



BRITISH ATHLETICS

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Overview

This selection policy has been created in line with British Athletics' long term aim of winning medals at the Olympic Games and maximising finalists at the London 2017 IAAF World Championships. The policy has therefore been structured to select a team of athletes who have the potential to:

- Make finals and win medals at the 2017 European Athletics Indoor Championships; AND/OR
- Make the final in London 2017, or win medals at future global outdoor championships;

For the first time, European Athletics ("EA") have set standards for the European Indoor Championships. Where necessary, British Athletics have increased these based on the aims outlined above.

EA may invite additional athletes to participate should they fail to meet their target number of entries for any given event. With the exception of combined events (for which there is no separate qualification standard) **British Athletics will NOT accept any such invites.**

The British Athletics Indoor Team Trials ("the Trials") take place on **11-12 February 2017 in Sheffield** (for more information please visit <http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/british-athletics-series/british-athletics-indoor-team-trials-2017/>).

Eligibility

1. To be considered for selection, athletes **must**:
 - a. Compete in the Trials in the event in which they wish to be considered for selection in Belgrade (with the exception of combined events, who do not need to compete in the Trials). Athletes aiming to gain selection for the 4x400m relay teams must also compete at the Trials. Permission to do otherwise (either to compete in a different event, or not to compete at all), must be gained in advance from the Performance Director, and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances;
 - b. Be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder);

- c. Be 16 years or older at 31 December 2017 (i.e. born in 2001 or earlier), with the exception of men's shot putt (see point 1.d.);
- d. Be 18 years or older at 31 December 2017 (i.e. born in 1999 or earlier) to be considered for selection in the men's shot putt; and
- e. Have achieved a relevant British Athletics qualification standard within the qualification period (individual events only).

Qualification

2. Qualification performances must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1 May 2016 and 24:00 (GMT) 19 February 2017.
3. The British Athletics qualification standards are as follows – events marked with an asterisk represent the baseline EA standard and have not been amended by British Athletics:

Men		Event	Women	
Indoor	Outdoor [†]		Indoor	Outdoor [†]
6.60	10.20 (100m)	60m	7.25	11.25 (100m)
46.90	45.40	400m	53.00	52.00
01:48.00	01:45.50	800m	02:03.00	02:00.50
3:42.00	03:36.00 ^a	1500m	4:13.00	04:07.00 ^a
07:53.00	7:48.00	3000m	09:00.00	8:55.00
Top 6 ranked team		4x400m	Top 6 ranked team	
7.65	13.50 (110mh)	60mh	8.05	12.95 (100mh)
2.28		HJ	1.92	
5.78*		PV	4.70*	
8.00		LJ	6.65	
16.70		TJ	14.00	
20.20		SP	17.50	
Top 16 ranked athlete		Hep/Pen	Top 16 ranked athlete	

[†]Note – athletes who qualify for selection by achieving an outdoor performance prior to 1 January 2017 will only be selected if they prove current form and fitness by competing in at least one of the British Athletics domestic indoor events (i.e. the Trials or the Birmingham Indoor Grand Prix).

^aNote – EA have not provided a separate mile qualification standard. 1500m marks achieved in mile races will be accepted, but mile performances themselves will not.

Selection process

4. The team will be selected in one selection meeting on **Monday 20th February 2017**.
5. The team will be announced on Tuesday 21st February 2017.
6. A maximum of three athletes (two for combined events) may be selected in each event. Up to six athletes (which must include athletes selected for the individual 400m) may be selected for each 4x400m relay event.
7. The Selection Panel ("the Panel") will select athletes in 5 rounds (outlined in numbers 8 to 12);

