



BLACKHEATH & BROMLEY HARRIERS AC

COMPETITION POLICY

INTRODUCTION

It is the policy of Blackheath & Bromley Harriers AC (“The Club”) to provide appropriate competition opportunities for its members and support to their volunteers. 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.

OUR AIM

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 appropriate competition to athletes of all abilities and in accordance with The Club’s purpose, vision, mission and values, which can be found at the end of this document.

TRACK AND FIELD LEAGUES

National Athletics League (NAL)	To provide the highest level of competition for the Club's top performers
Southern Athletics League (SAL)	Competition for athletes not of NAL standard, NAL athletes looking for competition or returning from injury, development of Under 18, under 20 and new senior athletes
Southern Counties Veterans Athletics Club League – Kent Divisions (SCVAC)	To provide athletics competition for our Masters athletes
UK Youth Development League (UKYDL)	To provide highest level of competition for the top Under 14, 16, 18 and 20 athletes
Kent Young Athletes League (KYAL)	to provide alternative competition to the UKYDL League and development opportunities for Under 14 and 16 athletes

LEAGUES AND THEIR PRIORITY

Whenever possible, athletes should be encouraged to compete within their own age group when YDL and senior league competitions take place on the same day or weekend.

	BBHAC Academy	Kent Young Athletes	UK Youth Development League (Lower)	UK Youth Development League	Southern Athletics League	National Athletics League	Southern Counties Veterans Athletics Club - Kent Divisions SCVAC
		KYAL	LAG YDL	UAG YDL	SAL	NAL	
U12	YES						
U14	YES	YES	YES				
U16	YES	YES	YES				
U18				YES	YES	YES	
U20				YES	YES	YES	
Senior					YES	YES	
Masters							YES

DEVELOPMENT STAGE OF ATHLETES**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 U12, U14 and U16 girls and boys. As many teams as required will be entered to ensure everyone that wishes to take part will have that opportunity.

BBHAC Academy

New athletes wishing to join the Club at entry level will be placed in the Academy, giving them an opportunity to explore the various disciplines of athletics and experience competition athletics with other Academy members.

OUR PURPOSE, VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

Our purpose: to create a sustainable and welcoming environment in which the pursuit of athletics, running and other fitness activities by members of the Club and the Community can thrive.

Our vision: to be widely regarded as one of the most highly successful, professionally managed, exemplar athletics Club, which enhances the lives of its members and of the local community.

Our mission: to provide the facilities and attract, develop and support the volunteers and athletes necessary to achieve competitive success for those who seek it and rewarding participation opportunities for all.

Our values: integrity, endurance, respect, community, welfare.
