



BRITISH ATHLETICS

2017 European Athletics Team Championships **24-25 June 2017** **Lille, France**

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Overview

British Athletics will select a team for the 2017 European Athletics Team Championships (ETC) to achieve the following two aims:

- As high a team placing as possible at the Championships; and
- Providing opportunities for developing athletes who are on the pathway towards individual medal success at future World Championships and Olympic Games.

The European Athletics Team Championships takes place one week before the British Athletics Team Trials therefore athletes and coaches need to make sure they have planned their seasons accordingly. Selectors will contact eligible athletes to check availability prior to the selection meeting.

All World Class Performance Programme (WCPP) relay athletes are expected to make themselves available for selection for the ETC pre-camp (4x100m only) and ETC as per the 2016-17 British Athletics Relay Plans.

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. Be 16 years or older at 31 December 2017 (i.e. born in 2001 or earlier), with the exception of the following:
 - i. athletes must be 18 years or older at 31 December 2017 (i.e. born in 1999 or earlier) to be considered for nomination in the men's shot put and men's hammer throw.

Selection process

2. The team will be selected on Tuesday **13 June 2017.**
3. The team will be announced on Wednesday 14 June 2017.



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4. Athletes will be selected to satisfy the dual objectives outlined in the overview above. In doing so it is the Panel's absolute discretion whether to prioritise current European Team Championships point scoring potential, or providing development opportunities for athletes considered to have future global medal potential for any given event.
5. Selection will be conducted in 2 rounds and will be based on the following (other factors may also be considered):
 - a. Availability;
 - b. Point scoring potential;
 - c. Future major championships medal potential;
 - d. Current form;
 - e. Head-to-heads;
 - f. Previous major competition history; and
 - g. Injury status.
6. In each round, British Athletics will select one or more reserves (should a selected athlete decline their selection). Travelling reserves may also be selected in certain events, as well as male/female combined eventers who may act as a reserve for a number of events.
7. Round 1 – British Athletics will select one male and one female athlete to each of the following events:
 - a. 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 5000m, 110/100m hurdles, 400m hurdles, 3000m Steeplechase, Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump, Pole Vault, Shot Put, Discus Throw, Hammer Throw, Javelin Throw;
8. Round 2 – British Athletics will select a team of up to six athletes (which must include the individual 100m and 400m athletes respectively) for the men's and women's 4x100m and 4x400m relays.

Appeals

9. 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 European Athletics Team Championships.

Amendment

10. 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.