

**Papers of the
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Counties
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Association**

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1898-1985

Records of the Midland Counties Cross-Country Association comprising minutes and meeting papers; correspondence; publications, including programmes; and race results. The earliest records in this collection can be dated to 1898, some 20 years after the Association's formation. The records are mostly complete from this date until 1969. There is also sparse coverage for the years 1969-1981 and there is no material dated after 1985.

These records are of interest to those studying amateur sports, athletics culture in the Midlands and cross-country racing in the early to mid-20th century. These records cover the vast majority of the Association's years of operation, including the years of both World Wars. The minute books are a particularly valuable resource as the minutes are often accompanied by information on the Championships, relevant programmes and publicity material, and results.

Administrative history: The Midland Counties Amateur Cross-Country Association was formed 26 September 1879 in response to a surge of interest in cross-country running throughout the Midlands and the rest of Great Britain; it was later renamed the Midland Counties Cross-Country Association (MCCCA). The Midlands especially has a historical link to cross-country running, as it has been argued that cross-country running has its origins in the Rugby School Crick Run, dating back to 1837.

The Championships races in the Midlands began as a challenge between the Birchfield Harriers and the Moseley Harriers, held 15 March 1879, on a course that ran from Handsworth to Sutton Coldfield, in which 23 men participated. Following this race, Harry Mander Oliver (1855–1918) of the Moseley Harriers suggested the creation of an Association of affiliated clubs drawn from the Birmingham area. 49 men from four Clubs took part in the second Championship race in 1880

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and runners from sixteen clubs in the 1883 race: a testament to the sport's popularity.

The Association was affiliated with the Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association (MCAAA), and there was often a distinct overlap both of members and officials. MCCA was the first Area Association to form, although both the Northern Counties (NCCA) and Southern Counties (SCCA) Cross-Country Associations were quick to follow. The MCCA minutes indicate that the MCCA and NCCA maintained a strong partnership from their formation until at least the 1950's, as attested by the inclusion of NCCA material in the minute books and the evidence of regular triangular matches between the MCCA, the NCCA, and the University Athletic Union (UAU). The UAU and MCCA also regularly held representative matches, as well as triangular matches with the Royal Air Force.

These minutes do not cover the final years of the Association, which appears to no longer be in existence. The Midland Counties Athletic Association and the Birmingham Cross-Country League now oversee cross-country leagues in the Midlands. There are minutes from a meeting held between MCCA and MCAAA, dated 18 February 1969, which proposed an 'integration' of the two clubs while preserving the autonomy of the cross-country group. However, there is clear evidence that MCCA continued functioning as an independent group until at least 1984-1985.

List of Past Presidents:

1884-1886 H. W. Jope, Birchfield Harriers;

1886-1889 F. J. Gray, Birchfield Harriers;

1889-1890 J. Lane, Birchfield Harriers;

1890-1891 C. F. Hill, Burton Athletic Club;

1891-1892 J. Hunt, Birchfield Harriers;

1892-1893 R. Hewitt, Edgbaston Harriers;

1893-1894 S. Hulland, Redditch Harriers;

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1894-1895 Pickering Phipps, Northampton and CAAC;

1895-1896 J. Porteous, Northampton and CAAC.;

1896-1897 S. Anstey, Worcester Harriers;

1897-1898 W. H. Pitt, Edgbaston Harriers;

1898-1899 W. H. Wallace, Walsall Harriers;

1899-1900 F. K. Ward, Leicester Athletic and CC;

1900-1901 A. Mabbett, Birchfield Harriers;

1901-1902 C. H. Mallabond, Small Heath Harriers;

1902-1903 A. J. Eggleston, Derby and County C and AC;

1903-1904 W. W. Alexander, Birchfield Harriers;

1904-1910 A. J. Eggleston, Derby and County C and AC;

1910-1913 E. B. Reynish, North Staffs Harriers;

1913-1922 A. E. Machin, Sparkhill Harriers;

1922-1925 Dennis Lyons, Birchfield Harriers;

1925-1926 J. Carson, Derby and County C and AC;

1926-1929 J. Taylor, BTH (Rugby) Harriers;

1929-1932 J. McKenna, Small Heath Harriers

1932-1935 W. H. Wallsgrove, Leamington C and AC;

1935-1938 H. S. Shacklock, Sutton-in-Ashfield HC and AC;

1938-1941 F. Smith, Derby and Country AC;

1941-1944 A. R. Churchill, Harborne Harriers;

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- 1944-1947 A. G. Cannon, Lozells Harriers;
- 1947-1950 H. P. T. Phipps, Rugby (BTH) AC;
- 1950-1954 C. G. Austin, Birchfield Harriers;
- 1954-1958 S. A. Wright, West Bromwich Harriers;
- 1958-1962 T. Hunt, Derby and Country AC;
- 1962-1966 C. Angove, AEI (Rugby) and Leicestershire and Rutland AAA;
- 1966-1968 J. Hartley, Coventry Godiva Harriers;
- 1968-1970 F. Cull, Warley AC;
- 1970-1972 G. White, Leicestershire and Rutland AAA;
- 1972-1974 H. Lapworth, Coventry Godiva Harriers;
- 1974-1976 F. Davis, Harborne Harriers;
- 1976-1978 W. A. Evans, West Bromwich Harriers;
- 1978-1980 K. Dare, Small Heath Harriers;
- [1980-1982 Bob Reid, Birchfield Harriers]
- [1982-1984 G. E. Boot]
- [1984-1985 J. Skidmore, Dudley and Stourbridge AC]

Sources: papers of the MCCA; '100 Years of Midland Cross-Country Running, 1879-1979', published by the Association in Tipton, 1979, held at Cadbury Research Library: Special Collections, p q GV 1063.M53; '100 Years of Midland Cross-Country Running, 1879-1979' accessed 27 June 2014

<http://www.birminghamccleague.co.uk/index.php/history/mcca-centenary-history-1879-1979>

Arrangement: These papers have been arranged into the following three series:

Papers of the Midland Counties Cross-Country Association

Administrative records;

Programmes;

Publications.

6 standard boxes (comprising 15 volumes, 4 files, 20 items)

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Access conditions: Access to all registered researchers.

Notes: Old Reference: MCCA

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Language: English

Creator name: The Midland Counties Cross-Country Association

Custodial history: This collection was previously in the custody of the National Centre for Athletics Literature (NCAL).