8. Round 1 – top 2 at the Trials:
 - a. The first two eligible athletes in each individual Trials event will be automatically selected for the same event provided the relevant British Athletics qualification standard has been achieved by that athlete during the qualification period. Should either of the first two finishers at the Trials not be eligible for selection (or decline selection), their place will not be automatically offered to the next best athlete.
 - a. For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete may achieve the qualification standard after the Trials but before the end of the relevant qualification period and still gain automatic selection.
9. Round 2 – all remaining eligible individual athletes (excluding combined events);
 - a. Athletes will only be selected in this round if the Panel believe they:
 - i. Have realistic potential to make the top 8 (or top 6 in events with less than 8 finalists) in Belgrade, OR;
 - ii. Are a developing athlete who is on the pathway towards making the final at the 2017 IAAF World Championships, OR potential future individual medal success at the outdoor IAAF World Championships or Olympic Games.
 - b. Athletes will be selected in this round based a number of factors, including (but not limited to) the following:
 - iii. Trials results;
 - iv. Current form;
 - v. Future individual medal potential at indoor or outdoor major events;
 - vi. Head-to-heads;
 - vii. Previous major competition history; and
 - viii. Injury status.
 - c. During this round, the Panel may select non-travelling reserves for any event (except combined events), provided the athlete has achieved the relevant individual British Athletics qualification standard (except relays where no standard is required)/
10. Round 3 – relays:
 - a. Provided British Athletics have qualified a team for each relay event, up to 6 athletes will be selected for the men's and women's 4x400m relays (which must include those already selected in the individual 400m). Athletes will be selected based on a number of factors, including (but not limited to) the following:
 - ix. Trials results
 - x. Current form;
 - xi. Head-to-heads;
 - xii. Previous major competition history;
 - xiii. Injury status;
 - xiv. Previous engagement with the British Athletics relay programme(s);
and
 - xv. Future relay team potential.
 - b. Athletes selected for the relay do not need to have achieved a British Athletics qualification standard but, pursuant to paragraph 1 (a), they must have competed in the 400m at the Trials.
11. Round 4 – Performance Director (“PD”) discretionary selection:
 - a. The PD, at his sole discretion, may select additional individual athletes to the team (in any event except combined events) who he believes have the potential to make the final in Belgrade or win medals at future World Championships or Olympic Games who have not achieved a British Athletics

- qualification standard within the relevant qualification period or have not been selected in previous rounds.
- b. Athletes may only be selected in this round if places remain unfilled in the relevant individual event and if such individuals have achieved at least the lower EA qualification standard.
 - c. Athletes may not be selected in this round at the expense of individuals already selected in rounds 1 to 3.
12. Round 5 – combined events:
- a. EA will invite 16 athletes to compete in the men’s Heptathlon and the women’s Pentathlon. These invites (which will be automatically ratified by the Panel) will be distributed as follows:
 - a. Top eight from the 2016 European outdoor rankings for the Decathlon and Heptathlon (adjusted for maximum numbers per nation); and
 - b. Top eight from the 2016/17 European indoor rankings for the Heptathlon and Pentathlon (adjusted for maximum numbers per nation) as at 21 February 2017.
 - b. If, during each round of invites, the maximum number of slots per nation are reached, or athletes decline participation, EA will allocate invites to the next eligible athlete during each round.
 - c. Acceptance of such invites may take place after the Panel have selected the remaining members of the team.

Conditions

13. Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised.
14. UK domestic track and field performances will only be certified by British Athletics if they are achieved in a British Athletics Level 3 Permit competition or higher, or in an Area or County Championship (see www.britishathletics.org.uk/competitions/rules/ for details on the British Athletics competition permits).
15. Multiple performances achieved in the same individual event in a single day will only count as follows:
- a. At an official Championship of UK national level or higher; and
 - b. In a field event only the best mark in the final and best mark in the pool.
16. Performances otherwise achieved in the same individual event in a single day will count as follows:
- a. In track events only the fastest legal result of the day;
 - b. In throwing events only the best trial of the first competition of the day; and
 - c. In horizontal jumps only the best trial of the first competition of the day, unless every mark achieved by the athlete was windy in which case a second competition held under safer conditions will count.
17. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants shall not be accepted.
18. Wind-assisted performances (or performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available) will not be accepted.

19. Hand-timed performances in 60m, 100m, 400m, 60m Hurdles, and 100m/110m Hurdles will not be accepted.
20. For the running events of 400m and over, performances achieved on oversized tracks will NOT be accepted

Appeals

21. Athletes may appeal their non-selection, but only after the final selection date and only according to the procedure laid out in the “British Athletics Selection Appeals Policy” which can be found on the British Athletics website.

Amendment

22. British Athletics reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy at its sole discretion and will make any amended version publicly available (including the date on which any amendment was made) at www.britishathletics.org.uk.