



## Athletics Leinster

### Cross Country Championships 2021 (Days 2 & 3)

**Day 2 – Novice, Junior and Juvenile Even Ages**

**Day 3 – Senior and Juvenile Uneven Ages**

### V4

**Note: Important changes for 2021 (adopted at the 2020 AGM)**

1	In the combined U/18 & Junior race, the <b>Junior medals will be presented to the top 3 Junior athletes only</b> . U/18 athletes will only receive individual U/18 medals. U/18 athletes can still receive Junior team medals, if entered on Junior teams.
2	<b>Individual u/23 category added</b> to Senior Championship. U/23 athletes continue to score on Senior teams, if entered on teams.

### Contact

**Leinster Cross Country Secretary**

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2021 Athletics Leinster Cross Country Programme			
Date	Start Time	Age Category	Venue
<b>Day 2 – Hosted by - St. Senan’s AC</b>			
<b>SATURDAY</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2021	11.30am	Novice, Junior and Juvenile Even Ages	Mountain View, Kiltorcan, Ballyhale, Co. Kilkenny R95 NH31
<b>Day 3 – Hosted by – Wicklow County Board</b>			
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	11.30am	Senior and Juvenile Uneven Ages	Avondale House & Forest Park, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow A67 P303

**Closing Dates (all entries are online – No late entries):**

Juvenile Even Ages, Junior & Novice – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

Juvenile Uneven Ages & Senior – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

**2021 Age Groups**

1. Age categories calculated from 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of competition.
2. No athlete may obtain a birthday in the year of competition and compete in that age.
3. Age Categories for 2021 apply to all Leinster Juvenile competition in this booklet.
4. All athletes may move up one age group in cross country; Junior/under 20 athletes must be aged 16 years & under 20 years on 31<sup>st</sup> December in year of competition).

**Under 11 – born 2011 or 2012**

**Under 12 – born 2010 or 2011**

**Under 13 – born 2009 or 2010**

**Under 14 – born 2008 or 2009**

**Under 15 – born 2007 or 2008**

**Under 16 – born 2006 or 2007**

**Under 17 – born 2005 or 2006**

**Under 18 – born 2004 or 2005**

**Under 19 – born 2003 or 2004**

**Junior/under 20 – born 2002, 2003, 2004 or 2005**



**Cross Country Entry Fees**

**Individual:**

Individual	U11 – U16	€4
Individual	U17 – U19	€5
Junior		€6
Novice		€8
Senior, Master & Intermediate		€8

**Teams:**

Club Team	€25
County Team	€30

**Please note all fees are subject to a transaction charge (4%)**

**Gate Admission**

**€5 per person – please have money ready for collection to ensure no delays.**

**Online Entry Only – Payment by Credit/Debit Card**

**All entries *via* link, which is available on the Athletics Leinster website and Facebook page**

**[www.athleticsleinster.com](http://www.athleticsleinster.com)**

If in exceptional circumstances a late entry is accepted the fee will be **double** the fees advertised above.

Online Entries Close – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021 for Juvenile Even Ages, Junior & Novice

Online Entries Close – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 for Juvenile Uneven Ages & Senior



## **Entry & Competition Rules**

**All entrants must be registered with Athletics Ireland in the year of competition.**

### **LEINSTER NOVICE**

#### **Eligibility:**

- An athlete who has no individual medal 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> from any Provincial or National Cross Country Championship
- Cross Country and Road are treated as separate
- Medals won in Road Championships do not affect eligibility in Cross Country

### **AGE CATEGORIES FOR CROSS COUNTRY**

- **Juvenile Ages:** Under 11 to 19. An athlete may compete in their own age group and one age group up (e.g. an U10 can also compete at U11 event but not U12).
- **U18/Junior Combined Race** – updated rule from **2020 AGM**

Scoring in the event is as follows:

- The first three Juniors across the line are placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Juniors and presented with individual Junior medals
- The first twelve U18 athletes across the line are placed 1–12 at U18 and presented with individual U/18 medals
- Junior results will be listed containing the names of all athletes who entered as Juniors
- U18 athletes can score on U18 and Junior teams, on condition that they have entered both events

- **U23/Senior Combined Race** – new rule from **2020 AGM**

Scoring in the event is as follows:

- The first across the line are placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Seniors and presented with individual Senior medals (even if an U23 athlete)
- The first three U23 athletes outside of the top three overall in the race are placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at U23 and presented with individual U23 medals
- U23 results will be listed containing the names of all athletes who entered as U23
- There shall be no U23 teams; U23 athletes shall score on Senior teams

- **Novice Athletes** must be aged 19 years or over on the 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of competition.

