



Munster Schools Athletic Association

Munster Schools Competition Byes

Procedure

Application for Bye into Munster competition:

Letter from Athlete's School → Regional Secretary → Munster Secretary → Consultation with Munster Schools Athletics Board → Decision to Athlete's School.

If Bye is granted, athlete will be included in Munster competition programme.

Application for Bye into National competition:

Letter from Athlete's School → Munster Secretary → Consultation with applicable Regional Secretary & Munster Schools Athletics Board → Decision to Athlete's School.

If Bye is granted, Munster Secretary will communicate decision to the Irish Schools Administration Director & the athlete will be included in Irish Schools competition programme.

Byes WILL be considered in relation to the following exceptional circumstances:

1. **Bereavement** of a family member.
2. **Injury:** Letter from applicable Doctor/Physiotherapist/Consultant required
3. **Illness:** Letter from School required
4. If an athlete is taking part in **another representative sport at a similar or higher level** on the same day – Letter from Coach/applicable Sporting Body required
5. **Exams (State only):** Letter from School required

Byes will NOT be granted:

- For Pre-Exams for Junior/Leaving Cert. Students have to make a choice between exam & competition.
- If an athlete opts to compete in an alternative athletics competition on the same day.

Requirements

All letters of application for a Bye must be on School Headed Notepaper & signed by the teacher in charge of athletics & either the Principal or Deputy Principal. Letters may be e-mailed to the Munster Schools Secretary at info@munsterschoolsathletics.org with the original to follow by post (Address: Aisling Hoey, Ballyduff Road, Two Mile Borris, Thurles, Co. Tipperary). Letters from appropriate medical adviser/sporting body must also accompany School letter if applying for a bye under 2 & 4 above.



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Bye Deadline: All Byes (exception bereavement/sudden illness) have to be made **at least 72 hours** before the actual competition.

For each competition, once the deadline for receipt of Byes has passed, all applications will be dealt with in block & the outcome of **ALL** appeals will be announced together.

Replacements: For all non laned events (ie events exceeding 400m) & Field Events, replacements shall be made from region first & then on standby thereafter.

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