

The British Athletics Cross Challenge 2016 - 2017: The Rules

Points

1. Cross Challenge points will be awarded to those athletes in the Senior and Junior Men's and Women's races, held at the British Athletics Cross Challenge events in Milton Keynes, Liverpool, Cardiff and Antrim. Double points will be awarded in the Final.
2. Cross Challenge points will be awarded to those athletes in the Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 Boys and Girls races held at the British Athletics Cross Challenge events in Milton Keynes, Liverpool, Cardiff and Antrim. Double points will be awarded in the Final.
3. Senior Men and Senior Women will score 50 points for 1st place, down to 1 point for 50th place.

Junior Men and Junior Women will score 25 points for 1st place down to 1 point for 25th place.

The U13, U15, and U17 age groups will score 25 points for 1st place down to 1 point for 25th place.

4. Bonus points will be awarded for competing in each of the first four events of the series: 3 points will be allocated to all eligible athletes that compete at each of the first four events in the series. An athlete must complete the race to claim these bonus points. Where an athlete elects to compete in a higher age group at the European Trials, to that which he / she is eligible under UKA rules; he / she will be allowed to retain their 3 bonus points and add them to those already gained in their eligible age group.

Points and Awards Eligibility

1. Only UK athletes are allowed to score Cross Challenge points and win British Athletics Cross Challenge awards. Additional awards may be offered by individual race organisers. Where non UK athletes are competing, their position in the race is to be disregarded when calculating Cross Challenge points allocated to UK finishers.
3. To be eligible for overall Series awards, Senior & Junior athletes must run in at least two of the Four races being held in Milton Keynes, Liverpool, Cardiff and Antrim to qualify to run in the final. Each athlete's best two scores from races 1-4 including bonus points, plus points scored in the Final will determine the overall placing. Athletes who have qualified but do not complete in the final will not be ineligible for the overall series awards.
4. For U13, U15 and U17 athletes to be eligible for overall series awards, they must compete in two of the four races being held in Milton Keynes, Liverpool, Cardiff and Antrim to qualify to run in the final. Each athlete's best two scores from races 1-4 including bonus points, plus points scored in the final will determine the overall placing. Athletes who have qualified but do not compete in the Final will not be eligible for the overall series awards.
5. If two or more athletes have the same points total after the Final, their overall Cross Challenge positions will be decided by their placing in the Final.
6. Athletes without UK passports must fulfil four criteria:
 - a. They must be first claim members of a UK Club.
 - b. They must have been resident in the UK for at least two years.
 - c. They must be in the process of applying for a UK passport.
 - d. They must be available for Great Britain and N Ireland team selection.

Awards & Payments

1. Prize Money is awarded to the first four Seniors and the first four Juniors at races 1, 2, 3 and 4. Payment will be made BACS transfer from UK Athletics or by cheque within 60 days of receipt of the Prize Voucher from the relevant athlete, who must provide their address when returning their completed voucher. Completed Vouchers may be sent by e-mail to UK Athletics.
2. Overall Series awards for Senior and Junior athletes will be paid in accordance with the published prize list. These awards will be posted by UK Athletics within 60 days of receipt of the relevant prize voucher. Any prize voucher received by UK Athletics more than 60 days after the final on 11th March 2017, will be declared void and the recipient will relinquish any entitlement to the said award.
3. Awards will be awarded to the first four athletes in each of the U13, U15 and U17 age groups at races 1, 2, 3 and 4, together with British Athletics Cross Challenge Medals to the first three athletes in each age group. Prizes and Medals will be presented on the day.
3. Overall Series awards will be presented to the first four athletes in each of the U13, U15, and U17 age group, while British Athletics Cross Challenge Trophies will be awarded to the first three athletes in each age group. These awards will be presented to the athlete on the day, or posted to the athlete by UK Athletics after the final on 11th March 2017.

Age Groups

1. All Junior and Senior events in the Series must be run according to IAAF age groups. In particular, this is relevant to Junior athletes, who will compete according to IAAF eligibility. This means for example, that where an athlete is 20 at any point in the year of competition, he or she must compete in the Senior events.
2. Athletes who are IAAF Juniors in 2016, but become Senior's in 2017, are eligible to compete in Junior races in 2016 and win any awards due. However, they will not be eligible for the overall series awards offered to Juniors at the Final on 11th March 2017.
3. Athletes who are IAAF Juniors in 2016, but become seniors in 2017, may compete in Senior races in 2016 if they so choose, and would therefore remain eligible for overall Senior Awards at the final on 11th March 2017.

Championship Races

1. The European Trials for Senior, Under 23 and Junior athletes, will be incorporated into the British Athletics Cross Challenge event in Liverpool on the 26th November 2016.
2. The British Athletics World Trials for Junior athletes, will be incorporated with the UK Inter Counties Championships and British Athletics Cross Challenge Final on the 11th March 2017.
3. No individual race awards will be awarded at Race 5, the British Athletics Cross Challenge Final. Races in the Final serve to decide the overall positions in the British Athletics Cross Challenge Series, with double points being awarded in all relevant age categories.
3. UK Championship Medals will be awarded to the first three athletes in each of the Junior and Senior Men's and Women's races in the Final on the 11th March 2017.