

Dyfed Schools and the Welsh schools Athletics Championships

I was Honorary Secretary of Dyfed Schools AA from 1996 until 2019 and during that period helped to organise all the Dyfed schools championships as well manage the Dyfed teams at the Welsh schools athletics and cross country championships.

It has been a pleasure to research the performances of the Dyfed schools teams from 1980 onwards.

The first Welsh schools athletics championships were held in 1947 and the Welsh schools championships have been held in Carmarthen in 1949,1967, 1992 and 2000.

RESULTS OF THE WELSH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS SINCE 1980 AND IN PARTICULAR THE PERIOD BETWEEN 2004 AND 2020

1. Dyfed schools won the overall Welsh schools inter district team cup (Presidents Cup) on 28 occasions.
2. Won the Presidents Cup every year except on two occasions between 1986 and 2009.
3. Won the Presidents Cup every year between 1997 and 2009.
4. In the period 1980-2019 Dyfed won 114 individual age group cups.
5. In 1990,2001,2002 and 2005 Dyfed won 6 out 7 team cups to be won.
6. In 1988,1997, 1999,2004, 2006 and 2010 Dyfed won 5 out of the 7 team cups to be won.

Dyfed schools have an outstanding record in the Welsh Athletics Championships in the last 40 years

Many thanks to the athletes, parents, School PE teachers, club coaches, team coordinators and team managers for their contribution to the success of the Dyfed schools athletics teams over a long period of time.

Year and Venue	Results (Overall team, age group cups and individual gold medals)
1980	1 South Glamorgan Dyfed won 2 age group team cups - MB and SG
1981	1 South Glamorgan Dyfed won 2 age group team cups - MG and JG team cups
1982	1 South Glamorgan Dyfed won 2 age group team cups – MG and JB
1983	1 Dyfed overall team winners Dyfed won 4 age group team cups – SB; SG; MG and JB
1984	Championships not held
1985	1 South Glamorgan
1986	1 Dyfed overall team winners Dyfed won 2 age group cups – MG and SG
1987	1 South Glamorgan Dyfed won 1 age group cup – JB
1988	1 Dyfed overall team winners Won 4 out 6 age group team cups – JG, MB, SG and SB
1989	1 Dyfed overall team winners

	Dyfed won 3 age group team cups – MB: SG and SB
1990	1 Dyfed Dyfed won 5 out 6 age group team cups – JB, JG, MB, SG and SB
1991	1 Dyfed overall team winners Won 2 age group team cups- JG and SB
1992	1 Dyfed overall team winners Dyfed won 4 out of 6 age group team cups – JB, MB, MG and SB
1993	1 Dyfed overall team winners Won 3 age group team cups – MG, MB and SB
1994	1 Dyfed overall team winners Dyfed won 4 out 6 age group team cups – JG, JB, SG and SB
1995	1 Dyfed overall team winners Dyfed won 2 age group team cups – JB and SB
1996	1 Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Dyfed won 2 age group team cups – MG and MB
1997	1 Dyfed overall team winners Won 4 out of 6 age group team cups – MG, MB, SG, SB
1998	1 Dyfed overall team winners Won 3 age group team cups – JG; SG; SB
1999	1 Dyfed overall team winners Dyfed won 4 out of 6 age group cups MG; MB; SG and SB
2000	1 Dyfed overall team winners Dyfed won 4 out of 6 age group cups: MG, MB, SG and SB
2001	1 Dyfed overall team winners Dyfed won 5 out of 6 age group cups – JG; JB; MG; MB; SG
2002	1 Dyfed overall team winners Dyfed won 5 out of 6 age group team cups – JG; JB; MG; SG and SB
2003	1 Dyfed overall team winners Dyfed won 3 age group team cups – MG: MB and SG
2004	Dyfed won the overall inter district team championship by 85 points At Brecon 03/07/2004 1 Dyfed 556; 2 Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan 571; 3 Glamorgan Valleys 429; 4 Afan Nedd Tawe 398.5; 5 SE Wales 370; 6 NE Wales 316; 7 Eryri 310.5;8 Powys 272 Dyfed won 4 out of 6 age group team cups – JG, JB, SG and SB Dyfed athletes won a total of 69 medals - 30 gold, 25 silver and 14 bronze
2005	Dyfed won the overall inter district team championship by 70 points At Brecon 02/07/2005 1 Dyfed 583; 2 Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan 513; 3 Glamorgan Valleys; 4 SE Wales 340; 5 Eryri 327; 6 Afan Nedd Tawe 317; 7 Powys 273; 8 NE Wales 177 Dyfed won 5 out of 6 age group team cups – JG, JB, MG, SG and SB.2 nd in MB