- **Junior Athletes**

- Do **not** break their Novice status in cross country (or road)
- Must be aged 16 years and under 20 years on the 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of competition.

- **Senior Athletes** – must be 18 years and over on the 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of competition.



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- **ALL INDIVIDUAL athletes must be entered by their club.**
- If a county is entering **undeclared teams** then clubs must ensure they have all their athletes entered. Liaise with County Secretary as necessary.
- **Only athletes who are officially entered and have a valid race number are permitted to run. Passing on numbers is not allowed. Any athlete who does this will not be recorded in results and may cause disqualification for team mates/other club athletes and disqualification from future Athletics Leinster Championship events.**

**Start Area, Finish Area, Cross Country Course and medal presentation area** These areas are for officials and athletes only. COACHES AND PARENTS ARE STRICTLY NOT ALLOWED in these areas at any time. Those found to be in violation of this guideline risk disqualification of their athletes and possibly their club. Please stay outside of the perimeter ropes around the course and areas mentioned at all times.

### **Photography**

In line with the recommendation in Athletics Ireland's Code of Conduct, Athletics Leinster requests that any person(s) wishing to engage in any video, zoom or close-range photography should register their details with **Greg Duggan, Athletics Leinster Road and Cross Country Secretary** prior to commencing. It is not advisable that children are photographed or filmed without their permission and/or the permission of their parent/guardian.

### **Respect**

Athletics Leinster Officials and Club Officials, who are vital in ensuring our Championships can take place and run smoothly, are to be shown respect at all times. Athletes, parents/guardians and coaches are to ensure that if they have a grievance the proper appeal procedure is used. Verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated and will be reported to your club officials and followed up by Athletics Leinster.

### **Athletics Leinster Appeals Procedure**

Any appeal in the first instance shall be presented in writing to either the competition manager or track referee as appropriate within 15 minutes of the finish of the event. Appeals will only be accepted when presented by a competent club official citing basis for appeal and any backup evidence. If the initial appeal is unsatisfactory, the decision may then be appealed to a Jury of Appeal accompanied by a fee of €20 (refundable in the case of a successful appeal). This appeal must be presented on the official Appeals Form available on request at "Check-In", within 20 minutes of the outcome of the initial appeal. The Jury of Appeal shall, in the first instance, be comprised of the Leinster Chairperson, the Leinster Road and Cross Country Secretary and the Track Referee on the day. In the case of a conflict of interest on any matter an alternate shall replace the conflicted member(s) for the determination of that issue. In the event that any member/alternate of first instance is unavailable on the day of competition they may be substituted by the Leinster Vice-Chairman, the Leinster Treasurer or such other Leinster Officers as are present on the day, as appropriate. All appeals will be dealt with on the day. The ruling of the Jury of Appeal shall be final.





**2021 Cross Country Distances**

Distance	Female	Male	Distance
1,500m	U11	U11	1,500m
2,000m	U12	U12	2,000m
2,500m	U13	U13	2,500m
3,000m	U14	U14	3,000m
3,500m	U15	U15	3,500m
4,000m	U16	U16	4,000m
4,000m	U17	U17	5,000m
4,000m	U18, U19, Junior	U18, U19, Junior	6,000m
4,000m	Novice	Novice	6,000m
5,000m	Senior	Senior	10,000m

**Club Teams**

**Scoring:**

Enter	Scoring	Age Category	Category
8	4	U11	Boys & Girls
8	4	U12	Boys & Girls
8	4	U13	Boys & Girls
8	4	U14	Boys & Girls
8	4	U15	Boys & Girls
8	4	U16	Boys & Girls
8	4	U17	Boys & Girls
8	4	U18 and Junior	Male & Female
8	3	U19	Female
8	4	U19	Male
10	4	Novice	Men & Women
10	4	Senior	Men & Women

**County Teams**

**NOTE:** There are **two** options available to the County Secretary for entering County Teams.

- 1. Declared Team** – County Secretary completes the online entry and list the name of each athlete on the team. Only athletes named at time of entry will score for team places at the Championships.

