

ESAA – STAFFORDSHIRE ROLL OF HONOUR

The *Staffordshire Schools' Athletics Association* was formed in 1929.

Its first County Championships were held on 29th June, 1930 at Stoke City FC's Victoria Ground with 30 Elementary Schools taking part. The Boys Championship was won by Stoke St. Peters Church School and the Girls Championship by Smallthorne Council School.

Following the event an 8-person team was selected to compete for the first time in the 1930 ESAA Championship.

It was 1950 before Staffordshire had its first ESAA Champion when Neville Aston won the Intermediate discus throw title.

OLYMPIC GAMES MEDALLISTS

Tessa Sanderson	1984 Javelin Throw Gold 1970 J JT-3, 1972 I JT-1, 1973 S JT-1
Peter Radford	1960 100m Bronze and 4 x 100m Bronze 1955 I 100y-1, 1957 S 100y-1
Garry Cook (also West Midlands)	1984 4 x 400m Silver 1974 I 800m-2

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLIST

Ashleigh Nelson	2013 4 x 100m Bronze, 2019 4 x 100m Silver 2004 J 100m-1, 2005 J 100m-1, 2006 I 100m -1
Garry Cook (also West Midlands)	1983 4 x 400m Bronze 1974 I 800m-2

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALLISTS

Rosemary Stirling	1969 4 x 400m Gold, 1971 800m Bronze 1965 I 880y-2, 1966 S 880y-1
Tessa Sanderson	1978 Javelin Throw Silver 1970 J JT-3, 1972 I JT-1, 1973 S JT-1
Ashleigh Nelson	2014 100m Bronze and 4 x 100m Gold 2004 J 100m-1, 2005 J 100m-1, 2006 I 100m -1
Jazmin Sawyers	2016 Long Jump Silver, 2022 Long Jump Bronze 2007 J HJ-2, 2007 J PEN-2, 2008 J LJ-1, 2008 J PEN-1, 2009 I LJ-1, 2009 I PEN-1
Peter Radford	1958 100m Bronze and 4 x 100m Silver

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1955 I 100y-1, 1957 S 100y-1

Glen Cohen 1974 4 x 400m Gold
1972 S 400m-2

Garry Cook 1982 4 x 400m Silver
(also West Midlands) 1974 I 800m-2

COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEDALLISTS

Maureen Tranter 1966 4 x 110y Silver
1962 J 150y-1

Rosemary Stirling (SCO) 1970 800m Gold
1965 I 880y-2, 1966 S 880y-1

Verona Bernard (later Elder) 1974 and 1978 400m Silver, 1974 and 1978 4 x 400m Gold
1968 I 100y-s-4

Tessa Sanderson 1978, 1986 and 1990 Javelin Throw Gold
1970 J JT-3, 1972 I JT-1, 1973 S JT-1

Ashleigh Nelson 2014 4 x 100m Bronze
2004 J 100m-1, 2005 J 100m-1, 2006 I 100m -1

Jazmin Sawyers 2014 Long Jump Silver and 2026 Long Jump Gold
2007 J HJ-2, 2007 J PEN-2, 2008 J LJ-1, 2008 J PEN-1, 2009 I LJ-1, 2009 I PEN-1

Peter Radford 1958 4 x 110y Gold, 1962 4 x 110y Gold
1955 I 100y-1, 1957 S 100y-1

Garry Cook 1982 4 x 400m Gold
(also West Midlands) 1974 I 800m-2

Mark Holtom 1982 110m Hurdles Silver
1974 I 100mH, 1976 S 110mH-2, 1977 S 110mH-1

Steven Lewis 2006 Pole Vault Bronze, 2010 Pole Vault Silver, 2014 Pole Vault Gold
2000 I PV-1, 2002 I PV-1

Ashleigh Nelson (2022 4 x 100m Gold) ran in the relay heat but not in the final.

