

## **RULE 21 S 6 UKA SUPPLEMENT**

### **COUNTY, DISTRICT AND AREA QUALIFICATIONS**

#### **(1) English County Qualification**

(i) County Championships are open to all eligible athletes possessing a County qualification.

(ii) A County qualification may be acquired as follows:

(a) By birth. For the purpose of determining place of birth for a competition qualification this may be either at the location of actual birth or at the domicile of the mother at the time of birth, if different. In the event that the different locations are in different Counties or Districts then the athletes may make an irrevocable selection for which County or District they wish to be eligible. Once an athlete has made a decision as to their County or District of birth this may not be changed

(b) By nine month's continuous bona fide residence in the County immediately prior to the competition.

(c) By service in a Unit of HM Forces stationed in the County for nine months immediately prior to the date of the competition. Temporary absence on duty shall not break a qualification acquired under this paragraph.

NOTE: Membership of a Club affiliated to a County Association does not, of itself, provide an athlete with a County qualification unless at least one of (a) – (c) is above is satisfied.

(iii) Competitors who have qualified and competed, under (1)(ii)(b) or (c) above retain that qualification until they have acquired a residential qualification and competed in the Championship of another County, or represented another County in an Inter-County Championship.

(iv) A student at school, college or university does not acquire a residential qualification by residence in the County during term time only (See also (x) below)

(v) An athlete who has competed in a County Championship (other than is allowed under (x) below) or represented a County in an Inter-County competition, may not compete in the Championships of, nor represent, another County in that Competition Year.

(vi) County Inter-Team (including relay) Championships are open to:

(a) Any Club affiliated to the County Association.

(b) Any Unit of HM Forces stationed in the County

(c) Any school, college or business house in the County NOTE: Every member of a team must hold a County qualification for that event as defined in (ii) above.

(vii) A County may at its discretion limit Team Championships to affiliated Clubs.

(viii) Athletes whose first claim Club is not affiliated to the County Association may compete for their second claim Club in a County Inter-Team Championship if they possess the necessary County qualification.

(ix) A Club may affiliate to more than one County.

(x) A County may at its discretion relax the qualification in the case of athletes in term-time residence at a school, college or university within its boundaries, but competition in any such events shall not be deemed to have established a County qualification for any inter-county competition. This discretion is not extended to include athletes of any age attending only as day students at the institution concerned.

(xi) Where County boundaries are changed by law, affecting the place of birth or residence of an athlete, thereby moving it from County A to County B the following shall apply:

(a) if athletes have already competed for County A, or in the Championships of County A, under (ii) above, they shall retain the existing birth or residential qualification unless notice is given in writing to the Honorary Secretary of County A that they wish henceforth to be qualified for County B.

(b) if athletes have not competed for County A or in the Championship of County A under (ii) above, the place of birth shall be deemed to have been in County B and any period of residence in County A to have been in County B.

(xii) Competitors in an Inter-County Championship must possess a County qualification under (ii) above for the County they represent.

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