	Dyfed athletes won a total of 65 medals – 24 gold,18 silver and 13 bronze
2006 At Brecon on 01/07/2006	Dyfed won the overall inter district team championship by 92.5 points 1 Dyfed 581; 2 Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan 488.5; 3 Glamorgan Valleys 440; 4 SE wales 359.5; 5 NE Wales 349.5; 6 Afan Nedd Tawe 321.5; 7 Eryri 312.5; 8 Powys 252.5 Dyfed won 4 of the 6 age group team cups Dyfed athletes won a total of 83 medals – 35 gold, 28 silver and 20 bronze medals
2007 At Brecon 07/07/2007	Dyfed second 13 points behind Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan 1 Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan 513; 2 Dyfed 500; 3 SE Wales 423; 4 NE Wales 353; 5 Afan Nedd Tawe 346; 6 Glamorgan Valleys 327; 7 Eryri 290; 8 Powys 225 Dyfed won 2 age group team cups – JG and MB Dyfed athletes won a total of 67 medals – 13 golds, 31silver and 23 bronze medals
2008 At Brecon 05/07/2008	Dyfed won the overall inter district schools by 62.5 points 1 Dyfed 526.5; 2 Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan 459; 3 SE Wales 375; 4 Glamorgan Valleys 360; 5 Afan Nedd Tawe 347; 6 NE Wales 345; 7 Eryri 315; 8 Powys 177.5 Dyfed won 3 age group team cups – MB: SG and SG Dyfed athletes won a total of 63 medals- 28 golds, 14 silver and 21 bronze medals
2009 At Cardiff 04/07/2009	Dyfed second 19 points behind Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan 1 Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan 542.5; 2 Dyfed 523.5; 3 SE Wales 401; 4 NE Wales 361; 5 Glamorgan Valleys 326; 6 Afan Nedd Tawe 309.5; 7 Eryri 214; 8 Powys 180 Dyfed won 3 age group team cups - JG: MB and SG Dyfed athletes won a total of 61 medals- 19 gold,24 silver and 18 bronze medals
2010 At Brecon 03/07/2010	Dyfed won the overall inter district team cup by 59 points 1 Dyfed 548.5; 2 Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan 489.5; 3 Afan Nedd Tawe 391; 4 SE Wales 387; 4 SE Wales 387;5 Glamorgan Valleys 332; 6 NE Wales 307.5; 7 Eryri 294; 8 Powys 195.5

	<p>Dyfed won 4 out of 6 age group cups – JG; MG; SG and SB</p> <p>Dyfed athletes won a total of 68 medals – 22 gold, 22 silver and 24 bronze medals</p>
<p>2011</p> <p>AT BRECON 02/07/2011</p>	<p>Dyfed won the overall inter district team cup by 84 points</p> <p>1 Dyfed 626; 2 Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan 542; 3 Afan Nedd Tawe 407; 4 Glamorgan Valleys 361; 5 SE Wales 285; 6 NE Wales 279; 7 Eryri 252; 8 Powys 210</p> <p>DYFED WON 3 AGE GROUP CUPS – MG, SG AND SB</p> <p>DYFED ATHLETES WON A TOTAL OF 77 MEDALS – 29 GOLD,31 SILVER AND 17 BRONZE MEDALS</p>
<p>2012</p> <p>AT BRECON 07/07/2012</p>	<p>Dyfed won the overall inter district team cup by 59 points</p> <p>1 Dyfed 563.5; 2 Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan 504.5; 3 Afan Nedd Tawe 459; 4 NE Wales 328.5; 5 Glamorgan Valleys 326.5; 6 SE Wales 319; 7 Eryri300; 8 Powys 275</p> <p>Dyfed won 2 age group team cups – JB and MG</p> <p>Dyfed athletes won a total of 60 medals – 21 gold, 22 silver and 17 bronze medals</p>
<p>2013</p> <p>At Cardiff 06/07/2013</p>	<p>Dyfed won the overall inter district team cup by 30 points</p> <p>1 Dyfed 553; 2 Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan 523; 3 Afan Nedd Tawe 402; 4 SE Wales 325; 5 Glamorgan Valleys 318; 6 Eryri 320; 7 Powys 271; NE Wales 253</p> <p>Dyfed won 1 age group cup- SG</p> <p>Dyfed athletes won a total of 57 medals- 20 gold, 19 silver and 18 bronze medals</p>
<p>2014</p> <p>At Cardiff 05/07/2014</p>	<p>Dyfed schools second to Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Schools</p> <p>1 Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan 560; 2 Dyfed 535; 3 Afan Nedd Tawe 489; 4 SE Wales 336.5; 5 NE Wales 312; 6 Glamorgan Valleys 311.5; 7 Eryri 262; 8 Powys 250</p> <p>Dyfed won 2 age group cups – MG ang SG</p> <p>Dyfed athletes won a total of 60 medals – 13 gold,20 silver and 27 bronze medals</p>
<p>2015</p> <p>At Cardiff 04/07/2015</p>	<p>Dyfed won the overall inter district team cup by 4 points</p>