BRITISH CHAMPIONS

Verona Bernard (later Elder) 1972, 1976 and 1977 400m
1968 I 100y-s-4

Tessa Sanderson 1975-77, 1979-80, 1985, 1989-90, 1992 and 1996 Javelin Throw
1970 J JT-3, 1972 I JT-1, 1973 S JT-1

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Keri Maddox	1997 400m Hurdles, 1998-99 100m Hurdles, 2000 400m Hurdles 1986 J 200m-2, 1988 I 400mH-1, 1989 and 1990 S 100mH-1
Ashleigh Nelson	2012 100m 2004 J 100m-1, 2005 J 100m-1, 2006 I 100m -1
Jazmin Sawyers	2016, 2020-21, 2023 and 2025 Long Jump 2007 J HJ-2, 2007 J PEN-2, 2008 J LJ-1, 2008 J PEN-1, 2009 I LJ-1, 2009 I PEN-1
Peter Radford	1959 and 1960 100y 1955 I 100y-1, 1957 S 100y-1
Mark Holtom	1979 and 1982 110m Hurdles 1974 I 100mH, 1976 S 110mH-2, 1977 S 110mH-1
Spencer Duval (also Somerset)	1995 and 1997 3000m Steeplechase 1984 J CC-1, 1985 I 1500ST-2, 1986 I CC-1 and 1500m ST-1, 1989 S 2000m ST-1
Steve Hollier	2002 and 2003 5k Walk 1994 S 5k Walk-1
Steven Lewis	2006-08, 2011-12 and 2014-15 Pole Vault 2000 I PV-1, 2002 I PV-1
Ben Williams	2017, 2019 and 2021-22 Triple Jump 2008 I TJ-1, 2010 S TJ-2

Notes regarding the athlete details shown above :

An entry for each athlete begins with a line (or lines) detailing their Major Championship medal win(s) or their British Championship title win(s). This is followed by a line (or lines) listing their ESAA Championship medal winning performance(s), or showing a non-medal winning performance, in the abbreviated format – *yyyy a eeee p* where :

yyyy Championship Year

a Age Group (I – Intermediate, J – Junior, S – Senior, pre-1948 the age groups were Under-14 (U14) and Under-16 (U16))

eeee Event

p Place achieved (note an ‘h-’ indicates the performance was in a heat, ‘r-’ in a preliminary round and ‘s’ in a semi-final)

