



Warwickshire County Athletics Association

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1 Warwickshire Qualification.

Some athletes residing within our boundaries choose to identify with other Counties for good and substantial reasons. However we warmly invite athletes with a Warwickshire Qualification, residing inside or outside our boundaries to compete for our County Medals and represent our Teams.

Remember that for athletics Warwickshire means both present Warwickshire i.e. Nuneaton and North Warwickshire, Stratford, Warwick, Leamington and South Warwickshire and the Rugby area plus the towns and cities which used to be in Warwickshire before the City Councils were created in 1974 i.e. Coventry, Birmingham, Sutton Coldfield, Solihull and Coleshill.

To qualify for the County an athlete must have been born in it, or, have been living in it for 9 months, or, be serving in the armed force stationed for 9 months in it. It is possible to qualify for three different Counties but an athlete cannot switch mid season having competed for one of them. The location of the Club at which the athlete is a member is not relevant.

2 Officiating.

The Health and Safety course in Nuneaton in early June saw 29 participants. We will keep you in the picture re opportunities for Officials and Administrators. Meanwhile Margery Ewington (02476 314990) and Leonnie Lightfoot (West Mids Region 07824 302935) are always available with advice.

3 Road Running – attention race promoters, officials and athletes.

From April 2008 a number of rule changes, particularly in respect to Race Permits, came into operation. We strongly urge promoters to become fully acquainted with Rule 204 as well as Rules 207, 208 and 209.

No new rule has been framed as yet for the wearing of IPods and other earpiece devices but there is unanimity amongst senior Race Referees in the County that they constitute a danger if worn on open roads during competition. It is therefore suggested to Race Promoters that athletes are advised via entry forms and notices at Declaration that these devices should not be worn.

Mike Doyle, Warwickshire's valuable Permit Secretary hopes Promoters of events held in the County will apply for their UKA licence well before the race. In the light of previous experiences he wishes to emphasise that times set in any road race without a licence/permit cannot be recognised for records at any level.

4 Future Meetings.

The WCAA AGM will be held on Wednesday 26th November 2008 at Coventry Godiva Harriers HQ. In between AGMs there are occasional General Meetings but the day to day business of the County is conducted through regular formal meetings of the WCAA Officers (and informal meetings and conversations). If you would like the County's Officers to act upon something then let one of them know and it will be treated very soon or at the next Officers meeting at the latest.

5 Development.

Two rounds of the U11 Track and Field League completed and further lessons learned. Thanks to Solihull and Rugby for their promotions and for including relays. The last of the series will be held on Wednesday 27th August at Stratford (Stratford High School) and Coventry (Lyng Hall School).

6 Race Walking – Leamington Grand Prix 15th June

20 Nationalities

6 Beijing qualifying times achieved

5 qualifiers for the World Juniors.

7 WCAA Road Championships. 5k Champs at Birmingham Rowheath on 10th July

SM 1st James Trollope, 2nd Ryan Kenny, 3rd Matthew Lockett

M20 James Trollope, M35+M45 Mike Cadman, M55 Edwin Hartley, M65 Gordon Orme

SW 1st Joanna Emery, 2nd Danielle Stewart, 3rd Rachel Buxton

W20 Lyndsey Baker, W35+W45 Theresa Wolley, W55 Marilyn Maidment

Full details at www.BirminghamRowheath.co.uk

County Road Championships still to come:-

5 mile championships at Coventry Memorial Park on Friday 29th August

10 mile championships at Draycote Reservoir, Rugby on Sunday 9th November.

Note that the 10 mile champs is not being held within the Nuneaton 10 as has been published in some quarters and on some entry forms.

8 Cross Country 2008/9

We have a venue for the 2009 County Championships in the Birmingham area but we are also investigating possible Combined Championships with other Counties. The arrangements should be definite soon.

Offers to host in 2010 would be warmly welcomed.

A reminder that the Birmingham Cross Country Challenge will again take place in Seneleys Park, Bartley Green on Saturday 25th October. The timetable will include U11 races this year and the event is the first in the English Cross Challenge series.

9 Young Athletes Inter County Match.

The U13/U15 Inter Counties match will be held at Costello Stadium, Hull on Saturday 13th September. John Nash (01926 412563) will manage the County team. Consult the County website during August for confirmation of the arrangements and the team but meanwhile contact John with your availability.

10 News from CSW Sport

Please click on the following link: <http://www.cswsport.org.uk/enews/updates/111.html> to view the latest CSW Sport E-Update, a service which aims to provide local partners with updates on important local, regional and national information.

LOCAL highlights in the latest edition include:

- The County Athletes Programme
- CSW Sport Job Opportunity
- Volunteer Guides for Golfer Needed

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