	<p>1 Dyfed 576; 2 Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan 572; 3 Afan Nedd Tawe 466; 4 Glamorgan Valleys 367; 5 Eryri 314.5; 6 NE Wales 298; 7 SE Wales 272; 8 Powys 235.5</p> <p>Dyfed won 2 age group cups – MG and SG</p> <p>Dyfed athletes won a total of 59 medals – 17 gold, 12 silver and 30 bronze medals</p>
<p>2016</p> <p>At Cardiff 02/07/2016</p>	<p>Dyfed won the overall inter district team cup by 4.5 points</p> <p>1 Dyfed 555.5; 2 Afan Nedd Tawe 551; Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan 526.5; 4 Glamorgan Valleys 359; 5 SE Wales 340; 6 Eryri 244.5; 7 Powys 227; 8 NE Wales 213.5</p> <p>Dyfed won 2 age group cups – JB and SG</p> <p>Dyfed athletes won a total of 75 medals, 21 gold, 15 silver and 39 bronze medals</p>
<p>2017</p> <p>AT CARDIFF</p> <p>01/07/2017</p>	<p>Dyfed won the overall inter district team cup by 18.5 points</p> <p>1 Dyfed 529; 2 Afan Nedd Tawe 511.5; 3 Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan 471; 4 SE Wales 311.5; 5 Glamorgan Valleys 309; 6 Eryri 244; 7 NE Wales 233; 8 Powys 225</p> <p>Dyfed won 2 age group cups – SG and SB</p> <p>Dyfed athletes won a total of 65 medals – 15 gold, 9 silver and 21 bronze medals</p>
<p>2018</p> <p>At Cardiff 07/07/2018</p>	<p>Dyfed in third place 36 points behind the winners Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Schools</p> <p>1 Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan 578; 2 Afan Nedd Tawe 558; 3 Dyfed 542; 4 Glamorgan Valleys 373; 5 SE Wales 341; 6 Eryri 314; 7 Powys 238; 8 NE Wales 227</p> <p>Dyfed won 3 age group cups- JG: MB and SG</p> <p>Dyfed athletes won a total of 69 medals, 28 gold, 28 silver and 11 bronze medals</p>
<p>2019</p> <p>At Cardiff 0/07/2019</p>	<p>Dyfed second to Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Schools</p> <p>1 Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan 611.5; 2 Dyfed 513; 3 Afan Nedd Tawe 490; 4 SE Wales 365; 5 Glamorgan Valleys 296.5; 5 Powys 278; 7 Eryri 248; 8 NE Wales 238</p> <p>Dyfed won 2 age group cups – junior girls and junior boys</p> <p>Dyfed athletes won a total of 62 medals – 29 gold, 15 silver and 18 bronze medals</p>

2020	Welsh schools athletics championship not held (covid 19 pandemic)
2021	Welsh schools athletics championship trials for Y10/11 pupils held at Brecon on 3 July 2021. Dyfed schools athletes did well winning 12 events and those athletes qualified to compete for the Welsh schools in the SIAB schools athletics international in Brecon on 25 September 2021

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