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ESAA GIRLS CHAMPIONS

1954	I	JT	Monica Podmore	1995	J	1500m	Emma Ward
1954	S	JT	Phyllis Hancock	1995	S	100m	Rebecca Drummond
1955	J	JT	Dorothy Skellam	1996	J	100m	Rachel Redmond
1955	S	JT	Monica Podmore	1996	J	1500m	Emma Ward
1956	I	JT	Dorothy Skellam	1996	J	800m	Nikki Daniels
1956	S	JT	Monica Podmore	1996	S	100m	Rebecca Drummond
1957	J	70yH	Cynthia Kempson	1996	S	TJ	Jodie Hurst
1958	J	70yH	Cynthia Kempson	1997	J	PEN	Natalie Hulse
1959	I	80yH	Cynthia Kempson	1997	J	SP	Joanne Street
1962	J	150y	Maureen Tranter	1997	I	1500m	Emma Ward
1964	J	4x110y	Staffordshire	1998	I	1500m	Emma Ward
1965	J	80yH	Jane Matthews	1999	J	SP	Kylie West
1966	J	HJ	Jill Morrow	1999	S	1500m	Emma Ward
1966	S	880y	Rosemary Stirling	2000	S	1500m	Emma Ward
1969	J	CC	Margaret Cope	2002	S	200m	Katherine Jones
1970	J	200m	Gillian Spurgin	2003	J	SP	Liz Millward
1970	J	4x100m	Staffordshire	2003	S	200m	Katherine Jones
1971	J	100m	Linda Kais	2004	J	100m	Ashleigh Nelson
1971	J	200m	Gillian Spurgin	2004	J	200m	Jazmine Rowe
1971	I	DT	Erica Bali	2004	J	4x100m	Staffordshire
1972	J	CC	Helen Hill	2005	J	100m	Ashleigh Nelson
1972	I	JT	Tessa Sanderson	2005	J	4x100m	Staffordshire
1973	J	CC	Helen Hill	2005	J	LJ	Alice Lennox
1973	J	800m	Elizabeth Spurgin	2006	J	1500m	Katie Holt
1973	J	JT	Gillian Grey	2006	I	100m	Ashleigh Nelson
1973	I	DT	Vivienne Hindley	2006	I	200m	Jazmine Rowe
1973	S	JT	Tessa Sanderson	2006	S	800m	Emma Jackson
1974	J	HJ	Valerie Kelly	2006	S	SP	Liz Millward
1974	I	CC	Helen Hill	2007	J	CC	Katie Holt
1975	I	CC	Anne Tunnicliffe	2007	J	1500m	Katie Holt
1979	J	HJ	Claire Summerfield	2007	I	HEP	Alice Lennox
1981	J	SP	Terri Salt	2008	J	PEN	Jazmin Sawyers
1981	I	HJ	Claire Summerfield	2008	J	LJ	Jazmin Sawyers
1982	I	SP	Terri Salt	2009	I	HEP	Jazmin Sawyers
1982	S	HJ	Claire Summerfield	2009	I	LJ	Jazmin Sawyers
1983	I	SP	Terri Salt	2009	S	HEP	Alice Lennox
1987	I	DT	Charladee Clarke	2012	J	JT	Emma Hamplett
1988	J	LJ	Angela Littlehailes	2013	I	JT	Emma Hamplett
1988	I	400mH	Keri Maddox	2013	S	100mH	Olivia Walker
1989	S	100mH	Keri Maddox	2014	I	JT	Emma Hamplett
1990	I	80mH	Dawn Stewart	2016	J	HT	Phoebe Baggott
1990	S	100mH	Keri Maddox	2016	I	JT	Bethan Rees
1994	I	100m	Rebecca Drummond	2016	S	JT	Emma Hamplett

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ESAA GIRLS CHAMPIONS (cont'd)