Related material: Other archive collections, formerly held as part of the National Centre for Athletics Literature (NCAL), are catalogued as collections distinct from this collection. They comprise both institutional archives and collections of personal papers of athletes, athletics administrators, journalists and others associated with the athletics world.

Catalogues of the institutional archives available on the online archive catalogue are as follows:

Amateur Athletic Association: papers, 1880-

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1992. Finding No: AAA;

Midland Counties Amateur Athletics Association: papers, 1900-1982. Finding No: MCAAA;

Southern Counties Amateur Athletic Association: papers, 1958-1983. Finding No: SCAAA.

Catalogues, or collection descriptions, of personal papers available on the online archive catalogue are as follows:

Harold M. Abrahams (1899-1978), athlete and athletics administrator: papers, 1936-1976. Finding No: HA;

Joe Binks (1874-1966), athlete and athletics commentator: papers, [1920s-1950s]. Finding No: ATH/JB;

Dennis N. J. Cullum (1913-1985), athlete and coach: papers, [1930s]-1985. Finding No: ATH/DC;

Bert Ives (1890-c 1975), athlete and athletics administrator: papers, [1920s-1970s]. Finding No: ATH/BI;

John Jewell (1912-2001), athlete and athletics commentator: papers, 1897-2002. Finding No: ATH/JJ;

Ralph Lloyd-Edgley: papers, [c 1924]-[c 1931]. Finding No: ATH/RLE;

Walter Monk (1896-after 1965), athlete: papers, 1918-1961. Finding No: ATH/WHM;

Arthur Francis Hamilton Newton (1883-1959), South African long distance runner: papers, 20th century. Finding No: AN;

Edgar Rober Leslie (Peter) Powell, (fl 1920s-70s), athlete: papers, 1813-1988. Finding No: ATH/ERLP;

Wilf Richards (fl 1920s-70s), athlete and journalist: papers, 1924-[late 20th century]. Finding No: ATH/WR;

Wilfrid G. Tatham (1898-1978), athlete:

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papers, 1908-1960. Finding No: ATH/WGT.

Information about other collections of personal papers of the following will also be added in the future:

George Mair Adam (1898-1989), athletics administrator: papers. Finding No: GA;

C.C. Vargas (fl 1922-31), athlete: papers, 1922-31. Finding No: CCV;

Leonard H. Ward (fl mid 20th century), athletics coach: papers, 1950s-70s. Finding No: LHW;

Arthur Winter (d 1990), athlete: photographic collection, 20th century. Finding No: AW.

ATH/MCCCA/1	Administrative records	1898-1981
	<p>Papers comprise administrative material relating to the Midland Counties Cross-Country Association, including minute books for the Association as a whole and for any Special Championships hosted, miscellaneous minutes and meetings papers, and correspondence.</p> <p>8 volumes, 3 files</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	
ATH/MCCCA/1/1	Minutes and meeting papers	1898-1981
	<p>Papers comprise the minute books for the Midland Counties Cross-Country Association, 1898-1969; an incomplete sequence of loose minutes, 1954-1981; minute book for the Organising Committee for the English Cross-Country Union (ECCU) Championships, 1934-1952; and the minute books for the Organising Committee for the International Cross-Country Union (ICCU) Championships, 1953-1954. Coverage is mostly complete between 1898-1969, and inconsistent between 1969-1981.</p> <p>8 volumes, 2 files</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	

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ATH/MCCCA/1/1/1	General committee	1898-1981
	<p>Minutes of the committee for Midland Counties Cross-Country Association (MCCCA, formerly Midland Counties Amateur Cross-Country Association or MCACCA), comprising consecutive minute books, 1898-1969, and loose minutes, 1954-1981. Coverage is incomplete in the loose leaf minutes, with an emphasis on the years surrounding the organisation's centenary in 1979. Minutes include those from Annual General Meetings, Special General Meetings, Delegates Meetings and Sub-committee Meetings. AGMs generally occur either at the beginning of the season, usually in autumn, or in summer at the end of the season, and could be adjourned, consequently lasting for several sessions. The number of SGMs depends on the season, but there are often several between October and April.</p> <p>Volumes include minutes, agendas, balance sheets, correspondence, handbooks, programmes and publicity material, results, newspaper articles, images, reports and reviews. The contents of the loose minutes primarily comprise agendas or minutes of AGMs. AGM minutes contain annual reports, balance sheets, obituaries, election of officials, championships dates and venues, results, fixtures, rule emendations, updates from either national cross-country bodies or the MCCCA. Delegates Meetings focus on race-specific details, such as the scrutiny of entries for races, election of officials for races, the draw for the race, and course details, along with other cups, any social events, union reports, and reports on other championships.</p> <p>5 volumes, 2 files</p> <p>Access: Open</p>	
ATH/MCCCA/1/1/1/1	Minute book	1898-1903
	<p>Manuscript minutes are mostly signed and dated, and include minutes from Annual General Meetings (AGMs) or Special General Meetings (SGMs). Fragments from handbooks appear, often with new or changed rules</p>	

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added, although sometimes the whole item is included. Correspondence found within this volume includes a letter of condolence to King Edward VII on the death of his mother Queen Victoria and congratulations on accession to the throne. The funeral of Queen Victoria was scheduled for the same day as the 1901 Junior Championships, so the race was postponed by a fortnight.

Several newspaper articles have been either inserted or glued in. These articles are from *Sporting Life*, sometimes with citation, and report on the Association's AGMs and SGMs, election of officers, the names of participating runners, on the National Cross-Country Union (NCCU), and on rule changes proposed by the Northern Cross-Country Association (NCCA), with annotations. Newspaper articles occasionally have accompanying images, including portraits of W. H. Day of Derby; G. Smith (two images), Derby Athletic Club; F. A. Ward, Leicester Athletic Club; photos of race held at Leicester, 1901, titled the 'Start for Championship' and 'First time round'.

