

Scottish Athletics Limited

Road Running and Cross Country Commission

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2026 at 1730 hrs. via Zoom.

Present:

Mike Johnston (Chair), Dave Cairns, Ted Finch, Sandra Hardacre, Alex Jackson, Alasdhair Love, Angela Mudge, Sharon Taylor, Ron Morrison, John Mackay, Hamish Hickey, Gary Woods, Colin Hutchison, Dave Hanlon, John Newsom

(1) Chairman's Welcome, Apologies and Opening Remarks

Apologies – None

MJ welcomed all to the Commission Meeting, to Hamish Hickey who has joined Commission as Athlete Rep. and to Gary Woods who has been seconded on to the Commission (will be discussed later under Terms of Reference).

(2) Papers Circulated:

- (1) Minutes of previous meeting of 10th November 2025
- (2) Endurance Fixture List – Season 2026/2027
- (3) Endurance Officials Report
- (4) Draft Minutes of East, North and West District Committees

Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes were agreed as accurate by the meeting.

(3) Actions agreed and continued:

- **RRCC23/02 – Age Group Change Update -**
No further update for this meeting. Further update will be given in the May Meeting for the XC Season.

(4) Scottish Eligibility Rules:

This is complete and now on the archive.

The archive has been moved to a different Server – The Medallists and Championship Results Archive can be found at - <https://www.salxcrr.uk/Archive/index.html>

The commission News, Rules and Minutes Pages can be found at - <https://www.salxcrr.uk/index.html>

(5) Championship Event Applications:

Nothing to report.

(6) Events Completed and to Come:

Completed

6.12.25 –

East District XC Championships – everything went well but may have to look at bringing races forward by 10 minutes.

North District XC Championships – everything went well.

West District XC Championships – Require more marshals and there was a problem with parking.

10.1.26 –

Inter District XC Championships – Glasgow – went well. Most Team Medals were presented on Podium (apart from Seniors). This is a change that all felt was worth making.

District tents being nearer to the start area improved team management organisation and medal presentation.

Spiking incident – Accident Report fed back to UKA.

31.1.26 –

Masters XC Championships – Tollcross Park, Glasgow – most medals handed out on day. Small marshalling issue which was dealt with by Referee.

Prior to this Championship we were asked questions about M65+ Team Medals – have looked at previous years – 2025 1 Team, 2024 2 Teams finished. This year 4 teams finished. Agreed for next year 1 team medal would be given to M65+

To Come

21.2.26 – National XC Championships – Callendar Park, Falkirk - grass cut has been done on golf course. Following up on last year's debrief, the finishing route will be split into two separate channels over the last 300m of the lap. Signage and experienced marshal will split the athletes into finishers and those that have a further lap(s) to complete. Two shift system for marshals – 24 names on marshal rota - need around 40.

15.3.26 –

YARR Championships – Battery Park, Greenock – AL has spoken with Gerry Gaffney, Gerry is applying for Course Measurement Certificate.

21.3.26 –

6/4 Stage Road Relays – Livingston – Most of building work at top end of course is coming to a close.

Issue with athletes (mainly Senior Men) warming up on start/finish straight. This is particularly bad just when the Women's race is about to start.

Information will be put in the Event Information telling athletes to refrain from this sort of behaviour.

(7) Inter District:

(1) Future of U20 athletes from Season 2026/27:

Future of U20 athletes taking part, with a view to age-group change in this cohort. It was noted we are regularly asked why there are no U20 teams in this race.

There was a discussion on the feasibility and relevance of introducing U20 teams. Various options were considered. MJ to produce a discussion paper for the next meeting to review the U20 stats and summarise the various proposals. MJ also undertook to open discussions with SSS about potential effects on University Teams.

(2) UK Challenge Update:

AM reported that there is a move to a maximum of 4 challenges, but we are still unaware of potential target events for 2026/27 and the future of the Inter Counties.

(8) Early look at Fixtures for 2026/2027:

Early part of the season is very much like Season 2025/2026.

We have now had a further fixture update with more changes post Christmas 2026. Based on these we should plan as normal for 2026/27 – where possible, in line with the yearbook outline.

BUCS likely to be Week 4 and UK Champs / Celtics Week 6.

CH let the meeting know that there are proposals to re-establish a UK Cross Country Management Group that would hopefully overcome some of the fixture issues that have caused confusion in the last 12 months.

Feels like we should be planning to go for our normal dates for next season.

MJ reported that there is a strong possibility that a Scottish University may bid for the BUCS XC for 2027. MJ will open discussions with SSS to see what assistance they may require. TF to provide contact details.

Inter District in 2027 will be held at Alexandra Park, Glasgow.

Masters XC Championships – possibility of Metro Aberdeen hosting this meeting.

National XC – Falkirk.

(9) Commission Terms of Reference:

These have been approved by the Board and are now on the archive. Recommendation that certain positions are held for 8 years only. Two people on the commission fall into this 8 year category - Alex Jackson & Dave Cairns. Gary Woods will take over the role of Championship convenor from Alex Jackson and Margaret-Ann MacLachlan will take over

the role of Head of Endurance Officials (MAM has to complete some other official duties and then is happy to take on this role).

Propose to co-opt GW onto Commission and will invite MAM to the May meeting but may be the August meeting before she can attend.

From August GW & MAM will take on relevant roles and we will use the 12 month transition period and co-opt AJ & DC back onto Commission to facilitate the changeover.

(10) Chip Timing Review:

This will be going out to tender soon – MJ, AJ, AL, & SH will sit on sub-committee for this.

(11) Endurance Officials Report:

Final document for L2 & L3 marking sent off for approval.

(12) Date of Next Meetings:

The next meeting will be on Monday 11th May 2026 at 5.30 pm.

The following meeting will be held on Monday 3rd August, 2026 at 5.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 6.55 pm – with thanks to all for attending.