

a) Wendy Dodds Resolution

We would like to propose that for the English Fellrunning Championships, the ranking for the FV60 and FV65 categories is based on the points scored in up to any four of the championship races.

This would bring the ranking closer to that used for MV60 and MV65 categories (and is the same system that has been used successfully for the Scottish championships for a number of years)

Although a similar proposal was discussed at the 2010 AGM, this particular resolution has never been discussed at an AGM

Proposer: Wendy Dodds, Clayton le Moors Harriers

Seconder: Pat Goodall, Totleley AC

At the end of the discussion there will be a straw poll of those attending the meeting which will be used as input to the Championship Committee.

b) David Rosen's resolution

There shall be Open categories and Female categories in the annual British Fell & Hill Running Relays. "Men's" categories are not required. Teams in the Open categories may consist of any combination of male and female runners.

Proposer: David Rosen FRA member 146 Lancaster & Morecambe AC

Seconder: Alison Wainwright FRA member 14252 Dark Peak Fell Runners

Supporting statement:

In fell running relays, it has been normal that clubs may enter mixed-sex teams if they wish.

In the 2014 British Fell and Hill Relays, one in every six teams was mixed-sex and of the 341 women participating, 71 (i.e. over 20%) were in those mixed teams.

In 2015 there had to be an entry limit for the Relays. However, that was no real reason to ban mixed teams. The one team that chose to run a mixed-sex team were disqualified for doing so!

In the 2015 Ian Hodgson Relay a mixed-sex team finished sixth.

Having Open (rather than Men's) classes means that clubs can include women in their Open team if they wish. Fell running still has a majority of men taking part, and many clubs do not have sufficient women for an all-female relay team. Open teams significantly increases the opportunity for women to participate. It is simply not reasonable for a club to be forced to say to "Jane" that she can't be in the club team, but "John", who is slower than Jane, is allowed to run.

If UK Athletics wish to only award their medals to single sex teams, so be it. But this is our national relay and it should be up to fell runners to decide which type of teams can participate. It is an important issue and it will help relay organisers if the FRA has a clear policy about it.

NOTE: The decision on open teams in the British Fell and Hill Relay Championship does not sit with the Fell Runners Association instead responsibility sits with British Athletics and the MRAG sub-group. MRAG includes representatives from all of the Home Countries, of which the FRA is one. The discussion held at the committee meeting, will be concerning the more general issue of the merits of mixed / open (ladies and men) teams in competitive events. At the end of the discussion there will be a straw poll of those attending the meeting which will be used as input to the Championship Committee regarding the future of mixed and open (ladies and men) teams in Championship events.