



## BRITISH ATHLETICS

### **2017 Trail World Championships**

**Location: Badia Prataglia, Italy**

**Date: June 10<sup>th</sup> 2017**

### **Selection Policy - January 2017**

#### **Overview**

British Athletics continues to value the importance of the World Trail Running Championship and the role it plays in the progression of British endurance athletes within the international competition pathway. The British Athletics policy for the World Trail 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 World Trail Championships. Please note the event is over 50km and has 2,500m of climb.

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 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 (if travelling direct to Badia Prataglia, British Athletics will contribute the equivalent cost of a UK/ Badia Prataglia return flight).

All questions related to the selection policy (including those relating to athletes based overseas) and the trial race should be directed to Adrian Stott at [tarit@runandbecome.com](mailto:tarit@runandbecome.com).

#### **Eligibility**

- To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following:
  - a. be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder);

#### **Trial:**

The official trial will be held at the Haworth Hobble on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017. This event is over 51km and has 1300m of climb. Any elite athletes not already entered and seeking selection should contact Adrian Stott at [tarit@runandbecome.com](mailto:tarit@runandbecome.com).

#### **Selection Meeting Process**

- 1) The team will be selected in one selection meeting on **13th March 2017**.
- 2) The team will be announced by 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- 3) Athletes will be selected provided the Panel believe either of the following are true:
  - a) They have realistic potential to achieve an individual top 20 finish in Badia Prataglia or at future World Trail Championships,
  - b) They will form part of a team that has realistic potential to win a team medal in Badia Prataglia.
  - c) They have demonstrated the ability to be competitive and successful against World Class opposition in domestic and/or overseas international trail races of a similar length and terrain between 1 January 2016 and up to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017
- 4) A maximum of 6 Senior Men and 6 Senior Women may be selected.
- 5) Up to 2 non travelling reserves may be selected.
- 6) At the trial, the first three eligible Senior Men and three Senior Women will be selected.

- 7) Up to a further three Senior Men and three Senior Women **may** be selected provided they will form part of a team that has realistic potential to win a team medal in Badia Prataglia. These selections will be considered by the selectors on an individual basis, based on performances at the trial or in line with the above selection criteria up to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- 8) Selection of all athletes is subject to agreement of the athlete's racing programme between the trial/selection date and the Championships by the Panel or its representative.

Closing date for those not running the trial event who wish to submit an expressions of interest and accompanying CV to be sent by 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 to Adrian Stott at [tarit@runandbecome.com](mailto:tarit@runandbecome.com).

All athletes who do not intend to compete at the trial and wish to be considered for selection must ensure that they advise Adrian Stott at [tarit@runandbecome.com](mailto:tarit@runandbecome.com) of their situation by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

**Selection Committee:**

Walter Hill  
Hilary Walker  
Adrian Stott  
Spencer Duval

**Appeals**

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 Trail World Championship.

**Amendment**

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).