



BRITISH ATHLETICS

2017 Great Edinburgh Cross Country

7 January 2017

Edinburgh, UK

Selection Policy

Overview

The Great Edinburgh Cross Country is an established International match event for cross country. The match event on 7 January 2017 will again include senior and junior events where men's and women's British teams will compete against the USA and Europe. This year will again see an International Mixed Relay event which will see teams of two men and two women compete in a 4x1km challenge.

Athletes who wish to be considered for selection for the Great Edinburgh Cross Country should inform Spencer Duval, England Athletics National Coach Mentor Lead for Endurance, at sduval@englandathletics.org. Or, for those competing at the European Cross Country Championships, please speak directly to Spencer after the conclusion of the event.

Eligibility

1. To be considered for selection, athletes must be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder).
2. Junior athletes will be eligible for selection in this age group if they are born in 1998, 1999 or 2000.

Note: Athletes born in 1997 who are eligible to compete as a junior at the 2016 European Cross Country Championships in Bulgaria become a senior in 2017 (as per IAAF rules). Therefore, they will not be eligible for the junior team at the International Challenge. However, they can still be considered for the senior teams.

Selection process

3. British Athletics will select the team following the European Cross Country Championships in Chia on 11 December 2016. The team announcement will be made as soon as possible after this date.
4. British Athletics will select the following:

- a. Senior Men: 12 athletes to run with 6 to score;
 - b. Senior Women: 12 athletes to run with 6 to score;
 - c. Junior Men: 6 athletes to run with 4 to score;
 - d. Junior Women: 6 athletes to run with 4 to score; and
 - e. Senior mixed relay: 2 men and 2 women.
5. Selection will be based on the following factors (as well as any other factors deemed relevant):
- a. Results at the 2016 European Cross Country Championships;
 - b. Results at the 2016 European Cross Country Championships trials;
 - c. Other significant performances in 2016/2017; and
 - d. Current form/fitness.

Appeals

6. There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the GB&NI Team made by the Selection Panel. The provisions of the UK Athletics Selection and Nomination “Fast” Appeals Procedure do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2017 Great Edinburgh XCcountry Challenge.

Amendment

7. 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.