



## ENTRY POLICY

## OUTDOOR SEASON 2026

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# ENGLAND ATHLETICS

## OVERVIEW

England Athletics has implemented an entry policy for the Outdoor Championships 2026 to ensure clarity for entry to the England Athletics championship events. As the new age groups will be in place from 1 April 2026, please read through the following document to review any updates and changes to the entry policy.

This policy sits in line with our event entry terms and conditions which is available on [Roster](#).

## ELIGIBILITY

These are open championships, therefore athletes from England and the Home Countries may enter this competition if they have achieved the relevant entry standards. Athletes from outside the UK will not be granted access to championship competitions, unless in exceptional circumstances in specific event groups only. This is at the discretion of the event organisers, and these athletes would not be eligible for a medal.

Athletes must be registered as first claim with a Home Country affiliated club to be eligible to compete in this event. Athletes who are first claim with an English club are eligible for the championship medals. Athletes who are first claim to a Home County club will be eligible for guest medals. Foreign athletes registered with an English first claim club will be eligible for a championship medal.

Eligible clubs are listed [here](#) on our website, which is updated monthly. Download the PDF to check your club is affiliated.

Para athletes must have a national classification to compete in these championships.

Athletes may not compete in more than one age group at one championship weekend. However, they can do this across different championship weekends. E.g an athlete can compete as an U18 in the Age Group Championships on 25-26 July and can also compete in



the U20/Senior Championships on the 3-5 July. Athletes may compete up an age group if they choose to do this on different championship weekends however, U14 athletes will not be permitted to compete up an age group to compete in the U16 Championships.

## ENTRY STANDARDS

### Combined Events - U20/Senior

Entry for the U20/Senior Combined Events will require entry standards. Athletes must also be competent and have competed in all technical events prior to entering the championships. These entry standards can be viewed [here](#).

### Combined Events - U16/U18

Entry for Combined Events will not require an entry standard, however, for all vertical jumps there will be minimum starting heights and set height progressions. For the 2026 outdoor season, these are as follows:

Event	U16G	U16B	U18W	U18M
High Jump	1.24m	1.38m	1.35m	1.55m
Pole Vault		2.00m		2.20m

Athletes must also be competent and have competed in all technical events prior to entering the championships. England Athletics have the right to remove any athletes who show they have no experience in certain disciplines (e.g pole vault).

### Age Group Championships

Entry standards are in place for the Senior, U20, U18 and U16 Championships and all events which fall within these Championships. To ensure the event will be held in line with UKA rules and under the 8-hour competition day, entry numbers for each event will be capped. Further information on capped numbers can be found on the Entry Standards document. Athletes will be accepted based on performance as of the entry closing date, with the top ranked athletes (as per capping) accepted in each event.

- Entry standards can be reviewed [here](#).



Important to note:

- The entry standard, where appropriate, must be obtained at a licensed competition, which is a level 1 or level 2 competition held within the UK or an event with a World Athletics permit if the standard is obtained abroad. [View a list of licensed competitions.](#)
- Performances achieved with illegal wind speeds will not be accepted.
- Performances obtained on the road for endurance events will be accepted.
- Entries will only be accepted for performances within the new age group specifications. [Click here](#) to find out more about the new technical information for each age group.
- Standards obtained outside of the entry standard window may be accepted on occasion at the discretion of England Athletics.
- England Athletics reserve the right to cap entries and create a reserve list on any event.

### Para Events

Para-athletes must achieve standards for the Senior Para Championships. These entry standards can be viewed [here](#).

There will be no entry standards for the Junior Para Championships, therefore athletes only require a national classification to compete in these championships.

### Dates of entry standards to be achieved

Please read below to check dates when entry standards are eligible to be used in your application, as they differ per event entry type.

Event	Valid from
U20/Senior Championships	1 October 2025
U20/Senior Combined Events Championships	1 January 2025
Age Group Championships (U16/U18)	1 April 2026
Age Group Combined Events Championships (U16/18)	N/A
Senior Para Championships	1 January 2025
Junior Para Championships	N/A



## ENTRY APPROVAL

### Combined Events

England Athletics will manually approve competition entries after the closing entry deadline, with the top ranked athletes being approved first. Therefore, athletes will not immediately receive notification that their entry has been approved for the competition.

There will be a cap of 16 entries for each category in the U20/Senior championships and 32 entries for each category in the U16/U18 championships.

Payment must be made within 48 hours of approval to secure your entry. If the payment is not made within this timeframe, the place will be withdrawn and allocated to an athlete on the waitlist. Please wait until the entry has been confirmed and payment made before committing to travel plans. Any travel plans made before approval has been issued is the responsibility of the entrant. England Athletics accepts no responsibility for this.

### U20, Senior, Age Group and Senior Para Championships

England Athletics will manually approve competition entries after the closing date. Therefore, athletes will not immediately receive notification that their entry has been approved for the competition. Athletes will be approved based on performances as of the closing date with the top ranked athletes (within the capping number) approved first.

Payment must be made within 48 hours of approval to secure your entry. If the payment is not made within this timeframe, the place will be withdrawn and allocated to an athlete on the waitlist. Please wait until the entry has been confirmed and payment made before committing to travel plans. Any travel plans made before approval has been issued is the responsibility of the entrant. England Athletics accepts no responsibility for this.



## ENTRY WINDOWS

Event	Entries open	Entries close
U20/Senior Championships (inc Combined Events)	11/05/2026	14/06/2026
Age Group Championships (U16/U18) & Junior Para Championships	25/05/2026	28/06/2026
Age Group Combined Events Championships (U16/18) & Senior Para Championships	13/07/2026	29/07/2026

## WAITING LIST

A waiting list will be in operation for all England Athletics Championships. Athletes will be approved from the waiting list based on best performances. This will not be a first come first served system.

## ENTRY REJECTION

Should your entry be rejected, it will be based upon not having an appropriate standard for the competition or being ineligible to compete. If your entry has been rejected and you have further queries, please email [eventsupport@englandathletics.org](mailto:eventsupport@englandathletics.org)

## ENTRY REFUNDS

Refunds will not be issued for withdrawals in any of our Championships

## TIMETABLE

The timetable for the competition will be updated on the [Roster Athletics platform](#) approximately one week before the competition. Please download the app, find, and follow the competition for updated information.

N.B. The timetable will not be amended for athletes competing in multiple events.



## EVENT CANCELLATION

- 1) England Athletics may cancel the event. If circumstances beyond its control force England Athletics to cancel the Event because of (without limitation) predicted severe weather conditions, flooding, landslides, political unrest, terrorism, or war.
- 2) England Athletics may cancel an event where insufficient participation numbers make the event either not deemed a championship competition, meaning less than three participants, or it is economically unviable. The participant is not entitled to claim any cost, expenses, or loss (including economic and/or consequential loss) under such circumstances, provided England Athletics has given reasonable notice of the event cancellation.
- 3) Para events: if there are two athletes or fewer, the event will be cancelled unless we can find a suitable integration opportunity.
- 4) All event entries are non-refundable. By purchasing an entry, you agree that entry fees will not be refunded under any circumstances, including inability to attend, personal circumstances, illness, travel disruption, or non-attendance. Any refund offered is entirely at England Athletics sole discretion. If an event is cancelled, we may, at our discretion, offer a refund or transfer the entry to a future event. We are not responsible for any additional costs incurred. Payment of an entry fee constitutes acceptance of this policy.