2017	S	JT	Bethan Rees
2018	S	JT	Bethan Rees
2022	S	CC	Louise Hackett

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ESAA BOYS CHAMPIONS

1950	I	DT	Neville Aston	1974	I	100mH	Mark Holtom
1952	I	440y	Howard Smith	1974	I	800m	Malcolm Edwards
1953	I	LJ	John Rattenbury	1974	S	1500m	Steve Emson
1954	J	80yH	Alan Adlington	1976	J	DT	Francis Bacon
1954	I	DT	Jeremy Wright	1976	I	4x100m	Staffordshire
1954	I	JT	Alan Whiston	1976	S	110mH	Ian Ratcliffe
1955	I	100y	Peter Radford	1977	J	HJ	Paul Byrne
1955	I	220y	William Micklewright	1977	S	110mH	Mark Holtom
1957	J	80yH	John Mandley	1978	I	HJ	Paul Byrne
1957	S	100y	Peter Radford	1978	S	400mH	Mike Garmston
1958	S	120yH	Michael Fletcher	1979	I	1500m	Paul Potter
1960	J	CC	Bobby W. Brough	1979	S	400m	Melvin Fowell
1960	J	TJ	Stuart Ross	1980	S	1500m	Paul Black
1961	J	JT	Michael Wootton	1980	S	5000m	Raymond Ellerton
1962	J	SP	Andy Drzewiecki	1981	J	400m	Neil Hart
1962	I	LJ	Kendrick Jackson	1981	I	1500m	Clifton Bradeley
1963	J	PV	Roger Constantine	1981	S	2000mST	Nigel Reeves
1964	J	PV	Timothy Robinson	1981	S	400mH	Martin Briggs
1964	I	PV	Roger Constantine	1984	J	CC	Spencer Duval
1965	J	100y	Colin Holmes	1984	S	CC	Clifton Bradeley
1965	I	4x110y	Staffordshire	1984	S	1500m	Clifton Bradeley
1965	I	PV	Peter Rooke	1985	J	80mH	Robert Howes
1965	S	DT	Andy Drzewiecki	1985	I	DT	Guy Litherland
1966	S	220y	Ralph Banthorpe	1986	I	CC	Spencer Duval
1966	S	PV	Peter Rooke	1986	I	1500mST	Spencer Duval
1967	I	220y	Colin Holmes	1986	S	DT	Guy Litherland
1967	S	220y	Ralph Banthorpe	1987	J	CC	Gerard Russell
1967	S	DT	Andy Drzewiecki	1987	S	2000mST	Mark Wortley
1968	I	1000mST	Glenn Page	1987	S	400mH	Peter Campbell
1969	I	100m	Colin Nimmo	1988	J	200m	Stephen Buttler
1969	I	100mH	Lindsay Smith	1988	S	SP	Guy Litherland
1969	I	HJ	Bob Danville	1989	J	800m	Richard Warburton
1970	S	110mH	Peter Kelly	1989	S	CC	Spencer Duval
1970	S	4x100m	Staffordshire	1989	S	2000mST	Spencer Duval
1970	S	LJ	Stewart Atkins	1990	I	100mH	Richard Whalley
1971	J	DT	Geoffrey Hughes	1990	S	2000mST	Alistair O'Connor
1971	I	4x100m	Staffordshire	1992	I	HJ	Mark Latham
1971	I	DT	John Howell	1992	I	LJ	James Clawley
1971	I	PV	Martin Lewis	1992	S	SP	John Tyler
1972	I	100mH	Tony James	1993	S	HJ	Mark Latham
1972	S	DT	John Howell	1993	S	SP	John Tyler
1974	J	200m	Mike Garmston	1994	J	PEN	Marc Newton
1974	J	DT	Craig Cotterill	1994	S	5k Walk	Steve Hollier

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ESAA BOYS CHAMPIONS (cont'd)

1996	J	HT	Matthew Sutton	2003	J	PV	Andrew Marsh
1997	I	HT	Matthew Sutton	2003	I	100m	Alex Nelson
1997	I	SP	Lyndon Woodward	2003	I	PV	Alex Williams
1998	J	HT	Derrick Squire	2003	S	PV	Chris Tremayne
1998	J	PV	Alan Jervis	2004	J	PV	Andrew Marsh
1998	I	HT	Matthew Sutton	2004	I	DT	Elliot Price
1998	I	LJ	David Mountford	2004	I	PV	Alex Williams
1999	J	PV	Chris Tremayne	2005	I	DT	Elliot Price
1999	S	SP	Lyndon Woodward	2005	I	HJ	Daniel Nash
2000	J	100m	Jamie Gill	2005	I	JT	Alex Shepherd
2000	J	PV	Steven Lewis	2006	I	PV	Andrew Marsh
2000	I	SP	Derrick Squire	2007	S	DT	Elliot Price
2000	S	HT	Peter Field	2008	I	TJ	Ben Williams
2001	J	HJ	Alan Hassall	2009	J	80mH	James Taylor
2001	I	PV	Chris Tremayne	2009	I	800m	Tom Guy
2002	J	100m	Alex Nelson	2010	I	800m	Tom Guy
2002	J	PV	Alex Williams	2011	S	DT	Najee Fox
2002	J	SP	Brendan Hall	2013	J	800m	James Fradley
2002	I	PV	Steven Lewis	2014	I	SP	William Knight
2002	S	PV	Chris Tremayne	2015	S	DT	William Knight
2002	S	SP	Derrick Squire	2025	J	HT	Alfred Rushton

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SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS BOARD (SIAB)

The SIAB hold 2 annual international meetings for school athletes from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. These are for *Cross Country* and *Track and Field*. The *Indoor Pentathlon International* (commonly referred to as the *SIAB Indoor Pentathlon*) is actually organised by the *Scottish Schools' Athletic Association (SSAA)*.

