

Youth Development League 2019 – Upper Age Groups U17 & U20

TEAM AVON

Dear Athlete,

The Youth Development League Upper Age Group is an inter-club team competition for U17 and U20 athletes, though U17 athletes can also take part as U20s.

Four clubs within the Avon area (Bristol & West, Mendip, Team Bath, and Yate & District) have joined together to form a composite team called **TEAM AVON**.

Last season, we were division winners and we reached the **NATIONAL FINAL at Bedford**.

In an outstanding performance, we came 4th in the United Kingdom with many athletes achieving PBs and winning medals.

We want to repeat that performance again and INVITE YOU TAKE PART.

Team Avon will compete against the following teams: Cardiff AC, Cardiff Archers AC, Team DC (Devon & Cornwall), Swansea Harriers, and West Wales.

Athletes must be first claim members of their clubs to be eligible to compete for Team Avon.

The three league matches for 2019 are as follows:

5th MAY – SWANSEA

26th MAY – EXETER

30th JUNE – CARDIFF

PREMIER MIDLANDS REGIONAL FINAL 28th July – YATE.

Plus the National Final on 8th September (if we do well enough) and a chance to compete in Europe.

We believe that we can certainly make the area final. We have the athletic talent in Avon to win our division but we must have the commitment of you as athletes and the support of your coaches and parents to prioritise this league over other events. You have to compete in one of the league matches to be considered for the regional and national finals.

TEAM SELECTION: Lesley Nunn (women) & Sandra Woodman (men) select the team two weeks in advance of the competition. The top two ranked athletes are selected to score but there is some opportunity to compete as a guest as well.

It is VITAL that you complete the availability form and return it with your current PBs for your preferred events. We cannot select you if you do not tell us when you are available.

Team selections will be published by email, and athletes are expected to confirm receipt to the Team Managers.

Our first match is at Swansea so we want to get off to a good start. We will travel by coach to Match 1.

Please make sure you return your availability form in good time to be considered for team selection.

We are looking forward to a very successful 2019!

Best wishes,

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