



## West Cheshire AC Entry Fee Payment Policy

### Policy

The club will pay individual entry fees in full for all “stand-alone” championship and league events, if these events meet all of the following criteria:

- They are organised by bodies within that part of the structure of UK Athletics that West Cheshire AC sits (England Athletics, English Cross-country Association, Northern Athletics and Cheshire County Athletic Association).
- Entries are more easily processed by the club rather than just by the individual.
- There is a strong team element to the competition/ event.
- They are local area leagues that can only be entered as a club.

### Rationale

The first item above on the basis of supporting the UKA structure that we are part of; the second on the practical basis of ease of collection of entry fees; and the third and fourth on the basis of supporting and promoting the club as a whole, rather than specific individuals. This would allow paying for, say, Cheshire Track and Field Relays, but not for Cheshire Track and Field Championships.

### Note

- The club will notify members when publicising events where the club is to pay entry fees.
- In the event of affordability concerns, the club reserves the right to vary this policy, with committee approval.
- The policy applies to all members.
- The club committee will consider requests to pay entry fees for any event which may fit the above criteria, but which does not appear on the current list of qualifying events.
- As of 2021, the North Staffs Cross-country League introduced entry fees per athlete, while reducing the overall affiliation fee that each club pays to be a member of the league. The club will continue to pay the affiliation fee, but will NOT pay entry fees per athlete, on the basis that entries are more easily processed by the individual, via the online entry system.



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Events where the club <b>WILL</b> pay entry fees	Events where the club <b>WILL NOT</b> pay entry fees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UK Youth Development League</li> <li>• English National Cross-country Championships</li> <li>• English Cross-country Association Cross-country Relays</li> <li>• UK Athletics League (should the club qualify for this)</li> <li>• North of England Track and Field League</li> <li>• North of England Cross-country Championships</li> <li>• Northern Athletics Cross-country Relays</li> <li>• Northern Athletics Men's 12 Stage/Women's 6 Stage Road Relay/ Young Athletes 5k Championships</li> <li>• Northern Athletics Men's 6 Stage/ Women's 4 Stage Road Relay Championships (Autumn Relays)</li> <li>• North-west Counties/ Cheshire Combined Road Relays</li> <li>• Sportshall League</li> <li>• Cheshire Track and Field League</li> <li>• Cheshire Track and Field Relays</li> <li>• North Wales Cross-country League</li> <li>• Manchester Area Cross-country League</li> <li>• Liverpool and District Cross-country League</li> <li>• Borders Road Running League</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>O</u>pen events in which a national/ regional/ county championship happens to be included, eg Ribble Valley 10k including Northern Athletics 10k <i>championships (as these are not stand-alone events).</i></li> <li>• Open events organised by England Athletics, Northern Athletics or Cheshire County Athletic Association, eg Northern Athletics Indoor and Outdoor Open Meetings <i>(as there is no strong team element to the event).</i></li> <li>• North Staffs Cross-country League <i>(as entries are more easily processed by the individual).</i></li> <li>• Cheshire Track and Field Championships <i>(as there is no strong team element to the event).</i></li> <li>• Events organised by other governing bodies, eg Merseyside County AA, Welsh Athletics, English Schools AA, FRA, BMAF <i>(as these are not organised by bodies within that part of the structure of UK Athletics that West Cheshire AC sits).</i></li> </ul>