

Road Running and Cross Country Commission

Scottish International Cross Country and Road Racing Programme & Selection Dates 2011–12

Cross Country

Fixture	Date	Venue	Selection Date
Cross Country Challenge - <i>European Trial</i>	26 th Nov	Liverpool	15 th Nov
Inter Districts <i>Great Edinburgh CC</i>	7 th Jan	Edinburgh	13 th Dec
Celtic Nations	7 th Jan	Edinburgh	13 th Dec
Cross Country Challenge	21 st Jan	Antrim	13 th Dec
Inter Counties	10 th Mar	Birmingham	21 st Feb
Home Countries	13 th Mar	tba	13 th Mar

Road Racing

Fixture	Date	Venue	Selection Date
London Mini Marathon	22 nd Apr	London	19 th Mar

Selection Policy

It is important to note that only athletes who will benefit from the standard of competition at a particular event will be selected and the selection committee has discretion to leave places empty if necessary. Although this type of decision can be disappointing for athletes, there are a number of factors that will affect the standard of team that may be sent to particular events and all of these will be taken into account. These may include the age of an athlete, the wishes of race promoters, the demands of the event (distance, conditions and course profile) and funding. The selected teams for the events in the programme will be funded by **scottishathletics** Road Running and Cross-Country budget.

For this programme to be successful and to ensure progress towards our aim of fielding Scottish Athletes in GB Teams our top endurance athletes and their coaches are encouraged to participate in this programme and plan their season accordingly.

Please keep the National Endurance Coach and/or the selection committee fully informed of athletes' racing programmes, results, training progress, injuries, illness and availability for selection for those races on the programme. This type of information and two-way communication is extremely valuable in assisting the selectors to pick the best teams.

European Trial: Up to 4 senior men; 4 senior women; 4 U-23 Men; 4 U-23 Women; 4 U-20 men and 4 under 20 women will be selected on current form – Travel to be confirmed.

Antrim Challenge: Up to 3 senior men; 3 senior women selected on current form particularly the European Trial and Districts.

Celtic International: 4 each of U-23 men, U-23 women, U-20 men, U-20 women; U-17 men and U-17 women will be selected on current form, particularly the Inter District Championships and Challenge events. Note age groups are under IAAF rules.

Inter Districts: Teams will be selected by the districts on current form, especially the district championships.

Chair of selectors

East – Alex Jackson

North – Charlie Forbes

West – Margaret Daly

Inter Counties: District teams will be selected, consisting of up to 6 males and females at each of senior U-20, and U-17 level. First 4 from the senior national championships will be invited to participate plus up to the maximum number on current form may be selected. U-15 athletes may be selected by the districts, if they have shown exceptional form and funding is available. Other U-15 and U-13 athletes may be entered by the districts, and can participate, but they will not receive funding for travel and accommodation

London Mini Marathon: The Scottish team each age group (U15 & U17) will be selected, based on current form but particularly performances in the National Young Athletes Road Race Championships. Age groupings for this race are U15 dob 1/9/96 to 31/8/98 and U17 dob 1/9/94 to 31/8/96

Home Countries International: Up to 4 senior men; 4 senior women; 4 U20 men; 4 U20 women, (U20 based on UK rules). First 3 eligible athletes from the National Championships will be offered selection. The team will be finalised after the Inter-Counties.

International Fixtures

Fixture	Date	Venue
European CC Championships	11 th Dec	Velenje, Slovenia

McCain UK Cross Challenge

Venue	Date
Bristol	13 th November
Liverpool	26 th November
Cardiff	15 th January
Antrim	21 st January
Birmingham	10 th March

Relay Championships

Fixture	Date	Venue
District CC Relays	8 th Oct	E (Camperdown), N (Dornoch), W (Rouken Glen)
National CC Relays	22 nd Oct	Cumbernauld
6/4 Stage Road Relay	31 st Mar	Livingston

Scottish Cross Country Championships

Fixture	Date	Venue
District CC Championships East	10 th Dec	Aberdeen
District CC Championships North	26 th Nov	Forres
District CC Championships West	10 th Dec	Irvine
National 4K Championships	5 th Nov	Glasgow
National Championships	18 th Feb	Falkirk

Universities Cross Country Championships

University Championships

Fixture	Date	Venue
Scottish Universities	19 th Nov	St Andrews
BUCS	4 th Feb	Birmingham

Schools Cross Country Championships

Fixture	Date	Venue
Scottish Schools	10 th Mar	Irvine
SIAB	24 th Mar	Belfast

Schools Road Race Championships

Fixture	Date	Venue
YA Road Race Championships	17 th Mar	Rouken Glen

ERRA 12 Stage relay: The ERRA will invite **scottish**athletics to enter teams in their National 12-stage relay, which is held at Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield on 14th April. Entry forms are normally sent to the first 3 teams in the Scottish 6 Stage Relay but team managers wishing to enter should contact the National Endurance Coach.

Lotto Cross Series: Additional race opportunities are sometimes available for athletes of the appropriate standard to take part in the Lotto Cross Country Series in Belgium. Interested athletes should contact the National Endurance Coach. Dates for this year's events are still to be confirmed but will be available at <http://www.lottocrosscup.be/>