A fourth championship, the *British Schools Indoor Athletics Championships* was also held from 1990 to 2000.

GIRLS WINNERS

1965	S	880y	Rosemary Stirling	2005	I	200m	Jazmine Rowe
1966	S	880y	Rosemary Stirling	2006	I	100m	Ashleigh Nelson
1973	S	JT	Tessa Sanderson	2006	I	200m	Jazmine Rowe
1974	I	CC	Helen Hill	2006	I	80mH	Chelsea Cooper
1981	I	HJ	Claire Summerfield	2006	J	CC	Katie Holt
1987	I	DT	Charladee Clarke	2007	U18	iPEN	Alice Lennox
1988	I	400mH (A)	Keri Maddox	2008	U16	iPEN	Jazmin Sawyers
1996	U16	i1500m	Emma Ward	2008	I	TJ	Gemma Smith
1997	I	1500m	Emma Ward	2009	U18	iPEN	Jazmin Sawyers
1997	U16	i1500m	Emma Ward	2013	I	JT	Emma Hamplett
1997	U16	i60m	Rachel Redmond	2014	I	JT	Emma Hamplett
1997	U16	iPEN	Natalie Hulse	2016	I	JT	Bethan Rees
1998	U16	iSP	Joanne Street				

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1965	S	DT	Andy Drzewiecki	1995	U16	iLJ	Marc Newton
1965	S	PV	Roger Constantine	1997	I	HT	Matthew Sutton
1966	S	220y	Ralph Banthorpe	1998	I	HT	Matthew Sutton
1967	S	DT	Andy Drzewiecki	1999	U16	iPV	Alan Jervis
1970	S	110mH	Peter Kelly	1999	I	PV	Alan Jervis
1972	S	400m	Glen Cohen	2000	U16	iPV	Chris Tremayne
1973	S	110mH (B)	Tony James	2000	I	SP	Derrick Squire
1974	I	800m	Malcolm Edwards	2001	I	PV	Chris Tremayne
1977	I	400mH (B)	Paul Goacher	2002	I	PV	Steven Lewis
1979	I	1500m	Paul Potter	2003	I	100m	Alex Nelson
1980	I	400mH (B)	Martin Briggs	2005	I	DT	Elliot Price
1985	I	DT	Guy Litherland	2005	I	HJ	Daniel Nash
1986	I	1500mST	Spencer Duval	2005	I	JT	Alex Shepherd
1986	I	CC	Spencer Duval	2006	I	PV	Andrew Marsh
1987	I	400mH (B)	Paul Thompson	2008	I	TJ	Ben Williams
1987	I	800m	Steven Glover	2010	I	800m	Tom Guy
1992	J	CC	Duncan Niblett				

Winning performances are shown in the abbreviated format *yyyy a eeee* where :

yyyy Championship Year

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a Age Group (I – Intermediate, J – Junior, S – Senior, Under-16 (U16), Over-16 (O16) and Under-18 (U18))

eeee Event (preceded by an 'i' indicates at an indoor meeting).

In some events in the 1970s and 1980s two races (A and B) were necessary because of a limited number of lanes at the venue. An '(A)' or '(B)' highlights where this was the case.

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WORLD JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - GIRLS

1990	Keri Maddox	100m Hurdles Silver
1994	Rebecca Drummond	4 x 100m Bronze
2008	Ashleigh Nelson	100m Silver
2012	Jazmin Sawyers	Long Jump Bronze

WORLD JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLIST - BOYS

2006	Alex Nelson	200m and 4 x 100m Bronze
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WORLD YOUTH / U18 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

2007	Ashleigh Nelson	100m Bronze
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WORLD YOUTH / U18 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

