

COMPETITION POLICY FOR BLACKHEATH & BROMLEY HARRIERS AC

It is the policy of Blackheath & Bromley to provide suitable and sufficient competition in all disciplines of athletics for athletes of all ages and abilities. Affiliations will be made to all necessary Associations and Leagues to meet this policy, with the number of teams entered being determined by the number and abilities of athletes.

The aim of the policy is not only to provide and achieve the highest levels of competition, but also to create a structured framework for the development of all athletes, and to give opportunities for competition to athletes of all abilities.

Track & Field Leagues:

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| British Athletics League (BAL) & UK Women's Athletics League (UKWL) | to provide the highest level of competition for the Club's top performers |
| Southern Athletics League | competition for athletes not of BAL or UKWL standard, BAL/UKWL athletes looking for competition or returning from injury, development of Under 17, under 20 and new Senior athletes |
| Southern Counties Veterans Athletics Club League – Kent Divisions | to provide athletics competition for our Masters athletes |
| UK Youth Development League (UKYDL) | to provide highest level of competition for the top Under 13, 15, 17 and 20 athletes |
| Kent Young Athletes League | to provide alternative competition to the UKYDL League and development opportunities for Under 13 and 15 athletes |

Leagues and their priority ----->

| | Kent Young Athletes | UK Youth Development League | UK Youth Development League | Southern | BAL | UKWAL | SCVAC |
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| U13 | YES | YES | | | | | |
| U15 | YES | YES | | | | | |
| U17 | | | YES | YES | YES | | |
| U20 | | | YES | YES | YES | YES | |
| Senior | | | | YES | YES | YES | |
| Masters | | | | | | | YES |

Development stage of athlete ----->

All athletes

All athletes of the required standard will be encouraged and supported to enter County, Area and National championships. A series of Club championship meeting(s) will be held annually. Other competition opportunities, in the form of Open meetings promoted by this club and others and various trophy meetings mainly for senior and U20 athletes

Cross Country, Road Races and Road Relays:

Leagues, currently the Kent Men's, Women's and YA League will be entered to give cross country competition for all age groups and abilities. The existing range of interclub matches would be maintained for additional competition, mainly for Senior Men and Women. In addition, teams/individuals will be entered for County, Area and National championships.

County, Area and National Road Relay championships for all age groups of both sexes will also be entered as numbers permit. Invitations to compete in track and field and cross country meetings in Europe will be undertaken when they can be organised and funded.

Sportshall Athletics:

Kent County A.A. Sportshall Athletics events will be entered for U11, U13 and U15 girls and boys. As many teams as required will be entered to ensure everyone that wishes to take part will have that opportunity.