Includes some programmes, inconsistent coverage; some annotated, some with adverts. Programmes may include list of officials; list of previous winners; list of competitors; a description or map of course; advertisements. These programmes relate to cross-country, unless otherwise stated:

'Junior Championship', held at Shropshire and West Midland Agricultural Society's Show Ground, Shrewsbury, 4 February 1899, annotated;

'Senior Championship', held at Smethwick Cricket Ground, 18 February 1899, annotated;

'Annual Amateur Athletic and Cycling Sports' track and field event, held at Small Heath Football Grounds, 31 March 1899;

'Junior Championship', held at Golf Ground, Worcester, 27 January 1900, annotated;

'Senior Championship', held at Halesowen Football Club, 17 February 1900. In

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conjunction with a football match between
Wolverhampton Wanderers v. Halesowen;

'Annual Amateur Athletic and Cycling Sports'
track and field event, held at Small Heath
Football Grounds, 13 April 1900;

'Junior Championship' held at Dunstall Park,
Wolverhampton, 16 February 1901, annotated;

'The First Open 8-Mile Cross-Country
Handicap', held at Malt Shovel Grounds,
Walsall, 11 January 1902;

'Junior Championship', held at Leicester Race
Course, 25 January 1902, annotated;

'Senior Championship', held at Cavendish
Hotel Grounds, Derby, 15 February 1902;

'Open Junior Six Miles Cross-Country
Handicap' [Erdington, circa December 1902];

'Eight Miles Open Handicap', held at the Malt
Shovel, Walsall, 17 January [1903];

'Midland Counties' Junior Cross-Country
Champion' held at Dunstall Park Race Course,
Wolverhampton, 7 February 1903. Missing the
internal pages with list of competitors;

'The Twenty-Fourth Race for the Midland
Counties Senior Cross-Country
Championships', held at Leicester
Racecourse, 21 February 1903;

'Midland Counties' Junior Championship, 1903'
[no location or date given], annotated.

Some non-Midland Counties Cross-Country
Association material is included:

Official report for the Sixteenth Annual
Championship run by the Northern Counties
Cross-Country Association, held at Trafford
Park, Manchester, 19 February 1898;

Handbooks of the National Cross Country
Union (1898-1899, 1899-1900, 1900-1901);

Balance and Accounts of NCCU;

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Official report for the Twenty-Seventh Annual Championship run by the Northern CCCA, held at Haydock Park, Merseyside, 7 March 1903.

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Physical description: Item is fragile: covers have become detached, as have a number of leaves.

ATH/MCCCA/1/1/1/2 Minute book 1903-1929

Minutes are mostly signed and dated, and include minutes from Annual General Meetings (AGMs) or Special General Meetings (SGMs); SGMs start diverging into 'Executive Committee Meetings' and 'Delegates Meetings'. Minutes are mostly manuscript, but some are typescript, with annotations. Some minutes have fragments from programmes, such as the list of officials, glued in. This minute sequence covers the years of the First World War. Items are not always in order. Some items have been inserted, not glued. On the reverse of cover, a list of officers for season 1903-04 is fastened, along with the rules of the 'Midland Counties Cross-Country Association' and a list of past presidents.

Includes newspaper articles, such as announcements, descriptive accounts of races, lists of winners, the history of the sport, cartoons, and a running column by W. W. Alexander, President of the Birchfield Harriers, perennial official of MCCA and Secretary to the English Cross-Country Union. Most articles are glued in but some are loose. Some newspaper articles are accompanied by photographs. Images from Cheltenham Chronicle and Gloucestershire Graphic, February 25, 1905: the runners lining up; four members of the Alpine Club (Mr Westley, W. G. Dunkley, W. B. Law, Sid J. Robinson; the winner (W. G. Dunkley, in racing kit); the winning team, Birchfield Harriers (names listed are A. E. Meacham, W. Day, W. Stokes, S. T. Smith, A. Smith); 'Some of the Officials' (A. J. Eggleston, A. Smith, J. Taylor, W. W.

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Alexander, A. C. White, J. Cutler, J. Carlyon, J. Carson, C. Wheelwright, J. Fogg, and A. E. Machin); 'Second Man Home' (A. Ashby of Godiva Harriers); 'the Finish' (Dunkley's final sprint, with W. Mabbett, Harry Whathall, A. J. Eggleston). Following minutes of February 1911: photographs of H. D. Baldwin, of Derby; F. C. Neaves, Surrey Athletic Club; C. Vose, of Warrington Athletic Club; E. Glover, Hallamshire Harriers and Athletic Club; R. Askew, Woodhouse Institute Harriers; and F. N. Hibbins, Thrapston Harriers. Newspaper photograph of A. J. Eggleston, accompanying printed obituary. Some newspaper articles, such as W. W. Alexander's running column, include cartoon illustrations. One cartoon, dated February 1926, depicts a T. Metcalf as he 'flitted over streams, haystacks, chasm, courting couples - and anything else that was in his way'.

Includes some programmes, inconsistent coverage. These programmes relate to cross-country meetings:

Programme dated February 1908, annotated;

'Junior Championship', held at Coventry, 6 February 1909;

'Senior Championship', held at Uttoxeter, 20 February 1909;

'Novice Team Race', front cover glued down, no date or location;

'Novice Team Race', held in Yardley, Birmingham, 17 February 1910, annotated;

'Senior Championship', held in Thrapston, 18 February 1911, annotated;

'Senior Championship', held at Colwall Park Racecourse, 10 February 1912;

'Novice Team Race', held at Knowle, Birmingham, 14 December 1912, annotated;

'Novice Team Race', held at Knowle, Birmingham, 13 December 1913;

'Junior Championship', held at Oadby

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Racecourse, Leicester, 11 February 1922, annotated;

'Novice Team Race', held at Wakes' Ground, Bloxwich, 10 December 1921, annotated;

'Senior Championship', held at Trentham Park, Stoke on Trent, 25 February 1922;

'Junior Championship', held at Caldwell Park, Nuneaton, 3 February 1923, annotated.

Points of interest include fundraising for a championship trophy in November 1904; promotion for a lecture by Dr. A. Roscoe Badger, later a judge at the 1908 London Summer Games for the Carpenter and Halswelle race; accusations of poaching made against W. W. Alexander.

1 volume

Access: Open

Physical description: Book is very fragile: cover has fallen off, binding is damaged, and a number of leaves are loose. Some pages have become detached and it is possible that at least the first page in this volume is missing. Some minutes are difficult to read, as they have been glued into the book in such a way as to obscure parts of the minutes.

ATH/MCCCA/1/1/1/3 Minute book 1929-1937

Typescript minutes are mostly signed and dated, with annotations, and include minutes from Annual General Meetings (AGMs) and Special General Meetings (SGMs).

Administrative items include:

Draft copy of the 1930-31 season Midland Counties Amateur Cross-Country Association Handbook;

Report from the National Cross-Country Union (NCCU), 1929-30, with balance sheet;

Report from the NCCU for season 1931-32.