2003	Steve Lewis	Pole Vault Bronze
2005	Alex Nelson	100m Silver
2009	Ben Williams	Triple Jump Gold

EUROPEAN U23 MEDALLIST - GIRLS

2015	Jazmin Sawyers	Long Jump Silver
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EUROPEAN U23 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

2017	Kyle de Escofet	4 x 100m Silver
2021	Thomas Randolph	800m Bronze

EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - GIRLS

1991	Keri Maddox	100m Hurdles Gold
1991	Samantha Baker	100m Hurdles Bronze
1997	Rebecca Drummond	4 x 100m Silver
2001	Emma Ward	1500m Silver
2007	Ashleigh Nelson	4 x 100m Gold
2007	Emma Jackson	800m Silver
2013	Jazmin Sawyers	Long Jump Silver

EUROPEAN JUNIOR / U20 MEDALLISTS - BOYS

1973	Glen Cohen	4 x 400m Bronze
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1977	Mark Holtom	110m Hurdles Silver
1979	Melvin Fowell	400m Bronze
1981	Paul Davies-Hale	2000m Steeplechase Gold
1983	Martin Briggs	400m Hurdles Bronze
1989	Spencer Duval	3000m Steeplechase Silver
2005	Alex Nelson	100m Bronze
2007	Alex Nelson	200m Gold and 4 x 100m Silver
2011	Adam Cotton	1500m Gold
2019	Seamus Derbyshire	400m Hurdles Silver

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MULTI-SPORT ATHLETES

Many gifted young athletes who competed in the English Schools' Athletic Association (ESAA) Championships have become very successful in a wide variety of sports including Bobsleigh, Boxing, Cricket, Cycling, Darts, Football, Hockey, Modern Pentathlon, Netball, Powerlifting, Rowing, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Skeleton, Triathlon and Weightlifting.

Details follow of four Staffordshire ESAA competitors who went on to have a successful career in other sports :

BOBSLEIGH - ASHLEIGH NELSON

Ashleigh represented Staffordshire when becoming a 3-time ESAA 100m champion in 2004 to 2006. She went on to have a great athletics career winning relay medals in the World and European Championships and Commonwealth Games as well as the bronze medal in the 100m at the 2014 European Championships.

Ashleigh switched to bobsleigh in 2024. In 2025, partnered by another former ESAA champion, Adele Nicholl, she finished in 17th place in the 2025 World Championships.

In 2026 she finished in 15th place in the Olympic Games 2-woman bob again with Adele Nicholl as the pilot.

BOBSLEIGH – JOHN HOWELL

John represented Staffordshire when winning the 1971 ESAA Inter Discus Throw and the 1972 ESAA Senior Discus Throw titles. He then won the 1974 AAA Junior Decathlon title and the decathlon bronze in the 1978 AAA Championships. He also represented Great Britain several times in the decathlon.

In 1979 he began to train as a brakeman with the Great Britain bobsleigh team. A year later he won the British Championship and was selected for the 1980 Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid. There he finished 9th in the 2-man bob and 10th in the 4-man bob.

BOXING – NEVILLE BROWN

Neville represented Staffordshire when finishing second in the 1982 ESAA Intermediate Triple Jump. He was already a member of the Burton-on-Trent Amateur Boxing Club.

He won the Amateur Boxing Association (ABA) light-middleweight title in both 1987 and 1989. He also won a bronze in the European Amateur Boxing Championships in 1987.

Neville turned professional in November 1989 and went on to win the British Middleweight in 1993. He held the title till 1998 making 5 successful defences. He also unsuccessfully challenged for Commonwealth, European and World titles.

WEIGHTLIFTING – ANDY DRZEWEICKI

Andy represented Staffordshire when winning 3 ESAA Discus Throw titles including the 1965 and 1967 Senior ones.

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Andy switched to weightlifting and won the 1978 Commonwealth Games bronze medal in the heavyweight class. He also competed at the 1980 Olympic Games and finished 10th.

Incidentally Andy also finished third in the 1982 Britain's Strongest Man competition won by Geoff Capes.