ENGLAND ATHLETICS



MEDAL POLICY

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OVERVIEW

This policy outlines the procedure for awarding medals at an England Athletics open championship.

In recognition of 2026 as a transitional year toward the new age-group structure within the UKA Rules for Competition, England Athletics will, for this year only, award U15 and U17 medals based on performances achieved within the U16 and U18 competitions.

This approach acknowledges that some athletes may be disadvantaged by competing in two consecutive within the 'lower year' of their age-group during the 2026 track and field season, which may make championship performances more challenging. Athletes must meet the U16 or U18 entry standards and compete using the relevant U16 or U18 specifications. While competition will take place under U16/U18 rules, medals will be awarded to the leading eligible U15 and U17 performers.

Due to equipment and technical specification differences, certain events will be excluded from this medalling provision, specifically hurdle events and combined events.

ELIGIBILITY

Only athletes registered with an England Athletics affiliated club are eligible for national title championship medals. Home Country and guest athletes will receive a guest medal if they have placed in the top three overall at the competition. For the avoidance of doubt, foreign athletes who are first claim members of an English club will be eligible for championship medals.

MEDALS

Medal presentations will be conducted for each age group, and these will take place throughout the competition day as soon after each event as practicable. National title Championship medals will be awarded to athletes eligible by first claim club status to an English club.

Guest medals will be allocated to athletes who are not first claim members of England Athletics affiliated clubs. These medals will only be allocated in the U16, U18, U20 and Senior age groups. Guest medals will not be awarded to U15, U17 or para-athletes and the top three athletes in these categories will be awarded medals, regardless of their Home Country Federation affiliation.

These medals will be allocated in the medal ceremonies area and where practicable on the podium within the main Championships medal ceremony. Guest medals will only be issued to those athletes positioning 1st, 2nd or 3rd within the overall competition. The guest competition is not a separate competition to the overall championships.

Medals will be awarded for the following age groups:

- Senior – Championship medals
- U20 – Championship medals
- U18 - Championship medals
- U17 – Best performance medals
- U16 - Championship medals
- U15 – Best performance medals
- Junior Para medals will be issued by age group U15/U16/U17/U18/U20.
- Senior Para medals will be issued by Raza points per event, and not per age group

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Junior Para Championship Medal allocation. Page 4.	16/07/2026
Clarity of the Senior Para Championship medal allocation. Page 4	16/07/2026
Junior Para Medal allocation for U15 and U17	23/07/2026