**No changes on the day to named County teams**



**2. Undeclared Team** – County Secretary selects this option online and all athletes from a County are **automatically** categorised as being on the County team, provided that they have already been entered by their club. If not entered by their club, the athlete cannot compete as they will not have a race number and therefore are not entered. No on-the-day team declarations will be accepted.

**Scoring:**

<b>Enter</b>	<b>Scoring</b>	<b>Age Category</b>	<b>Category</b>
15	6	U11	Boys & Girls
15	6	U12	Boys & Girls
15	6	U13	Boys & Girls
15	6	U14	Boys & Girls
15	6	U15	Boys & Girls
15	6	U16	Boys & Girls
15	6	U17	Boys & Girls
15	6	U18	Boys & Girls
15	3	U19	Female
15	4	U19	Male
15	4	Junior	Men & Women
15	4	Novice	Women
15	6	Novice	Men
15	4	Senior	Women
15	6	Senior	Men

**Cross Country Awards**

**Juvenile – Under 11 to Under 19**

*Championship medals to:*

- Top 12 Individuals in each category
- Top 3 Club Teams in each category
- Top 3 County Teams in each category

**Junior, Novice & Senior (and Under 23)**

*Championship medals to:*

- Top 3 Individuals in each category
- Top 3 Club Teams in each category, except Under23
- Top 3 County Teams in each category, except Under 23





## **Entries to AAI National Cross Country Finals**

Athletics Leinster will enter the **top 12 placed (juvenile) individuals** at the Leinster Cross Country Championships on Leinster teams to compete at the National Championships.

It is the responsibility of **Club and County Secretaries** to enter **teams** that have qualified from the Leinster Cross Country Championships to the National Championships.

### **Juvenile u/11 to u/19 Club and County teams**

The top 4 placed teams at the Leinster Cross Country Championships in girls and boys u/11, u/12, u/13, u/14, u/15, u/16, u/17, u/18 & u/19 qualify for the National Finals.

**Club and County Secretaries shall enter teams directly** to National using the dedicated link on the Athletics Leinster website only. Payments for entries will be made by Club and County Secretaries directly to National.

Only the top 4 juvenile teams qualify. National will check the entries and any team entered that has not qualified through Leinster will not be allowed to participate as a team and the cost of entry will be forfeited and not returned by National. It is the responsibility of Club and County Secretaries to ensure that only teams that have qualified through Leinster are entered for the National Championships.

### **IMPORTANT:**

- Any Club or County team that has qualified but does not intend to compete, shall please advise Athletics Leinster as soon as possible by e-mail to [athleticsleinsterxcsec@gmail.com](mailto:athleticsleinsterxcsec@gmail.com), so the place can be offered to the next placed team and give as many Leinster athletes as possible an opportunity to compete at the National Championships.
- If an athlete is unavailable to compete on a Leinster team, they shall please advise Athletics Leinster as soon as possible by e-mail to [athleticsleinsterxcsec@gmail.com](mailto:athleticsleinsterxcsec@gmail.com), so the place can be offered to the next placed athlete.

### **Senior, Novice and Junior individuals and teams**

There is **OPEN** entry for:

- **Senior:** individuals, Club teams and County teams
- **Novice:** individuals, Club teams and County teams
- **Junior:** individuals, Club teams and County teams

Entry may be made directly to National using the Athletics Ireland entry system available on the Athletics Ireland website.



**Juvenile u/17, u/18 & u/19 individuals**

There is **OPEN** entry for:

- **Under 17, u/18 & u/19: Individuals only, subject to the following:**

In accordance with Athletics Ireland Rules, in the u/17, u/18 and u/19 age groups, open entry will only apply for individuals, **provided the athlete had entered the Athletics Leinster Cross Country Championships**. Requests for open entry shall be submitted by e-mail to the Athletics Leinster Cross Country Secretary ([athleticsleinsterxcsec@gmail.com](mailto:athleticsleinsterxcsec@gmail.com)) for approval.

Once approved by the Athletics Leinster Cross Country Secretary, the athlete may be entered **by their Club Secretary**. National seeks confirmation that a request to enter as an individual in these events was made, and approval obtained, before accepting an entry as valid.

Club and County Secretaries shall enter teams and approved u/17, u/18 and u/19 athletes **directly** to National using the Entry 4 Sports link on the Athletics Ireland website. Payments for entries will be made directly to National.

**Leinster Officers**

Leinster Officers	
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