

FRA Committee 26th November 2005: International Programme

WMRT New Zealand 25th September

Three England teams were 4th, Junior Men were 8th. England's highest placed runner was Mary Wilkinson in 4th. A formal complaint has been sent to Danny Hughes (WMRA Chairman) with regard to accommodation and flight arrangements. His response accepted our criticisms as valid.

Open British & Irish Junior Hill Running Championships Republic of Ireland 9th October.

The English Teams won all four Team Gold Medals plus six individual golds. The facilities were deplorable and the Junior Team Manager has forwarded a letter of complaint to the FRA Chairman. An individual complaint has also been made by an individual to the FRA Welfare Officer.

International Programme 2006

The Committee has agreed the provisional International Mountain Running section of the 2006 Calendar and this is attached. It will be noted that Knockdhu is excluded and the Committee is focusing attention on races in mainland Europe.

It will also be noted that under "Selection" the consultation process for Junior selection is to be formalised.

Finance

At the AGM on 19th November 2005 Motion 6b was supported by a large majority and there was also support for the FRA to prudently spend some of its substantial funds. The comment of Dave Hodgson (Chairman of the John Taylor Foundation) to the effect that charities were increasingly loth to allocate funds to bodies with substantial resources such as the FRA was significant and Steve Fletcher, Junior Team Manager, has already experienced this.

The new Committee will consider its financial position prior to the next FRA Committee but it still retains the £2500 brought forward from the 2006 AAAoE Budget and informal discussions suggest that England Athletics will be better placed to support International Competition than the AAAoE has in recent years.

Committee Membership

The current Chairman (Graham Breeze) is standing down and commends Neil Goldsmith to succeed him.

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ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN RUNNING 2006

Selection Committee

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Chairman: will be appointed by the FRA Committee after the 2005 AGM.

Note: From 2006 the informal discussions normally carried out by the Selection Committee will be formalised for Juniors. The Junior Team Manager will consult, on behalf of the International Committee, a small group made up of people with experience of junior fell running, e.g. Coaches, Junior Co-ordinator. The membership of this group will be decided by the International Committee and publicised on the FRA Website, etc.

Funding

Funding restrictions may affect the number of teams supported and athletes should expect to make some financial contribution to event/ travel costs, although the Selection Committee will endeavor to minimise this.

Selection Criteria

The Committee will select the best available teams to represent England, although where shown some teams will be selected as Development Teams to encourage “up & coming” athletes for development as internationals.

Selection will primarily be based on selection races and although recent form will also be a factor the Selectors wish to encourage all potential England runners to compete in Trial races. In 2005 nine of the ten Senior places and all the Junior places for the WMRT were filled from runners who competed in the trial.

It is important that the selectors are kept informed by runners of their aspirations to run for England well before the date of team selection which will normally be the day of the Trial race. This is essential if a runner cannot attend the Trial.

For all races if the Selectors believe that a minimum performance standard for England selection has not been achieved they reserve the right not to select a full team.

England Team Support

Denise Park (01200 423181) has accompanied the England Team to recent World Mountain Running Trophy events as its Chartered Physiotherapist.

Programme

Marco Germanetto Memorial, Susa, Italy

Sunday 25th June

Trial: Saturday 6th May, Belmont Village Winter Hill (Separate races for England Team and Development Team).

England Team: 3 Junior Men and 3 Junior Women plus one traveling reserve in each category. Athletes must be born in either 1989 or 1990.

Selection: The first two in each category in the Trial race will gain automatic selection. Remaining places will be selected based on known form up to and including the day before the Trial.

Development Team: In addition to the England Team a Development Team of 3 Junior Men and 3 Junior Women born in either 1991 or 1992 will compete in the open races. Selection: The first two in each category in the Trial race will gain automatic selection. Remaining places will be selected based on known form up to and including the day before the Trial.

International Snowdon Race, Llanberis, Wales Saturday 22nd July

England Teams: 4 Men and 3 Women
Development ("B") Team: 4 men

Selection: Based on known form. Selection will be made immediately following the weekend of 1st/2nd July so runners who wish to be considered must ensure the selectors are aware of their aspirations no later than 30th June.

World Mountain Running Trophy, Bursa, Turkey ("uphill only") Sunday 10th September

Senior Team: 6 Senior Men and 4 Senior Women

Selection: A Trial will be arranged, possibly 12/13 August, but date and venue will be confirmed. All eligible athletes are expected to compete in the Trial from which most, depending on performance standards, runners will be selected. As a minimum the first 2 male and female runners will be offered places. In addition current form, including in a specified European Uphill race such as the Schlickeralm Berglauf, Telfes, Austria on 6th August, may be taken into account.

Junior Team: 4 Junior Men and 3 Junior Women. Athletes must be aged 16 to 19 (inclusive) on Dec. 31st 2006.

Selection: The first 3 Junior Men and first 2 Junior Women in the Trial Race will gain automatic selection. Remaining places will be selected based on known form up to and including the day before the Trial.

Open British & Irish Junior Hill Running Championship, Belfast, N Ireland Sunday 8th October

England Team: 4 U18 Men, 4 U18 Women, 4 U16 Men and 4 U16 Women plus one traveling reserve in each category. Ages as at 1st Jan. 2006.

Selection: The first 2 in the FRA Junior English Championships in each category will gain automatic selection. The remaining places will be selected based on known form up to and including Saturday 23rd

September. To be considered for selection athletes must have competed in at least two 2006 FRA Junior English Championship Races.

Development Team: 2 U14 Boys and 2 U14 Girls. Ages at 1st Jan. 2006

Selection: The first 2 in the FRA Junior English Championships will gain automatic selection for the U14 Championship Races.

Note: Athletes will not be selected from outside the age groups (i.e. an U14 (e.g. 13) will not be selected for the U16 race).

Programme Updates: will be publicised in *The Fellrunner Magazine* and on the FRA website.

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