

The John Driscoll Road Running Championship

John Driscoll enjoyed athletics from the age of nine years old after a running session was hastily arranged following the cancellation of a football match due to a wet field.

He ran for his local club in his home town of Bedford and was introduced to cross country races while at Manchester University between 1960 and 1966. Contemporaries during his time at Manchester included Ron Hill and John Whetton.

He joined Chester and Ellesmere Port Athletic Club in October 1967 and was a founder member of West Cheshire AC. John played an instrumental role in securing lottery funding for the athletics facilities now based at Stanney Oaks, Ellesmere Port.

John was part of the Northern Counties Athletics Association from 1985 and became chairman of the Northern England Road Running Committee in 1987, which was renamed North of England Athletics Association in 1992, and then Northern Athletics in 2006, becoming president in 2012. He helped found the current Cheshire County AA in 1992 and chaired the county athletics committee between 2004 and 2006.

John established a road running handicap scoring system for Cheshire and contributed to the Run Britain handicap system which is still used today. He was a respected road, cross country and track & field official participating in major competitions including Olympics and World Championships and he played a leading role in the formation of the popular Borders Road Running League Series of races.

The John Driscoll Road Running Championship will honour John's name and his contribution to both West Cheshire Athletic Club and the wider world of athletics. **The Driscoll Memorial Shield** has been kindly donated by John's wife Ann.

The aim is to foster participation in and competition between the WCAC road running membership across the race distances of 5k, 5miles, 10k, 10miles and half marathon.

- The Championship is open to all WCAC 1st claim members age 15 or over at the start of the championship year.
- Race distances will be over 5K, 5 mile, 10K, 10 mile and half marathon and must be licensed under UKA rules.
- Entrants can enter as many races as they want but must compete in at least three of the distances
- The entrant's best score in each of three distances would count towards the Championship
- Results would be based on accumulative Age Graded Results. AGR will be based on the entrant's age at the commencement of the Championship year.
- The highest accumulative total would be the winner
- The inaugural Championship will run from 1st November 2025 to 30th September 2026 and then from 1st October – 30 September in subsequent years
- Entrants must submit details of the event and their race times on or before 30th September by emailing wcacrrc@gmail.com

If you have any questions please email the Road Running Championship – wcacrrc@gmail.com