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## South West Sapphire Athletics League Rules and Terms of Entry

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### Host Clubs

1. Host clubs agree to publicise and promote the Sapphire League.
  - a. This means sending out the Jotform entry link to competing registered athletes.

### Entry details

2. Entry to the Sapphire League is open to all U17 and Senior athletes registered with EA.
  - a. This means that athletes in the age groups below these U15 and U20, can register, but for field events their performances must be at the higher weight categories.
  - b. Track events will be based on the allocated timed performance for each race distance.
  - c. The events covered for 2023 are;
    - i. In the Under 17 Age group; M&W 3k, 800, 200, 100, LJ, HJ, Jav, Ham
    - ii. In the Senior Age Group; M&W 3k, 800, 200, 100, LJ, HJ, Jav, Ham
    - iii. This means in total 32 events will be covered with the potential of 32 prizes.
3. Athletes must have entered 3 of the South West Open series meetings.
  - a. The Open Meeting Series will be determined by those SW clubs willing to hold open meetings and to advertise the scheme.
  - b. The Series will be promulgated at the SW Sapphire League website (when established) or by Social Media in the interim.
  - c. For 2023 the confirmed "South West Open Series" meetings are;
    - i. Yeovil Open 8<sup>th</sup> April 2023
    - ii. Yeovil Open 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023
    - iii. Yate Throws and Jumps Open 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023
    - iv. Yate Sprints and Hurdles Open 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023
    - v. Exeter Open 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023
    - vi. Newquay and Par Open 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023
    - vii. Yeovil Games Open Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023
    - viii. Bournemouth Open Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023
4. Entry to the Sapphire League is via Jotform with payments made via Square only.
  - a. The Jotform link will be made available on social media and by the event organiser.
  - b. The data collected via Jotform will be managed by YOAC, (iCO registered).
  - c. The entry fees for 2023 will be;

- i. £10 for one discipline for the entire series (eg for Javelin at all meetings)
    - ii. £15 for two disciplines for the entire series (eg for Javelin, and 800m at all meetings)
    - iii. £20 for three disciplines for the entire series (eg for Javelin, 800m and Long Jump at all meetings) (you still have to enter the meetings directly)
  - d. Additionally;
    - i. For the sake of these rules an event is defined as one individual competition start.
    - ii. The definition of a meeting within these rules is a competition held at a venue on a specific day.
    - iii. A discipline is an event conducted at each meeting.
- 5. The entry payments are used for the provision of prizes in each category which will be either cash or a trophy depending on sponsorship, or the level of interest gained by the number of athletes taking part.
  - a. YOAC handle the entry fees on behalf of the Sapphire League on a zero profit basis.
  - b. Only fees charged by Square payment system will be deducted from the League income. All other income will be used for awards.
  - c. These fees are 1.9% plus 25p per transaction.
  - d. As square do not refund their costs entry fees can not be refunded.
  - e. YOAC are investigating the potential for Sponsorship options.

#### Scoring system

- 6. 8 points for the first REGISTERED athlete in each of the nominated events down to 1 point

Example

100m YOAC OPEN

Ann	12.53	Not registered for Sapphire	0 Points
Barbara	13.01	Registered for Sapphire	8 points.
Cara	13.12	Not registered for Sapphire	0 Points
Debbie	14.25	Registered for Sapphire	7 points.
Enid	15.00	Registered for Sapphire	6 points
Francesca	15.20	Not registered for Sapphire	0 Points
Ginny	16.10	Registered for Sapphire	5 points.

- 7. Results will be ratified against the meeting results on Power of 10 website.
- 8. If the result is tied at the end of the season the Trophy will be shared and or the cash prize shared.
- 9. Scores from the events entered will be recorded on an excel spreadsheet after each competition has taken place.
  - a. The spreadsheet will be made available online after each event has been ratified.
  - b. An example of the scoring spreadsheet is below;

100m	Yeovil	Yate	Exeter	Bournemouth	N&P	
Ann		2	8		7	17
Barbara	8	3	5			16
Cara		4	3	8	5	20
Debbie	7	5	7			19
Enid	6	6	4	7	6	29
Francesca		7	6			13
Ginny	5	8			8	21

Prizes and awards.

10. All funding generated from entry fees will be used to fund prizes and awards. It is anticipated that each category should generate approximately £20 but this is very dependent on interest in the League. It is also hoped that there will be funding to provide for a Second and Third place award.