

The following are requirements for entry into Welsh championships and items (a) to (d) **must** appear on entry forms.

- a. **BIRTH** - the athlete having been born in Wales.
- b. **PARENTAGE** - one or both parents having been born in Wales. When claiming eligibility through parentage the applicant must send to the office, the **ORIGINAL** birth certificates of both the parent who was born in Wales and of themselves (**PHOTOCOPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**). These certificates should be the older style certificate showing the relationship between the applicant and the mother / father. Certificates will, of course, be returned.
- c. **RESIDENCE** - a minimum of 2 years continuous residence in Wales immediately prior to the event to be competed in. This criterion only applies once the WA office has been advised with authenticated proof (i.e. current utility bills) and the athlete concerned has received correspondence confirming this fact.
- d. **RETENTION** - Athletes who compete for Wales at full senior International level under the residence qualification retain their Welsh eligibility, regardless of residence, until such time as they compete for another country (but not another area).
- e. **CLOSING DATE** - The closing date for entries to the Welsh Championships is seven (7) days prior to the date of this event.
- e. **REGISTRATION** – entry to Welsh championships is open only to athletes who are currently members of the Welsh Athletics registration scheme. (The membership period for each year is 1st April to the following 31st March).
- f. **CHANGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Athletes that have competed for another Country within the previous year (twelve months) of the date of a Welsh championship event are ineligible. An athlete that wishes to compete for Wales, having previously competed for another Country, must (i) send a letter stating this fact to his/her former National Body, notifying them of his/her intention to change allegiance to Wales and (ii) send a copy of the letter outlined in (i) to the Welsh Athletics Ltd. office and in a separate letter formally asking for a change of allegiance, give details of his/her qualification for Wales (residence, parentage etc.). The athlete becomes a Welsh qualified athlete on receipt of written notification of such from the Welsh Athletics office.