Includes programmes, mostly consistent

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coverage. These programmes relate to cross-country, unless otherwise stated. Many of the programmes are accompanied by the relevant results sheet:

'Six Mile Everill Cup Team Competition', held at Simpson, Wright & Lowe's Sports Ground, Sutton-in-Ashfield, 7 December 1929;

'Three Miles Youths' Championship', held at Edgbaston Reservoir, Birmingham 11 January 1930;

'Annual Seven Miles Junior Championship', held at Court Farm, Llantarnan, Cwmbran, Monmouthshire, 1 February 1930;

'Everill Cup Team competition', held at the Grove, Harborne, 6 December 1930, annotated;

'Three Miles Youths' Championship', held at Edgbaston Reservoir, Birmingham, 3 January 1931, annotated;

'Annual Seven Miles Junior Championship', held at Sutton-in-Ashfield, 7 February 1931, annotated;

'Senior Championship', held at Trentham Park, Stoke on Trent, 28 February 1931, annotated;

'Everill Cup Team Competition', held at the Grove, Harborne, 5 December 1931, annotated;

'Junior Championship', held at Prestbury Park, Cheltenham, 6 February 1932, annotated;

'Senior Championship and Youths' Races', held at Gun Hill, Arley, Nuneaton, 27 February 1932, annotated;

'Everill Cup Team Competition', held at Austin Playing Fields, Northfield, Birmingham, 3 December 1932, annotated;

'Junior Championship', held at Cwmbran, Monmouthshire, 4 February 1933, annotated;

'Senior Championship and Youths' Races', held at at Oadby Racecourse, Leicester, 18

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February 1933, annotated;

'Six Mile Everill Cup Team Race', held at Sutton-in-Ashfield, 2 December 1933, annotated;

'Junior Championship', held at Arbury Park, Nuneaton, 3 February 1934, annotated;

'Senior Championship and Youths' Race', held at Wicksteed Park, Kettering, 24 February 1934, annotated;

'Everill Cup Team Competition', held at Gun Hill, Arley, Nuneaton, 1 December 1934;

'Junior Championship', held at Heath Lodge Training Grounds, Copt Heath, 2 February 1935, annotated;

'Youths' & Senior Cross-Country Championship', held at Dunstall Park Race Course, Wolverhampton, 23 February 1935, annotated;

'Everill Cup Championship', held at Bridgtown Farm, Stratford on Avon, 30 November 1935, annotated;

'Youth's Championship and 6 Miles Open Handicap', held at Edgbaston Reservoir, Birmingham, 11 January 1936, annotated;

'Junior Championship', held at Caerleon Racecourse, Newport, Monmouthshire, 8 February 1936;

'Senior Championship', held at Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottingham, 29 February 1936, annotated;

'Everill Cup Competition', held at Rugby, 5 December 1936;

'Youth's Championship and 6 Miles Open Handicap', held at Edgbaston Reservoir, Birmingham, 9 January 1937, annotated;

'Junior Championship', held at Lye Park, Stourbridge, 6 February 1937, annotated;

'Senior Championship', held at Sutton-in-

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Ashfield, Nottingham, 20 February 1937,
annotated.

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all leaves attached

ATH/MCCCA/1/1/1/4 Minute book 1937-1950

Minutes are usually typescript but occasionally manuscript, for AGMs, Finance Committee meetings, and Delegates Meetings. Minutes for AGMs include annual reports, balance sheet, obituaries, election of officials, the winter programme and championships dates and venues, fixtures, updates from National Cross-Country Union/English Cross-Country Union or Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association, etc. Delegates Meetings usually cover scrutiny of entries for races, election of officials for races, the draw for the race, and course details, along with other cups, any social events, union reports, and reports on other championships. This minute sequence covers the years of the Second World War.

Includes programmes, mostly consistent coverage. These programmes relate to cross-country, unless otherwise stated. Many of the programmes are accompanied by the relevant results sheet:

'Everill Cup Competition', held at Red House Park, Great Barr, 4 December 1937, annotated;

'Junior Championship', held at Lye Park, Stourbridge, 29 January 1938), annotated;

'Youths' Championship and 6 Miles Open Handicap', held at Edgbaston Reservoir, Birmingham, 5 February 1938, annotated;

'Senior 10-Miles Championship', held at Boughton Road, Brownsover, Rugby, 26 February 1938, annotated;

'Youths' Championship and 6 Miles Open Handicap', held at Edgbaston Reservoir,

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Birmingham, 26 November 1938, annotated;

'Everill Cup Competition', held at Newtown Road, Worcester, 10 December 1938, annotated;

'Junior Championship', held at Michelin Athletic Club Ground, Stoke-on-Trent, 4 February 1939, annotated;

'Senior Cross-Country Championship', held at Wicksteed Park, Kettering, 25 February 1939, annotated;

'Youths' Race', held at Warley Woods, Birmingham, 10 February 1940, annotated;

'Cross Country Race', [Junior Race] held at Tachbrook Road, Leamington Spa, 9 March 1940;

'Youths' Race and 7 mile Handicap', held at Dartmouth Park, West Bromwich, 7 December 1940;

'Open Team Race Handicapped', held at Great Barr, 11 January 1941;

Representatives Match between Midland Counties Amateur Cross-Country Association and the 'Forces' (Western Command, RAF, Czech, Belgian, and Canadian Forces), held at Dartmouth Park, West Bromwich, 2 November 1941, annotated;

'Youths Race and 7 Miles Open Handicap', held at Dartmouth Park, West Bromwich, 6 December 1941;

'Open Team Race Handicapped', (held at Great Barr, 10 January 1942;

'Representatives Match between MCACCA and English Universities Team', (held at Harborne, 7 February 1942;

'Representatives Match between MCACCA and RAF', (held at Sheldon, 7 March 1942;

'Youths Race', held at Hearsall Common, Coventry, 5 December 1942, annotated;

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'Open Team Race Handicapped', held at Great Barr, 2 January 1943, two copies, one annotated;

'Representatives Match between MCACCA and English Universities Team', held at Harborne, 6 February 1943;

'Youths Race and 7 Miles Handicap', held at Dartmouth Park, West Bromwich, 4 December 1943;

'Handicapped Team Race', held at Great Barr, 9 January 1944;

'Representatives Match between MCACCA and English Universities Team', held at Bournbrook, Birmingham, 5 February 1944;

'Youths Race and 6 Miles Handicap', held at Rugby 2 December 1944;

'Handicapped Team Race', held at Coventry, 6 January 1945;

'Victory Cup Race', held at Stratford-upon-Avon, 3 November 1945;

'Everill Cup', held at Barr Park Colony, Great Barr, 24 November 1945, annotated;

