



## BRITISH ATHLETICS

### 2017 European Throwing Cup 11-12 March 2017 Gran Canaria, ESP

#### Selection Policy – published December 2016

##### Overview

British Athletics will support athletes' attendance at the European Cup Winter Throws to reflect our ultimate aim of medals at the Senior World Championships and Olympic Games.

In doing so, British Athletics recognise that the developmental pathway for men's and women's throws differs from that of most other athletics disciplines and as such the European Cup Winter Throws will be used to help developing throwers bridge the gap from being a competitive junior, to a world-class senior.

The 2017 European Throwing Cup will therefore be aimed specifically at athletes who the Selection Panel ("the Panel") believes are showing realistic progression towards global success.

The GB and NI team will travel to the Championships as a single team from the UK (unless approved otherwise in advance by the Team Leader). Interested athletes and any questions related to the selection policy should be directed to British Athletics NPI Coach – Throws, David Parker ([dparker@britishathletics.org.uk](mailto:dparker@britishathletics.org.uk)).

##### 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);
  - b. For U23 events be aged between 16 and 22 at 31 December 2017 (i.e. born in 1998, 1997, 1996, 1995);

##### Selection process

2. The team will be selected on **27 February 2017**.
3. The final team will be announced on 28 February 2017.
4. A maximum team of 15 athletes may be selected, which may consist of a maximum of 2 male and female athletes per senior event and 1 male and female athlete per

U23 event. For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete may only be entered in 1 age group of an event at the European Throwing Cup and he/she can only compete in the age group for which he/she was entered. An athlete can be entered in different age groups in different events, but cannot compete in the same event in two age groups.

*Note: Where the Panel may wish to select more than 2 U23 athletes in a single event, they may, at their absolute discretion, enter one or more athlete into the senior event.*

5. Athletes will be selected who the Panel believe satisfy the following:
  - a. Athletes who demonstrate the potential to bridge the gap from competitive domestic or age-group (U20/U23) performances to at least qualifying for future senior major global championships;
  - b. Athletes who demonstrate a clear plan and rationale for attending the European Throwing Cup to gain experience and improve competition skills (previous participation in this event will also be strongly considered); and
  - c. Athletes who demonstrate current form and fitness that indicates they will perform well at the competition (form/fitness at this point in previous years will also be strongly considered).

### **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 European Throwing Cup.