



# BRITISH ATHLETICS

**IAU 24 Hour World Championships Belfast,**  
**Northern Ireland on 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017**  
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## **Overview**

British Athletics continues to value the IAU 24 Hour World Championships and the role it plays in the progression of British endurance athletes within the international competition pathway. The British Athletics policy for the 24 Hour World Championships will focus on athletes who can be competitive and win team medals. British Athletics therefore intend to select athletes to the teams who the Selection Panel (“the Panel”) believe are demonstrating the potential to finish at least in the top 20 in **or** at future versions of this event **or** where there is potential to win a team medal.

It notes that the best in the World tend to compete at these championships and British Athletics would wish to build on the medal successes achieved in the previous IAU 24H World Championships.

The GB and NI team will travel to the Championships as a single team (exceptions to this will only be made at the discretion of the Team Leader and if budget allows). Domestic (within UK) travel arrangements to Belfast will be booked and funded by British Athletics. Athletes not based in the UK will be required to cover the cost of their own travel to/from the UK/Belfast.

All questions related to the selection policy (including those relating to athletes based overseas) should be directed to the chair of selectors John Pares ([johnpares@gmail.com](mailto:johnpares@gmail.com))

## **Eligibility**

1. To be considered for the selection, athletes must satisfy the following:
  - a. Be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport); and
  - b. Have achieved a relevant British Athletics qualification standard within the qualification period.

## **Qualification**

2. Qualification performances for all events, must be achieved between 00:00 (BST) 1st April 2015 and 24:00 (GMT) 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017
3. The British Athletics qualification standards are as follow;

	Individual Standard	Team Standard
Men	Over 250kms in a qualifying 24 hour event	Over 240kms in a qualifying 24 hour event
Women	Over 225kms in a qualifying 24 hour event	Over 215kms in a qualifying 24 hour event

## **Selection Process**

4. The team will be selected in one selection meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
5. The team will be announced on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016.
6. A maximum of up to 6 athletes for each event (with three to score) may be selected.
7. Up to 2 non travelling reserves may be selected.
8. Selection is subject to the agreement of the athlete's racing programme between the selection date and the Championships by the Panel or its representative.
9. The Panel will consist of: John Pares, (Chair), Hilary Walker, Eleanor Robinson and Spencer Duval.

## **Conditions**

10. Selection is subject to athletes demonstrating at least two of the following selection guidelines during the qualification period:
  - a. The ability to be competitive against international opposition in an overseas international trail/ultra/mountain race and/or domestic international race of an appropriate distance;
  - b. A consistency of performances in both domestic and international ultra/trail/mountain races of appropriate distances, including at previous IAU World and European Championships over 24 Hours;
  - c. Consistent and improved progression up the international rankings at senior level; and/or
  - d. A top 3 finishing position in either Male or Female categories in the IAU World or European Championships within 2 years.
11. The Panel reserves the right to take other factors into account, primarily the potential of an athlete to win a medal, when considering specific performances outside the selection criteria.
12. All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must ensure that they advise British Athletics Chair of Selectors, John Pares [johnpares@gmail.com](mailto:johnpares@gmail.com) with their expression of interest and accompanying CV by 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

## **Appeals**

13. 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 IAU 24 Hour World Championships.

## **Amendment**

14. 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](http://www.britishathletics.org.uk).