

Rules Advisory Group update on Age Group Consultation

Further to a request from the Home Country Athletic Federations (England Athletics, Scottish Athletics, Welsh Athletics and Athletics Northern Ireland), supported by the UK Members Council, the UKA Rules Advisory Group conducted an extensive survey of clubs and competition providers across the sport to establish views on the pros and cons of bringing UK age groups in line with those in place globally under IAAF rules.

The consultation elicited a healthy response from members and clubs across the country. It was clear that the two principle issues causing concern with any change to the Age Groups were:-

the impact on the Cross Country Season (with a change of year happening on 1st Jan)

- i) potential impact on schools athletics – especially competitions organised by English Schools Athletics Association. That concern relates to different cut off points for school years and possible impact of different hurdle heights and implement weights.

It was clear from the responses received that the majority were not in favour of adopting IAAF Age Groups, and consequently the Rules Advisory Group will not be recommending any change in the current Age Groups to the Board of UK Athletics as part of the proposed amendments to the 2016-18 Rule Book.

The Rules Advisory Group would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed to the consultation process.

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