

Affiliation and Registration 2016/17

I am often getting asked about affiliation and registration so I will attempt to explain them here. The first point to note is that they are not the same thing!

Due to the proximity of Oswestry to the England/ Wales border, Oswestry Olympians Athletic and Triathlon Club are able to affiliate with both England Athletics and Welsh Athletics. For further details of club affiliation/ registration please see the respective websites, links below.

England Athletics

<http://www.englandathletics.org/england-athletics/more-information-for-athletes>

Welsh Athletics

<http://www.welshathletics.org/news--media/news/news-area/2016/feb-2016/athlete-registration-fees-2016--2017.aspx>

As we affiliate with both Welsh Athletics and England Athletics, members are able to register and therefore get a competition licence with either body. However to register with Welsh Athletics you need to either reside in Wales or have a Welsh parent. You cannot register without being a member of an affiliated club.

One of the main benefits of registration for members is the reduced entry fee to UK:A races. This is normally £2 but can be more. If the form asks for your number they are referring to your registration number (also referred to as licence number).

An example is the entry for the Cardiff half Marathon. If you are a member of Oswestry Olympians and registered with Welsh Athletics you only pay £25. If you are a member of Oswestry Olympians you would pay £34. If you are not a member of an affiliated club you would pay £37.

Non-affiliated: £37

Affiliated: £34

Welsh-registered: £25

The terms are still used interchangeable on many race entry forms. If the form asks for your UKA number, they are referring to your registration number with either Welsh Athletics or England Athletics.

Please bear in mind that there are certain competitions for which you must be registered with the appropriate body to enter. There are UK:A rules regarding Athletes ability to represent their county. I have a copy of the current rule book if required.

The registration year runs from 1 April to 31 March the following year. New members registering between January and March will be registered until 31 March the following year.

Please note that race organisers have to provide details who registered and non-registered competitors. Therefore it is vital that you enter races correctly. In addition more spot checks are being undertaken to ensure athletes have registered and have their competition license. Further information regarding this is available from the links above.