render a team liable to disqualification.

12. In all Championships competitors must wear at least vest and shorts (or equivalent clothing) in registered County Colours, which are clean and so designed, and worn, as not to be objectionable even if wet. All visible clothing must conform with registered County Colours. In Schools' Cup Competitions competitors will wear their school vest and shorts (or equivalent clothing) as above.

13. In all Championships every competitor shall wear the distinctive number supplied to competing teams by the E.S.A.A. and allocated to him/her in the programme.

## Drug Abuse

14. The use of drugs to enhance performance before or during competitions is forbidden and anti-doping tests may be carried out at any E.S.A.A. event.

## Officials

15. Officials for Championships and Cup Competition Finals shall be appointed by the E.S.A.A. through its appropriate committee.

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## **Protests**

16. (a) Any protest or objection by a competitor or team against the conduct or placing of any competitor or team in any competition or relating to any matter which may develop during the carrying out of the programme shall be made to the appropriate Referee by an authorised Team Steward within 60 minutes of the official announcement of the result. The decision of the Referee shall be final and shall be announced immediately.
- (b) Any other protest concerning eligibility or qualification to compete should be made in writing to the E.S.A.A. Honorary Secretary within seven days of the event.

## **Alteration to Rules**

17. (a) No alteration to rules shall be made other than at the Annual Council Meeting or a Special Council Meeting called for that purpose, and in accordance with Constitution and General Rule 9.
- (b) Where changes in rules of competition necessitate changes in training and equipment County Associations should receive one year's notice if observed essential.