'Youths' Race and 6 miles Handicap', held at Leicester, 15 December 1945;

'Midland Junior Championship', held at the Manor Sports Ground, Halesowen, 2 February 1946, annotated;

'Senior Championship', held at Bromsgrove, 23 February 1946, annotated;

'Everill Cup Competition', held at Attleborough Farm, Nuneaton, 23 November 1946, annotated;

'Representatives Match Versus Universities', held 30 November 1946;

'Youth Championship & Invitation Counties Race', held at the Park, Cheltenham, 14 December 1946, annotated;

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'Junior Championships', held at Leicester Colleges Sports Field, Leicester, 1 February 1947;

'Senior Championships', held at The Manor Sports Ground, Halesowen, 15 February 1947;

'Everill Cup Championship', held at Tamworth, 22 November 1947, annotated;

'Representatives Match Versus Universities', held at Bournbrook, Birmingham, 29 November 1947;

'Youths' Championship and Invitations Inter-Countries' Race', held 13 December 1947, annotated;

'7 Miles Midland Cross-Country Championship', held at Memorial Park, Coventry, 7 February 1948, annotated;

'Ten Mile Championship', held at Brook Meadow, Great Barr, 28 February 1948, includes a history of the race, annotated;

'6 Mile Championship', held at Memorial Park, Coventry, 20 November 1948, annotated;

'Three Cornered Match' - Universities Athletic Union (UAU), Northern Counties Cross-Country Association (NCCCA), and MCCCCA, in conjunction with the UAU vs MCCCCA, held at Birmingham University Grounds, Bournbrook, Birmingham, 27 November 1948;

'Youths' Championship and Invitation Inter-Counties Race', held at Arley, Nuneaton, 18 December 1948;

'Seven Miles Cross-Country Championship', held at Shirley Park Racecourse, Birmingham, 5 February 1949;

'Ten-Mile Championship', held at Peak House Farm, Great Barr, 26 February 1949, pages missing, annotated;

'Everill Cup Championship', held at Tamworth, 19 November 1949, annotated;

'Representative match between NCCCA,

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MCACCA, and UAU', held at Warley Woods Park, Smethwick, 26 November 1949, annotated;

'Youths' Championship and Invitation Counties Race', held at King George V Park, Stourbridge, 17 December 1949, annotated;

'Seven Miles Championship', held at Walmley Cricket Club, Sutton Coldfield, 4 February 1950, annotated;

'Ten Miles Championship', held at Wilderness Lane, Great Barr, 25 February 1950, annotated.

The programme for the Representative match between NCCA, MCCA, and UAU, held at Warley Woods Park, Smethwick, 26 November 1949, is not only annotated, but includes a list of fixtures, a history of matches beginning 1941, a map of the course, and photographs of the Smethwick Harriers (President: L. N. Morrison-Wells, Hon Treas: C. W. Hammond, Hon Sec: F. K. Cull, Asst Hon Sec: W. Cooke, Club Captain: W. Cooke, Club Coach: Joe Busby, Vice-Captains: C. Bonehill, A. Myway, W. Wheeler, H. Swindells, Club Trainer: Matt Chapman), portraits of A. Stokes, L. N. Green, and H. Swindells.

1 volume

Access: Open

ATH/MCCA/1/1/1/5 Minute book 1950-1969

Typescript minutes, mostly signed, which include AGMs, SGMs and Delegates Meetings, as well as the meetings of the Finance Committee. AGMs cover obituaries, reports and reviews, election of committee officials, winter programme of races, and any business related to the English Cross-Country Union, among other topics. SGMs and Delegates Meetings cover reports from the Financial Committee, scrutiny over race entries, election of race officials, the draw for positions, course details, reports on races, discussions over alteration of age groups or other rule emendations. Financial Committee

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Meetings cover testimonial funds, donations, correspondence with other associations, reports on championships, events and values, costs of adverts, price of admission to race, among other topics. It appears that some minutes may be from the Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association.

Includes programmes, mostly consistent coverage. These programmes relate to cross-country, unless otherwise stated. Many of the programmes are accompanied by the relevant results sheet:

'Everill Cup Championship', held at Warley Woods Park, Smethwick, 9 December 1950;

'Midland Seven Miles [Senior] Cross Country Championship', held at Bilborough, Nottingham, 3 February 1951;

'Midland Ten Miles Cross Country Championship and Youths' Three Mile Championship', held at Stratford upon Avon Racecourse, 24 February 1951, annotated. Mentions Jack Holden;

'Everill Cup Championship', held at Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield, 8 December 1951, annotated;

'Seven Miles Cross-Country Championship', held at Wicksteed Park, Kettering, 9 February 1952, annotated;

'Everill Cup Championship', held at Attleborough Fields, Nuneaton, 6 December 1952, annotated;

'Triangular Match between the the Midland Counties Amateur Cross-Country Association (MCACCA), the Universities Athletic Union (UAU) and the Royal Air Force Athletic Association (RAF)', held 13 December 1952;

'Midland Junior Cross Country Championship', held at Bilborough, Nottingham, 20 December 1952, annotated;

'Seven Mile Cross-Country Championship', held at Park Hall Hotel, Wolverhampton, 7

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February 1953, annotated;

'Midland Senior Cross-Country Championship and Midland Youth' Cross-Country Championship', held at Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield, 21 February 1953, annotated;

'Triangular Match between MCACCA, UAU, and RAF', held at Birmingham University, Edgbaston, 12 December 1953;

'Midland Seven Miles Cross-Country Championship', held at Memorial Park, Coventry, 5 December 1953, annotated;

'Youths, Senior and Junior Cross Country Championships', held at Park Farm, Great Barr, 13 February 1954, heavily annotated with manuscript note inserted;

'Midland Seven Mile Race', held at Warstone Fields, West Bromwich, 4 December 1954, annotated with a typescript note inserted;

'Youths, Senior, and Junior Cross-Country Championships', held at Coton House, near Rugby, 19 February 1955, annotated, with a note inserted;

'Midland Seven Mile Race', held at Bilborough, Nottingham, 3 December 1955, annotated;

'Youths, Senior, Junior Cross-Country Championships', held at Locko Park, Derby, 11 February 1956, partially annotated with a typescript note with manuscript annotation inserted;

'Midland Seven Mile Race', held at Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottingham, 1 December 1956, annotated;

'Youth, Senior, and Junior Run', held at Woodgate, Birmingham, 9 February 1957, annotated, with inserted notes on team positions;

