

## **British Athletics Mountain Running Advisory Group 2018-19**

The British Athletics (BA) Mountain Running Advisory Group (MRAG) has been established to provide advice and guidance to BA on matters regarding the international side of the sport, including and not limited to, having as its focus the optimum development of, and support for, mountain running and mountain runners in the UK.

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Committee will have responsibility for:

1. advising BA and the Home Countries on matters relating to the development of international mountain running as defined by the IAAF, at senior and junior level
2. ensuring that GB & NI is represented by the best possible and best prepared mountain running team at all designated international events
3. drawing up the selection criteria for all mountain running events where a GB & NI team takes part
4. making selection recommendations for all international mountain running events to the BA Board for endorsement
5. ensuring that trial races are held for all key international events and that the timing of such, the location, organisation, and terrain profile are all optimal
6. making team management recommendations to BA
7. drawing up and reviewing as appropriate, team management guidelines
8. ensuring that post event feedback from management officials as well as athletes is obtained after each event at which a GB & NI team competes
9. making recommendations to BA regarding the development support provided to international mountain runners
10. making recommendations for the optimal development and organisation of age group mountain running and runners in the UK and via a standing sub-committee, ensuring appropriate liaison with the Home Countries
11. advising BA of any proposed rule changes as put forward by the WMRA, IAAF or EAU, and making recommendations based on such
12. advising BA regarding domestic fellrunning championships, and via a standing sub-committee, co-ordinating the implementation of recommendations

### **The Advisory Group must:**

- report regularly to BA Head of Competitions/Endurance Technical Lead
- follow policy as identified by the Board

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the Advisory Group will be determined by the Board and Senior Management of British Athletics. Invitees will be identified on the basis of:

- their international and national involvement in the delivery and management of the sport of mountain running, as defined by IAAF

- their understanding of national and international level mountain running and related performance trends
- ensuring that there is full home country representation – members are however invited as individuals, not ‘home country places’ which can be substituted
- there being separation of roles between membership of the Advisory Group and team management, other than the MRAG Chair who acts as team leader for international events

With the approval of the Board the BA Advisory Group may:-

1. co-opt members at appropriate times to take advantage of specific experience and expertise
2. form sub-committees or working groups with suitable delegated powers for specific areas of development ie trial races.

### **Standing Sub-Committee for junior (U20) mountain running**

The sub- committee for junior mountain running will:

- be chaired by a representative with specific expertise in junior mountain running
- provide an update report for MRAG meetings as required
- have responsibility for making recommendations to the MRAG regarding the rules and regulations for junior mountain races and advising BA/MRAG of the impact of any proposed domestic rule changes
- liaising with and advising the Home Countries regarding matters related to junior mountain running
- advising the MRAG on matters relating to the development of junior mountain running
- have responsibility for making recommendations to the MRAG regarding the organisation, location, format and profile of the Junior Home Countries International (when not held in conjunction with the Home Countries International)

### **Standing Sub-Committee for domestic fell running championships**

The sub- committee for domestic fell running championships will:

- be chaired by a representative with specific knowledge of domestic fellrunning
- provide an update report for MRAG meetings as required
- have responsibility for making recommendations to the MRAG regarding the organisation, location, format and profile of all BA fell running championship events; these include:
  - the BA British Relay Championship
  - The BA British Fell Running Championships
- on behalf of BA co-ordinate the implementation of all agreed recommendations and decisions regarding domestic fell running championships
- advising the MRAG on matters relating to the development of domestic fell running
- advising BA/MRAG of the impact of any proposed domestic rule changes and making recommendations based on such

## **2018 MRAG Membership**

### **MRAG**

Chair	- Anne Buckley
English representative	- Duncan Richards
Scottish representative	- Angela Mudge
Welsh representative	- Arwel Lewis
Northern Irish representative	- Ian Taylor
Member with junior responsibility	- Sharon Hudson
FRA/fellrunning representative (non-voting for selection purposes)	- Andy Watts
Independent/Statistician	- Ian Hartman

### **Standing Sub-Committee for junior (U20) mountain running**

Chair	- Sharon Hudson
Member	- Neil Wilkinson
Member	- Chris Jones
Member	- Ian Cooke
Member	- Steve Brooks

### **Standing Sub-Committee for domestic fell running championships**

Ian Hartman  
Helen Berry  
Judith Jepson