



ATHLETICS WICKLOW BYE - LAWS

CROSS COUNTRY ELIGIBILITY

- The winner of the County Novice, Intermediate or Senior Cross Country Championships shall be ineligible to compete in County Novice Cross Country again. (AGM 2012)
- The winner of the County Intermediate or Senior Cross Country Championships shall be ineligible to compete in County Intermediate Cross Country Championships for three years. (AGM 2012)
- The winner of the Regional or National Intermediate or Senior Cross Country Championships shall be ineligible to compete in County Intermediate Cross Country again. (AGM 2012)
- The winner of the County, Regional or National Novice, Intermediate or Senior Cross Country Championships shall be ineligible to compete in County Novice Cross Country again. (AGM 2012)
- Athletes made ineligible by the above County Bye-law may apply to the County Board for re-grading, such application to be made in writing for the April or September meetings of the Co. Board in any calendar year and will not be considered at any other time. Where an application is rejected, the athlete may re-apply at the next available window. (AGM 2022)
- That an athlete who wins a medal in a Senior, Intermediate or Novice event, where there are less than three athletes, remains eligible for competition the following year. (AGM 1993)
- A female athlete who wins a Silver or Bronze medal in the County Senior Cross Country Championships remains eligible to compete in the County Intermediate Cross Country Championships. (AGM 2012)
- An athlete who wins a Silver or Bronze medal at the County Senior Cross Country Championships should not be made ineligible to compete in the Novice or Intermediate Championships if he has not previously won either of these titles. (AGM 2022)

CROSS COUNTRY & ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAMS

- That in all Cross Country and Road competitions, Ladies teams to consist of three athletes. (AGM 1998)
- That Masters Men teams are four-man teams in Cross Country in the O35 category and three-man teams in the O50+ category. (2017)
- The scoring team in the U17 Cross country shall consist of three athletes. (AGM 2012)
- The scoring team in the U18 Cross country shall consist of three athletes. (AGM 2012)
- That in the U19 Cross country competition the scoring members be reduced three. (AGM 1995)
- The scoring team in the County Junior Men Cross Country Championships should consist of three athletes. (AGM 2012)
- That for the purpose of County Cross Country Championships at Novice, Intermediate & Senior Men's level, four members of the team will score in team competition. (AGM 2012)
- That a club be allowed to enter up to two teams in Novice, Intermediate & Senior Cross Country competitions and Road Championships and that any number of said teams be allowed to win medals. (AGM 1993)



CROSS COUNTRY NOVICE, U18, U19

- That where Novice Cross Country Championships are run on the same date as the AAI Uneven Ages, the U19 and Novice races be run together with the U19 allowed to score in both events. U18 athletes are not allowed to score in Novice events. (AGM 1999)

CROSS COUNTRY JUVENILE CUP AWARD

That a new perpetual cup /shield be added to the County Awards for the Best Juvenile Club at Cross country Championships each year - the events to be included - Even and Uneven Ages (excluding non-championship events U6, U7, U8, U9, U10). (AGM 2025)

That points to be awarded as follows:

- Points to be awards for individual placings to the first 10 finishers in each age group, points to be awarded as 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5 etc. Where less than 10 athletes finish, points to be awarded accordingly, e.g., 5 finishers – points as 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. (AGM 2026)
- Points to be awarded for team placings in each age category, e.g., if there are 5 complete scoring club teams, points be awarded as 5, 4, 3, 2, 1; if there are 8 complete scoring teams - points be awarded as 8, 7 ,6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 etc (AGM 2025)

DECLARATION OF TEAMS FOR JUNIOR, SENIOR & MASTERS TEAMS

- In all County Cross Country, Road Race and Off-Road Championships, involving Junior, Senior and Masters athletes on club teams, such teams must be declared in advance. (AGM 2026)
- Where more than one club team is being entered in the Novice, Intermediate, and Senior Cross Country Championships and in Road Race and Off-Road Championships, these must be declared in advance. (AGM 2026)
- In the case of the Masters Cross-Country, Road Race and Off-Road Championships, the O35 and O50 club teams must be declared in advance. (AGM 2026)
- Where more than one O35 or O50 age-group Club team is being entered in the Masters Cross-Country, Road Race and Off-Road Championships, these must be declared in advance. (AGM 2026)



REPRESENTATION ON COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS (AGM 2025)

- That the top 8 placed athletes in all age groups competing in the Leinster Cross Country Championships shall be automatically selected on County teams that qualify for National Championships.
- That the remaining two places shall be filled by the 9th & 10th placed athletes in the Leinster Cross Country Championships, unless an appeal for consideration for inclusion has been made by an athlete who was unable to compete as outlined in the section 3.
- Where an athlete who would have been expected to finish in the top 8 automatic qualifying positions is unable to compete because of illness, injury, family bereavement, emergency hospitalisation of a parent or sibling, representing Ireland in athletics, or other compelling basis acceptable to the Athletics Wicklow Executive Board, an appeal for consideration for selection on the county team at National Championships must be sent to the Cross Country Secretary or other official appointed by the County Board either prior to the event or no later than 12 pm on the day following the relevant qualifying event.
- The appeal must provide as full an explanation as possible as to why the athlete is/was unable to compete and why the athlete merits consideration for one of the remaining two places.
- The Cross Secretary or other official appointed by the County Board shall inform the Clubs of the 9th and 10th placed athletes no later than 24 hours after receiving said appeal for consideration, furnishing them with all supporting evidence for said appeal. If the Clubs of the 9th and 10th placed athletes contest said evidence and/or the merit of said appeal then 1 representative only of each club concerned shall be invited to present their case to the County Executive, at a time and place decided upon by the County Executive.
- The Athletics Wicklow Executive officers shall act as the Jury of Appeal and this jury's decision shall be final.
- At all stages of the appeal process all interested parties will be kept apprised by the Cross Country Secretary.

MEDALS

- U8's, U9's and U10's not to be given medals every time they take part in a county competition. (AGM 2004)



COLLECTION OF COUNTY MEDALS AT LEINSTER & NATIONAL EVENTS :

- That an individual, to be **agreed with the XC / T&F Secretary** for upcoming Leinster / National events, be appointed by the Co Board to collect County Medals at Leinster & National events
- That the name of this designated individual be circulated in advance to all clubs by **Hon Secretary**.
- That only this designated individual collect medals from the Leinster / National representative.
- That clubs or athletes may collect medals won from this individual on the day of the event.
- That the designated individual shall retain uncollected medals and that it shall be the responsibility of the club to make arrangements for collection of such medals.
- That no more than 10 medals be awarded to county team irrespective of how compete. (AGM 2025)

OFFICIALS

- County Championships, and other events, require both experienced officials and general helpers. The Secretary in charge of each event should decide how many are required and communicate this to clubs in advance of the event. Names of officials and helpers must be provided at least 48 hours prior to the event. (AGM 2026)

ENTRIES

- That entry to all Athletics Wicklow Championships and events shall close on the dates and times specified on the Entry-4-Sports portal. (AGM 2026)

VENUES

- Where events are hosted by a club by the board, that all Athletics Wicklow clubs are required to provide at least two capable individuals to assist in setting up and dismantling of the course. The events are run for the benefit of all clubs and no one club should be responsible for the work involved.

Recommendation:

- That all Athletics Wicklow events are rotated annually.