



KENT SCHOOLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION GENERAL RULES AND COMPETITION RULES

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GENERAL RULES

1. That this Association be called the Kent Schools' Athletic Association (KSAA) and shall be an affiliated area of the English Schools' Athletic Association (ESAA).
2. The aim of the Kent Schools' Athletic Association is the advancement of athletics through the provision of Track and Field and Cross Country competition on an annual basis among the children the children attending schools within the administrative areas in Kent, Bromley, Bexley and Medway
3. That all recognised District Schools' Athletic Associations and individual schools are eligible for membership on payment of an affiliation fee as set at the A.G.M.
4. That the Association shall consist of a President, Vice Presidents, and Officers and such Associations as shall affiliate under Rule 3.
5. That the Officers of the Associations shall be the President, Past Presidents, Chairman, Ex-chairman, vice chairman (who shall become chairman after 2 years), Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Assistant secretaries; such officers to be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
6. That the Executive shall consist of the Officers of the Association, the KCAA representative's and two members (preferably one lady and one gentleman) to be nominated by each affiliated Association. This Executive Committee shall have power to act in any emergency. At committee meetings, each person present shall have one vote. The Executive Committee has the power to co-opt. Co-opted members can be extended the right of a full voting member at the discretion of the full Committee.
7. Championships
 1. That the Annual Track and Field Championship Meeting be held when possible on the second Saturday in June.
 2. That the Cross-Country Championships be held at least three weeks before the entry date of the ESAA Cross Country championships.
8. That a Special General Meeting shall be called at any time by the Honorary Secretary or on receipt of a requisition from two of the affiliated Associations. Not less than fourteen days notice must be given of this meeting.
9. That an Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held November when the business shall be transacted in the following order:
 - a) Secretaries Report on the Year for the Association
 - b) The Adoption of Reports and Balance Sheet.
 - c) Amendments to Rules.
 - d) Election of Officers.
 - e) Other Business, relevant to the proceedings of the AGM.

10. That notice of motion to alter or add rules must reach the Honorary Secretary in writing not later than twenty-eight days before the Annual General Meeting.
11. That no amendment will be made to the Constitution which would cause the Association to cease to be a charity at law.
12. That on the dissolution of the Association any assets remaining will be given to the schools in any manner which is exclusively charitable.
13. The executive may appoint appropriate sub-committees, as it considers necessary and delegate such powers as required to them.
14. At the Annual General Meeting any number of representatives may attend and speak, but the voting power shall be limited to two votes from each of the officers and one vote from each of the affiliated associations' representatives.
15. The Executive Committee shall have the power to deal with any matter not covered by its rules.
16. That the team to represent Kent in the ESAA Track and Field and Cross Country Championships will be selected by a committee appointed by the KSAA executive.
 1. That the selection shall take place after the KSAA championships
 2. Consideration shall be given to performances obtained by competitors in the current year at:
 - i. i. KSAA Championships or trials
 - ii. ii. Kent County AA, Southern Counties AA, Schools' Inter Counties
 - iii. iii. Meetings at National level.
 3. Consideration may be given to athletes by the Selection Committee who suffered sickness on the day of the KSAA Championships or that competed at a higher level of competition during the current season.
 4. This committee has the power to co-opt.
17. Life membership should be awarded to those people who have made a significant contribution to the Association over a number of years.

COMPETITION RULES

i. TRACK AND FIELD

18. That the events shall be conducted under UK Athletics laws and ESAA and KSAA rules.
19. That the Track & Field Championships shall consist of Boys and Girls Minor (Year 7), Junior (Year 8&9) and Intermediate (Year 10& 11) Competitions.
20. That medals shall be awarded to the first three official competitors (not guests) in each final of individual events.
21. That the age limits for entry to the Championships shall be laid down by ESAA and all competitors shall be bona fide scholars as stipulated by the ESAA.
22. A certificate signed by Head teachers certifying the dates of birth of competitors and their eligibility under Rule 5 shall be forwarded to the competition secretary to reach him/her no later than four days before the meeting.
23. There is no restriction on the number of entrants each area association may include in all individual events. But no boy or girl may compete in more than two events. There is no maximum total number of entries from each association.
24. That completed entry forms must reach the Honorary Competition Secretary on or before the specified entries date for the Championships.
25. Starting blocks may be used only by those competitors in the final.
26. That in the high jump, the start height will be set by the Championship Secretary and the Meeting Manager in conjunction with the Field Referee but will be at least 15cm below County standard and afterwards advancing by a minimum of 3 cm. In the Pole Vault the start height will again be set by the Championship Secretary and the Meeting Manager in conjunction with the Field Referee but will be at least 30 cm below County standard if the uprights allow without modification (drop bars).
27. The numbers will be provided by KSAA for competition as allocated in the programme. Each Athlete will be provided with individual numbers for any event(s) entered.
28. Guests
 1. The selection Committee shall be empowered to invite as a guest any athlete not included in his/her District team, subject to the consent of the District Association and the Competition Secretary.
 2. Any record achieved will stand but no medal shall be awarded.
 3. No guests will be allowed to enter on the day of the competition.
 4. Guests will be eligible to qualify from heats or preliminary events to compete in the final of the event, but are not eligible for medals.
29. If under UKA rules a tie or dead heat for qualification for the final of an event occurs, the means of deciding qualifiers will be made by the Championship Referee.

30. Senior athletes may be invited to compete in appropriate events to achieve the necessary qualification standards at the discretion of the Selection Committee.
31. That any **protest** shall be made to the Referee by an authorised Steward of an Association as soon as possible after the event concerned and not later than the close of the meeting. The decision of the referee shall be final and shall be announced immediately.
32. Any matters arising not covered by the Competition Rules for Track and Field will be brought to the attention of and settled by the Meeting Manager, whose decision will be final.

iv. CROSS COUNTRY

- i.33. That the events shall be conducted under UK Athletics laws and ESAA and KSAA rules.
34. Each Association may nominate up to sixteen runners, with all eligible to run on the day. The first six to finish will constitute the A Team the second six the B Team in the U13, Junior and Intermediate events. In the Senior events the first four to finish will constitute the A Team and the second four the B Team.
35. All entries, team, or individuals, must be submitted by Associations and must reach the Competition Secretary by the date decided by the Executive Committee.
36. Medals shall be awarded to the first three individuals and teams in each event.
37. Guests
 1. The KSAA selection Committee shall be empowered to invite as a Guest a competitor not included in his/her District team, subject to the consent of the relevant District Association.
 2. No guest will be allowed to enter on the day of competition.
 3. Guests are not eligible for medals.
38. That any **protest** shall be made to the Referee by an authorised steward of Association as soon as possible after the event concerned and not later than the close of the meeting. The decision of the referee shall be final and shall be announced immediately.
39. Any matters arising not covered by the Competition Rules for Cross Country will be brought to the attention of and settled by the Referee, whose decision will be final.

iii RACE - WALKING

40. If held the Race walking Championships will be held under RWA laws, ESAA and UK Athletics rules

iv MULTI - EVENTS

41. If held the multi events championships will be held under ESAA and UK Athletics rules.