'Seven Mile Race', held at Evesham, 7 December 1957, annotated;

'Seven Mile Race', held at Bromsgrove, 6 December 1958, annotated;

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'General Championships', held at Manor Abbey Sports Stadium, 14 February 1959, partially annotated with a list of teams inserted;

'Seven Mile Race', held at Memorial Park, Coventry, 5 December 1959, heavily annotated, with notes on weather conditions;

'General Championships', held at Norton Barracks, near Worcester, 13 February 1960, annotated;

'Seven Miles Cross-Country Race', held at Baxterly Park, Baddesley, 3 December 1960, two copies, both annotated, one loose;

'Seven Miles Race', held at Wordsley, 2 December 1961, annotated;

'General Championships', held at Asfordby Hill, Leicestershire, 17 February 1962, annotated;

'General Championships', held at Bedworth, Warwickshire, 16 February 1963, annotated;

'Seven Miles Race', held at Wicksteed Park, Kettering, 7 December 1963, annotated;

'Cross-Country Championships', held at Markeaton Park, Derby, 15 February 1964, annotated, with a manuscript note insert of number of teams;

'Seven Miles Race', held at Perry Hall Playing Fields, Perry Barr, 5 December 1964, annotated;

'General Championships', held at Brownsover, Rugby, 13 February 1965, annotated;

'Seven Miles Race', held at Chipping Sodbury, Gloucestershire, 4 December 1965;

'General Championships', held at Beaumont Leys School, Leicester, on 12 February 1966, annotated;

'Seven Miles Race and a Special Three Miles Youths' Race', held at Colwick Woods Park, Nottingham, 3 December 1966, annotated;

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'General Championships', held at ICI Fibres Sports & Social Club, Brockworth, Gloucester, 11 February 1967, annotated;

'Midland Senior Seven Miles and Youths' Three Miles Race', held at Warley Park, Smethwick, 7 December 1968.

The programme for the 'Everill Cup Championship', held at Warley Woods Park, Smethwick, 9 December 1950 includes a map of the course, and an image of the Mayor of Smethwick, W. H. Perry, presenting the L. N. Morrison-Wells shield to the chairman of the Staffordshire County Amateur Athletic Association, S. A. Wright, later president of MCCA, with L. N. Morrison-Wells and A. A. Post also present.

The minute book includes a review of the activities of the Association between September 1964-August 1965, which references Basil Heatley and Mel Batty.

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Physical description: It appears that some programmes or handbooks have been removed from the volume.

ATH/MCCA/1/1/1/6 Minutes 1951-1981

Folder containing minutes, agendas, results, fixture list, correspondence, and a list of nominations for championship officials for 1977-78 season. Minutes are typescript, with annotations. Some minutes appear to be copies of the previous year's minutes provided for confirmation during the AGM, and will have the later date on the cover. This collection is incomplete. It includes AGM minutes between the years 1977-80, one copy of minutes from a meeting held in 1969 between Midland Counties Cross-Country Association and Midland Counties Amateur Athletic Association, and an incomplete series of minutes for executive and general meetings held between January 1977 and June 1981.

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These minutes cover the centenary year.

Also included is a map of the course at Dartmouth High School and Aston University, used for the championship races held 11 February 1978 and a fixture list for the 1980-1981 season, as well as an incomplete series of results between October 1977 and December 1978.

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ATH/MCCCA/1/1/1/7 Miscellaneous minutes and meeting papers 1951-[1960s]

Selection of leaves, from different meetings, all unattached, which includes minutes, results, and a newsheet from December 1968; with an agenda for the 72nd AGM, held 30 August 1951, and an annotated envelope containing agenda for the 75th AGM, held 25 August 1954, and a match report for 1953 triangular race. The minutes are typescript, and include minutes from at least four Delegates Meetings, held 3 February 1960, 8 February 1961, 28 November 1963, and 26 November 1968.

Also includes results, dated from 1959-1964, which are often also in the corresponding minute book. Results include:

'Annual Match' between the Royal Air Force (RAF), Universities Athletic Union (UAU), and MCCA, held at Nottingham, 12 December 1959. Basil Heatley is mentioned;

'Seven Mile Team Race', held at Coventry, 5 December 1959;

'Seven Mile Race', held at Kettering, 7 December 1963;

'Annual Triangular Match' between the RAF, UAU, and MCCA, held at Royal Air Force Gaydon, 14 December 1963;

'General Cross-Country Championships', held at Markeaton Park, Derby, 15 February 1964.

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ATH/MCCCA/1/1/2 Minutes relating to Championships 1932-1954

Papers comprise the minute book for the Organising Committee for the English Cross-Country Union (ECCU) Championships, 1934-1952; and the minute books for the Organising Committee for the International Cross-Country Union (ICCU) Championships, 1953-1954.

3 volumes

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ATH/MCCCA/1/1/2/1 Organising Committee for English Cross-Country Championships 1934-1952

Minute book contains items relating to the MCCA-hosted English Cross-Country Championships in 1934, 1937, 1946, 1949, and 1952.

In 1934, the National Championship Race was held 10 March 1934 at Himley Park. The Sub-committees elected are Ground, Finance and Entertainment, Publicity, Transport, and Catering. Meetings are generally held at monthly intervals. The first minutes are dated 11 October 1933, the last dated 13 June 1934.

In 1937, the National Championship Race was held 13 March 1937, at Stratford on Avon. Minutes appear to be missing from this sequence, as agendas are available but no following minutes or minutes have been signed and dated with no corresponding record of meeting on the later date; there also seem to be no minutes from sub-committee meetings. The sub-committees elected were Ground, Finance and Publicity, and Catering. The first minutes are dated 1 October 1936 and the final dated 6 May 1937.

In 1946, the National Championship Race was held 9 March 1946 at Leamington Spa. As it was the first National Championship held since 1939, it was called the 'Victory National'. The Sub-committees elected this year were Finance, Publicity, Reception, and Ground. The first minutes are dated 12 December

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1945 and the final dated 26 April 1946. The General Committee appears to have met once a month between December and February, with the sub-committees having one or two meetings in January and February.

In 1949, the National Championship Race was held 12 March 1949. This was the first time the National Championships were held at Birmingham; a letter from the Secretary emphasises how important the success of the ECCU championships were as the financial results fund the English team at the International Cross-Country Championship. The Sub-committees elected this year were Ground, Finance and Entertainment, Publicity, Transport, and Catering. The first minutes are dated 24 September 1948 and the last are undated, but internal evidence suggests they are from June 1949.

