



BRITISH ATHLETICS

2017 IAAF World Relay Championships

22-23 April 2017

Nassau, BAH

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Overview

The 2017 IAAF World Relay Championships provides a vital opportunity for British Athletics to qualify and prepare teams for the 2017 IAAF World Championships.

As such, British Athletics will select full men's and women's 4x100m and 4x400m teams – 4x200m and 4x400m medley relay teams *may* be selected, depending on the athletes selected for the 4x100m/4x400m relays and the event timetable (the 4x100m and 4x400m will always take priority).

Teams will not be selected for either of the 4x800m relays.

Athletes selected for the 4x100m relay teams will be required to arrive in Nassau for team preparation on the 14th April 2017 – permission to do otherwise will only be allowed at the discretion of the Head of Sprints, Hurdles & Relays, and only in exceptional circumstances. Return travel will be provided either from the **UK OR Orlando** (to coincide with the British Athletics warm weather training camp due to take place in Florida the same time).

As per the World Class Performance Programme (“WCPP”) 4x100m/4x400m Relay Plan, all WCPP relay athletes are expected to make themselves available for selection.

Eligibility

1. To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following:
 - a. Be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder); and
 - b. Be 16 years or older at 31 December 2016 (i.e. born in 2001 or earlier).

Note: Athletes are not required to meet any individual qualification standards to be eligible for selection.

Selection process

2. The team will be selected on **8 March 2017**.

3. The team will be announced as soon as possible following selection.
4. A Selection Panel (“the Panel”), consisting of the British Athletics Head of Sprints, Hurdles & Relays, nominated relay coaches, the Performance Director and a statistician, will select the relevant relay teams.
5. A team of up to 6 athletes will be selected for each of the men’s and women’s 4x100m and 4x400m relays. Athletes will be selected in order to maximise the chances of relay team qualification for the 2017 IAAF World Championships in London AND to provide opportunity to test new relay combinations where appropriate. Selections will be based on the following criteria, as well as any others deemed relevant:
 - a. Engagement with the British Athletics relay programme(s) in 2016 and 2017;
 - b. Current form (and known previous form at same stage of the calendar year);
 - c. Technical relay skills;
 - d. 2016 outdoor performances;
 - e. Head-to-heads;
 - f. Previous major competition history (relays);
 - g. Injury status; and
 - h. London -2017 and future relay team potential.
6. At the absolute discretion of the Panel, teams for the men’s and women’s 4x200m and 4x400m medley *may* be selected following completion of selections for the 4x100m and 4x400m. The decision on whether to select any such teams (including whether to select any additional athletes for these teams alone) will be based on the event timetable, potential injury risk, ability to double up and opportunity to provide competition opportunity for non-strike four 4x100m/4x400m athletes. Please note, the performance of the men’s and women’s 4x100m and 4x400m relay teams will always be prioritised over the other relay events at this championships.
7. British Athletics may select reserves should a selected athlete decline their selection, be unwilling to travel to Nassau on the dates outlined, or be injured prior to travel (but prior to the final entry deadline). Any replacements will be communicated at www.britishathletics.org.uk.

Appeals

8. There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the GB&NI Team made by the Selection Panel. The provisions of the “British Athletics Selection Appeals Policy” do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2017 IAAF World Relay Championships.

Amendment

9. 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.