CHESHIRE SCHOOLS ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION.

Confirmation of how to be selected to represent CHESHIRE SCHOOLS at the MASON TROPHY meeting (Inter County Schools Championships) and /or ENGLISH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS. Summer 2025.

Selection for the Inter Counties and/or the English Schools Championships will be decided by the Cheshire Schools AA committee.

Junior and Intermediate athletes should progress through and take part in a District Championships where possible, to be selected for the Cheshire Schools AA T/F Championships. If a District does not hold a Championships, please contact the District team manager (see front page of the CSAA website), to make sure the team manager knows the athlete wishes to be considered/selected to compete at the Cheshire Schools AA Championships.

The timeline is:
1. District Championships are usually held in May and are a qualifier for the Cheshire Schools AA Championships event. The District team manager would select the Junior Years 8 and 9, Intermediates Years 10 and 11, and Seniors Sixth Form teams to represent his/her District at the Cheshire Schools AA Championships on Saturday

June 14th at Ellesmere Port.

Year 7 District teams will also be selected to take part in their own separate Cheshire Schools AA Championships on Wednesday July 2nd at Macclesfield.

2. At the older age group Cheshire Schools AA Championships, athletes from Years 8 to 11 are REQUIRED take part, if they wish to be selected for the Junior and Intermediate teams to represent Cheshire Schools AA during this season. An athlete from Years 8 to 11 can only compete in one event at the Cheshire Schools AA T/F Championships. An athlete should ideally take part in the event he/she wishes to be considered for the Inter Counties / English Schools AA Championships.

The Cheshire Schools AA Committee DO REQUIRE that a Junior or Intermediate athlete has taken part in the County and/or the Inter County meetings in order to be considered for the English Schools T/F Championships for this season.

Seniors, 6th formers, may take part in any two events at the Cheshire Schools AA Championships if they wish to…. But should suggest/complete the future selection forms with the single event clearly that they wish to be considered for the English Schools Championships for this season.

3. All athletes finishing in 1st, 2nd, 3rd places in Finals at the Cheshire Schools Championships are asked to complete handwritten selection forms on the day, for the future events with all their best performances to date from the 2025 outdoor season for consideration. Performances can be accepted from other ‘quality’ meetings, eg Cheshire County Clubs Championships, Trafford Open meetings, Warrington Open meetings etc.

4. Only under exceptional circumstances, eg. a family wedding, may athletes be excused from competing at the Cheshire Schools Championships and may be considered for future events to represent Cheshire.

In order to request absence from taking part at Cheshire County Schools level, please contact Boys – Tony Browne

 Girls – Sandy Littler,

giving an explanation as to the reason for absence. The request will be considered and every attempt will be made to provide an opportunity for the athlete to take part at the Inter County match at Stoke.

The Cheshire Schools AA Committee does understand that the SENIOR athletes may wish to ask to be excused from the Cheshire Schools Athletics Championships in order to chase personal bests in events at high graded meetings with more competitors taking part. Those Seniors should also contact Tony or Sandy to make the application for absence, but still be considered for the Cheshire team at the English Schools Championships.

On receipt of those requests in any age group, the athlete will be sent a selection form to complete and return at the latest by 7.00pm, the evening before the Cheshire Schools AA T/F Championships, Friday June 13th 2025.

5. On the evening of 14th June, our selection committee will select two athletes, usually the 1st and 2nd place in each event to then take part and represent Cheshire Schools AA in the Mason Trophy meeting (Inter County Schools meeting) on Sat. 21st June at Stoke (with no Senior competition on that day).

This involves 10 Counties and it is a strong competition involving most of the Counties situated near the M6 and M5 motorways, West Midlands, Staffs, Greater Manchester, etc.

6. Following the Inter Counties Champs, the selection committee will meet on Sunday 22nd June to decide the final 40 athletes to represent the Cheshire team, to attend the English Schools AA Champs in Birmingham, on Fri/Sat. July 11th/12th. English Schools selection is for Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors (Years 8- 13). There are no Year 7 events at the English Schools T/F Championships.

Therefore, by Saturday 21st June 7.00pm (deadline date) athletes need to submit any updates to their personal bests on the selection forms to Tony and Sandy. The standards for each event are published on our Cheshire Schools website and ESAA recommend that an athlete has at least entry standard to be considered. [www.cheshireschoolsaa](http://www.cheshireschoolsaa).co.uk or [www.esaa.org](http://www.esaa.org).uk
Selection criteria by our Cheshire Schools AA Committee is usually as follows….
1. National standard performances
2. Entry standard performances,
3. Near miss to the Standards, with reference to the Power of 10 Rankings, etc.

Tony Browne, Sandra Littler CSAA. April 2025.