In 1953, the National Championship Race was held 8 March 1952 at Great Barr, Birmingham. These minutes are incomplete.

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ATH/MCCCA/1/1/2/2 Organising Committee for International Cross-Country Championships 1953-1954

Minute book for the General Committee and all Sub-committees who organised the International Cross-Country Championships, held at the Bromford Bridge Racecourse, Birmingham, 27 March 1954, hosted by Midland Counties Cross-Country Association.

2 volumes

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ATH/MCCCA/1/1/2/2/1 General Committee minute book 1953-1954

Minutes of the General Committee, Finance Sub-committee, Entertainment Sub-committee, Publicity Sub-committee, Ground Sub-committee, and meetings with the Emergency Committee of English Cross-Country Union, and some financial statements, relating to the

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MCCCA-hosted International Cross-Country Championships. Covers April 1953 to March 1954.

The General Committee was concerned with fundraising, reports from sub-committees, and opening discussion following on from sub-committee reports. The Financial Committee was concerned with fundraising appeals, subsequent donations, banking account, taxes, prices of admission, tickets, kiosks from which to sell tickets/programmes medals, and gifts for teams. The Entertainment Committee was concerned with the programme of entertainment which included musicians, a dance, visit to the local area, and liaising with the theatre in Stratford transport, hotels, organisation of a banquet, and the civic reception. The Publicity Committee meetings are concerned with advertising and programmes. The Ground Committee meetings are concerned with the course and opening ceremonies; the minute book belonging to this sub-committee is still extant and is included in this collection, reference: ATH/MCCCA/1/1/2/2/2.

This was the first and only time Birmingham was to host the ICCU Championships. These minutes testify to the strong link between the amateur cross-country groups and the local community, as the Lord Mayor of Birmingham was elected as President of the Local Committee and in his turn promised full civic support.

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2 Ground Sub-committee minute book 1953-1954

Manuscript minutes for the International Cross-Country Championships, held at the Bromford Bridge Racecourse, Birmingham, 27 March 1954. The Ground Sub-committee was concerned primarily with the actual venue, the course, and any opening ceremonies. It appears that meetings were held monthly between October 1953 and February 1954. These minutes are included with those of other

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organising committees in the General Committee minute book, reference: ATH/MCCCA/1/1/2/2/1.

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Correspondence

1975-1976

Comprising a series of letters, stapled together, between Frank Davies, President of MCCA 1974-1976, and various others regarding a missing trophy for the Midland Counties Cross-Country Association Junior Championship, and also between the Secretary of the Athletic Union of Birmingham University regarding Davies' presidency. Includes Birmingham University Cross-Country fixture list and some results. Dated between 8 September 1975 and 4 March 1976.

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Athletics programmes

1930-1979

Programmes of athletic events organised by the Midland Counties Amateur Cross-Country Association, later Midland Counties Cross-Country Association. The majority of the programmes relate to cross-country events, but some include track and field or cycling events. MCCA hosted a range of events each year including the Senior Race, Junior Race, Youths Race, the Everill Cup race, and the Midland Seven Mile. There are also programmes for the 4x4 cross-country relay race, which began in 1976.

Some programmes have been annotated with placings and timings. There is a considerable number of programmes contained within the minutes book of the organisation's general committee, the vast majority of which have been annotated or have been placed next to the relevant results, reference: ATH/MCCCA/1/1/1.

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- Access: Open
- ATH/MCCCA/2/1 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 11 January 1930
- 'Three Miles Youths' Championship', held at the Edgbaston Reservoir, Birmingham. Promoted by the Harborne Harriers and Athletics Club. Annotated.
- Includes list of officials; list of awards; list of competitors; list of winners of the Youth's Championship (1926-1929).
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- ATH/MCCCA/2/2 Athletics programme: track and field 18 April 1930
- 'The Annual Amateur Athletic and Cycling Sports', held at the Alexander Sports Ground, Perry Barr, Birmingham. Part of the Good Friday sports, includes cycling events.
- Includes names of officials; programme of events; list of competitors; rules.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- ATH/MCCCA/2/3 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 26 February 1949
- 'Ten-Mile Championship', held at Peak House Farm, Great Barr. Annotated.
- Includes list of officials; fixture list; list of competitors; records of previous races; list of past presidents; list of associations and clubs affiliated; advertisements.
- 1 item
- Access: Open
- ATH/MCCCA/2/4 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 26 November 1949
- 'Representative match between Northern CCA v. Midland CACCA. v. Universities Athletic Union', held at Warley Woods Park, Smethwick. A souvenir programme produced by the promoting club, Smethwick Harriers.

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Includes list of officials; fixture list; history of matches to date, 1941-1948; appeal fund; plan of course; list of competitors, annotated; advertisements; brief history of Smethwick Harriers; records of members of Smethwick Harriers, accompanied by images of A. Stokes, L. N. Green holding trophy, H. Swindells; and a photograph of the Smethwick Harriers Cross-Country Section 1949-50. A list of officers accompanies this last image: L. N. Morrison-Wells; C. W. Hammond; FK. Cull; W. Cooke; Joe Busby; C. Bonehill; A. Myatt; W. Wheeler; H. Swindells; Matt Chapman.

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Athletics programme: cross-country racing

24 February
1951

'Midland Ten Miles Cross Country Championships and Youths' Three Mile Championship', held at Stratford-upon-Avon Racecourse. The Invitation Counties Race held in conjunction with the Ten Mile Championship.

Includes list of officials; history of cross-country running by J. Peace; draw for positions; list of awards; list of competitors; record of previous races; list of past presidents; advertisements. Mentions Jack Holden, marathon champion.

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Athletics programme: track and field

6 June 1951

'Annual Sports Meeting', held at the Alexander Sports Ground, Perry Barr, Birmingham. Annotated. Male and female sporting events.

Includes list of officials; programme of events; list of competitors; penalties rules; advertisements.

