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## South West Sapphire Athletics League Rules and Terms of Entry **INAUGURAL YEAR 2023**

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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.
  - b. It is requested that host clubs incorporate the Sapphire League in the title of the Open Meeting.
2. Host Clubs are requested to incorporate as many of the selected events at Para 3.e in their Open Meetings as possible.

### Entry details

3. Entry to the Sapphire League is open to all U17 and Senior athletes registered with EA.
  - a. Athletes don't have to come from the SW region as Open meetings are open to all.
  - b. 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.
  - c. Track events will be based on the allocated timed performance for each race distance at each meeting.
    - i. By example – all 100m heats in an open meeting will be ordered and scored on recorded times with the top 8 in each age group scoring points.
  - d. BMC races are not considered appropriate for the Sapphire League.
  - e. 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
  - f. This means in total 32 events will be covered with the potential of 32 prizes.
4. 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 on the YOAC Website and 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. Poole and Ashdown Track User Group Open 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023
  - v. Exeter The Great West Open “Ken Trickey Open” 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023
  - vi. Yate Sprints and Hurdles Open 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023
  - vii. Yeovil Evening Open (2) 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023
  - viii. Exeter Open 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 except BMC races
  - ix. Newquay and Par Open 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023
  - x. Yeovil Evening Open (4) 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023
  - xi. Yeovil Games Open Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023
  - xii. Bournemouth Open Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023
  - xiii. Swindon Open Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023
  
- 5. 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 Jotform Link is - <https://bit.ly/SWSapphireLeagueEntry>
  - c. The data collected via Jotform will be managed by YOAC, (iCO registered).
  - d. 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)
  - e. 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.
    - iv. It is important to note that only Open Series meetings cover the Sapphire League events and that this must be entered prior to entering the Sapphire League.
  
- 6. 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

7. 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.

8. Results will be ratified against the meeting results on Power of 10 website.
9. If the result is tied at the end of the season the Trophy will be shared and or the cash prize shared.
10. 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.

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

- b. An example of the scoring spreadsheet is below;

Prizes and awards.

11. All funding generated from entry fees will be used to fund prizes and awards.
- a. It is anticipated that each category should generate approximately £20 but this is very dependent on interest in the League.
- b. Total income will be divided by the 32 categories to equalise the share and prize value.
- c. It is also hoped that there will be sufficient funding to provide for a Second and Third place award.
- d. It is hoped that sponsorship will enhance the value of prizes in each category.