



## BRITISH ATHLETICS

### 2017 Mountain Running International Championships

#### Selection Policy – (updated January 2017)

##### Overview

The British Athletics policy for international mountain running events is to focus on performances that will challenge for senior team and individual medals and be competitive in the junior events.

The selection policies for 2017 have been written in order to ensure we are able to select the best prepared teams for the Championships, taking into account the exceptional circumstances created by the timing of the two World Championship events this year.

The GB and NI team will travel to the Championships as a single team. All questions related to the selection policy and the trial races should be directed to Sarah Rowell ([sarah@srowell.co.uk](mailto:sarah@srowell.co.uk)).

##### 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);
  - b. Junior athletes will be eligible for selection in this age group if they are born in 1998, 1999, 2000 or 2001;

##### **World Long Distance Mountain Running Championships 6 August 2017 Premana, Italy**

The official trial will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017 as part of the 3 Peaks race.

##### Selection Meeting Process

- The team will be selected in one selection meeting on **29/30<sup>th</sup> April 2017**
- The team will be announced on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017
- A maximum of five Senior Men and five Senior Women (three to score) may be selected
- At the trial, the first two eligible men who run under 3 hours and women who run under 3 hr 30 min will be selected subject to them meeting at least one of the following selection criteria:
  - a. Has demonstrated the ability to be competitive against international opposition in overseas international mountain races of a similar length, profile and terrain between 1 January 2016 and the trial
  - b. Has shown consistency of performances in both domestic and international mountain races and/or fell/road races of a similar distance, profile and terrain
- Up to a further three athletes per event may be selected. All further selections will be considered by the selectors on an individual basis, based on performances at the trial and in line with the above selection criteria.
- Where the selectors feel that a team can realistically challenge for a top three position at the World Long Distance Championships 2017, a scoring team may be selected.
- Selection of all athletes is subject to agreement of the athlete's approach to racing and training between the trial and the Championships by the Chair of Selectors, Sarah Rowell or the team management

All athletes who do not intend to compete at the trial and wish to be considered for selection must ensure that they advise British Athletics Chair of Selectors, Sarah Rowell at [sarah@srowell.co.uk](mailto:sarah@srowell.co.uk) of their situation by 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

### **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 World Long Distance Mountain Running Championships.

### **European Championships (uphill) 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2017 Kamnik, Slovakia**

The official trial will be held on the weekend of 4 June 2017 in Keswick in conjunction with the British Athletics Mountain Running Championships.

### **Selection Meeting Process**

- The team will be selected in one selection meeting on **4 June 2017**
- The team will be announced on 8 June 2017
- A maximum of 4 athletes may be selected for each event (with three to score);
- The first 2 eligible athletes in each race at the trials will be automatically selected for each event.
- The selectors will fill the two remaining places in each race based on all known uphill form up to and including 3 June 2017.
- Selection of all athletes is subject to agreement of the athlete's approach to racing and training between the trial and the Championships by the Chair of Selectors, Sarah Rowell or the team management

All athletes who do not intend to compete at the trial and wish to be considered for selection must ensure that they advise British Athletics Chair of Selectors Sarah Rowell at [sarah@srowell.co.uk](mailto:sarah@srowell.co.uk) of their situation by 1 June 2017.

### **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 European Championships.

### **World Championships (up and down) 30 July 2017 Premana, Italy**

The official trial will be held on 18 June 2017 in Sedbergh.

### **Selection Meeting Process**

- The team will be selected in two selection meetings on **4 June 2017 and 19 June 2017**
- The team will be announced on 22 June 2017.
- A maximum of 4 athletes will be selected for each event (with three to score);
- After the European trial a maximum of two athletes per event may be selected subject to them meeting the following criteria:
  - a. Has demonstrated current fitness at the European trial
  - b. Has demonstrated ability in international up and down mountain races in the last two years
  - c. Has demonstrated the ability to be competitive against international opposition in an overseas international mountain race and/or domestic and international cross country/fell race between 1 January 2017 and the trial.
  - d. Has shown consistency of performances in both domestic and international mountain races of a similar distance and fell/cross country/road races.
  - e. Has shown competitive and consistent performances at previous European and global mountain running Championships.
  - f. Clearly demonstrates consistent and forward progression up the international competition pathway at both junior and senior level.
- At the trial, the first eligible athlete in each race will be selected subject to them meeting at least two of the following selection criteria:

- c. Has demonstrated the ability to be competitive against international opposition in an overseas international mountain race and/or domestic and international cross country/fell race between 1 January 2017 and the trial.
  - d. Has shown consistency of performances in both domestic and international mountain races of a similar distance and fell/cross country/road races.
  - e. Has shown competitive and consistent performances at previous European and global mountain running Championships.
  - f. Clearly demonstrates consistent and forward progression up the international competition pathway at both junior and senior level.
- Up to a further three athletes per event may be selected after the up and down trail subject to places being available. All further selections will be considered by the selectors on an individual basis, based on performances at the trial and in line with the above selection criteria.
  - Where the selectors feel that a team can realistically challenge for a top four position at the World Championships 2017, a scoring team or a full team may be selected.
  - Selection of all athletes is subject to agreement of the athlete's approach to racing and training between the trial and the Championships by the Chair of Selectors, Sarah Rowell or the team management

All athletes who do not intend to compete at the trial and wish to be considered for selection must ensure that they advise British Athletics Chair of Selectors, Sarah Rowell at [sarah@srowell.co.uk](mailto:sarah@srowell.co.uk) of their situation by 16 June 2017.

### **Appeals**

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### **Doubling up**

Subject to selection for the respective races and agreement of their race/training programme, senior athletes will

- be allowed to compete at both the European and WLD championships
- be allowed to compete at both the European and World championships
- be unlikely to be allowed to compete at both the World and WLD championships – any athlete wishing to be considered for this should contact Sarah Rowell as soon as possible to discuss their position
- not be allowed to do all three events

Date	Event	Location	Distance/climb
30/4/17	WLD trial – 3 peaks		36km, 1608m, winning time 2 hr 50 min
	5 week gap		
4/6/17	European trial - Uphill		
11/6/17	World ultra-championships	Italy	
18/6/17	World trial - Up and down		
25/6/17			
2/7/17			
9/7/17	European championships	Kamnik Slovakia	12 km uphill
16/7/17			
23/7/17			
30/7/17	World championships	Premana Italy	10-12km, up and down
6/8/17	World long distance championships	Premana Italy	30.43km, 2930 m climb descent, winning time 3 hours