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| ATH/MCCCA/2/7 | <p>Athletics programme: cross-country racing</p> <p>'Midland Ten Miles Cross-Country Championship and Youths' Three Mile Championship', held at Shipston Engineering S.C. Cricket Ground, Shipston-on-Stour. The Invitation Counties Race held in conjunction with the Ten Mile Championship. Annotated.</p> <p>List of officials; history of cross-country running by C. G. Austin, then-President of ECCU and MCCA; forthcoming races; list of competitors; records of previous races; list of past presidents; advertisements.</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | 23 February
1952 |
| ATH/MCCCA/2/8 | <p>Athletics programme: cross-country racing</p> <p>'Everill Cup Championship, Distance 6 Miles', held at Attleborough Fields, Nuneaton. Slight annotation.</p> <p>Includes list of officials; draw for position; list of awards; list of competitors; advertisements.</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | 6 December
1952 |
| ATH/MCCCA/2/9 | <p>Athletics programme: cross-country racing</p> <p>'Midland Senior Cross-Country Championship 10 miles, Midland Youths' Cross-Country Championships 3 Miles', held at Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield.</p> <p>Includes list of officials; draw for positions; list of awards; list of competitors; advertisements.</p> <p>1 item</p> <p>Access: Open</p> | 21 February
1953 |
| ATH/MCCCA/2/10-11 | <p>Athletics programme: cross-country racing</p> <p>'Youths 3 miles, Senior 10 miles, Junior 6 miles Cross Country Championships', held at Park Barr Farm, Great Barr, Birmingham.</p> | 13 February
1954 |

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Promoted by Birchfield Harriers. Two copies.

Includes list of officials; draw for positions; list of awards; list of competitors; records of previous races (Senior 1879-1953; Junior 1892-1947, 1953; Seven-Mile Championship 1948-1954; Everill Cup 1909-1946; Invitation Midland Counties' Team Race 1945-1951); list of past presidents (1884-1954); advertisements, including advertisements for AAA Championships and International Cross-Country Championship hosted by MCCA at Bromford Bridge Racecourse, Birmingham.

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ATH/MCCA/2/12 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 4 December 1954

'Midland Seven Mile Race', held at Watsone Fields, West Bromwich. Promoted by the West Bromwich Harriers.

Includes list of officials; draw for positions; list of awards; list of competitors; advertisements.

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ATH/MCCA/2/13 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 19 February 1955

'Youths 3 miles, Senior 9 miles, Junior 6 miles Cross Country Championships', held at Coton House, Churchover, near Rugby. Promoted by B. T. H. (Rugby) Harriers Section.

Includes list of officials; draw for positions; list of awards; list of competitors; list of past presidents, 1884-1956; records of previous races (Senior 1879-1954; Junior 1892-1947, age restricted 1952-54; Seven-Mile 1948-1955; Youths 1926-1954); advertisements.

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ATH/MCCA/2/14 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 11 February 1956

'Cross-Country Championships: Youths 3

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miles, Senior 9 miles, Junior 6 miles', held at Locko Park, Spondon, Derby. Promoted by Derby and County Athletic Club.

Includes list of officials; draw for positions; list of awards; list of competitors; advertisements, including advertisement for forthcoming races and athletics events.

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ATH/MCCCA/2/15 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 8 February 1958

'Cross-Country Championships: Youths 3 miles, Senior 9 miles, Junior 6 miles', held at Snibston Colliery, Coalville.

Includes list of officials; notice to competitors; draw for positions; list of competitors; advertisements.

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ATH/MCCCA/2/16 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 13 February 1960

'General Championships: Youths 3 miles, Senior 9 miles, Junior 6 miles', held at Norton Barracks, near Worcester. Promoted by the Worcester Harriers.

Includes list of officials; draw for positions; list of competitors; advertisements.

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ATH/MCCCA/2/17 Athletics programme: cross-country racing 15 February 1964

'Cross Country Championships: Youth 3 miles, Senior 9 miles, Junior 6 miles', held at Markeaton Park, Derby. Promoted by Derby & Country Athletic Club. Annotated.

Includes list of competitors; draw for positions; rules; list of awards; list of competitors; advertisements.

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- ATH/MCCCA/2/18 Athletics programme: cross-country relay racing 11 November 1978
- 'The Fourth Annual 4 x 4 miles Cross Country Relay', held at Abbey Stadium, Redditch.
- Includes list of officials; previous results, 1975-1977; lists of competitors.
- 1 item
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- ATH/MCCCA/2/19 Athletics programme: cross-country relay racing 10 November 1979
- 'The Fifth Annual 4 x 4 miles Cross Country Relay', held at Abbey Stadium, Redditch. Some annotations.
- Includes list of officials; previous results, 1976-1978; list of competitors.
- 1 item
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- ATH/MCCCA/3 Publications 1915-1985
- Publications of, or collected by, the Midland Counties Cross-Country Association, formerly the Midland Counters Amateur Cross-Country Association, comprises handbooks; constitution and rule books; fixture list for the Birmingham Cross-Country League; and a draft history of the organisation.
- 7 volumes, 1 file, 1 item
Access: Open
- ATH/MCCCA/3/1 Handbooks 1935-1968
- According to the minutes of 1 October 1958, handbooks were republished every four years. They include a list of that season's committee; representatives to ECCU and MCAAA; a fixtures list; constitutional rules and regulations

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as revised to that season; general competition rules; special competition rules; associations and clubs affiliated; lists of past winners; and list of past presidents. Comprises:

/1: Midland Counties Amateur Cross-Country Association Handbook for season 1935-36;

/2: Midland Counties Amateur Cross-Country Association Handbook for season 1950-51, annotated

/3: Midland Counties Amateur Cross-Country Association Handbook for season 1954-55

/4: Midland Counties Cross-Country Association Official Handbook. Revised to September, 1968, annotated.

4 volumes

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Constitution and rule books

1924-1981

The constitution and rule books contain the rules and regulations for both general championships and special races. There is an overlap with handbooks, as the handbooks contain the constitutional rules and the constitution and rule books often contained extra items such as lists of committee officers, past presidents, and winners of championships. However, handbooks were printed on a more infrequent basis than the rule books; as rules were often added, challenged, or emended throughout each season the rule books were more likely to be printed on a seasonal basis. Comprises:

/1: Midland Counties Amateur Cross-Country Association Rules Revised for Season 1924-25, slight annotation

/2: Constitutional Rules and Regulations, revised to September, 1954, slight annotation. Missing cover

/3: Constitutional Rules and Regulations, revised 1981

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Fixture list

1915-1916

Fixture list for the Birmingham Cross-Country League, Season 1915-1916.

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History of the organisation

[1970s]-1985

Several drafts of an undated descriptive history of the Midland Counties Cross-Country Association, both typescript and manuscript, by Frank Davies. Also includes a manuscript list of presidents, vice-presidents, and a tally of the clubs to which the president has belonged, between 1966-1985.

The drafts were likely written in preparation for the Association's centenary in 1979. Davies was president during 1974-1976 and it is possible the drafts were written during his term.

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