



# BRITISH ATHLETICS

## **2017 World University Games** **19-30 August 2017** **Taipei, Chinese Taipei**

### **Selection Policy – published January 2017**

#### **Overview**

British Athletics takes a strategic approach to international age group competitions to reflect our ultimate aim of medals at the Senior World Championships and Olympic Games.

This selection policy (“the Policy”) outlines the process by which athletes will be selected for the World University Games (“WUG”) and accompanies the selection policy for the European U23 Championships. British Athletics are committed to supporting the age-group competition pathway organised and administered by the IAAF and European Athletics. As such, the European U23 Championships will take priority over the World University Games in 2017. More specifically, the following general philosophy will apply:

- The European U23 Championships will be selected first, followed by the World University Games. Athletes will be considered for the U23’s in their primary event(s), and only once all selections have been made for Bydgoszcz, will the Selection Panel (“the Panel”) consider them for the World University Games.
- Any U23 athlete (i.e. those born in 1995, 1996 or 1997) who wishes to prioritise the World University Games over the European U23 Championships (except for sprinters and some hurdlers – see below) must contact David Parker, Team Leader for the European U23 Championships at [dparker@britishathletics.org.uk](mailto:dparker@britishathletics.org.uk) in advance of selection.
- The European U23 Championships are seen as a key educational tool for 4x100m and 4x400m relay runners in preparation for performance in senior major championships relay teams. As such, U23 age-group athletes who compete in the 100m, 200m, 400m (and 110m/100m and 400m hurdles who are considered key relay runners) will only be considered for selection for the European U23 Championships and NOT for the World University Games.
- Doubling up at the European U23 Championships and the World University Games, or the WUG’s and the 2017 IAAF World Championships is not prohibited, but the Selection Panel for each championships will carefully consider whether any such athlete plans are appropriate both for the short and long term interests of the athlete concerned. Any decision to grant permission for an athlete to double-up between any

of the aforementioned championships will be at the absolute discretion of the relevant Selection Panel.

- The cost of participation in the World University Games is in excess of £2,500 per athlete. Each selected athlete will be required to make a standard Athlete Personal Contribution of £770 (or £885 for non-BUCS members). The balance of the costs of participation will be met in full by British Athletics and BUCS. Payment(s) will be required in full at the point of selection. **Athletes submitting a nomination acknowledge this requirement by indicating their acceptance of the Team Members Agreement, and accept that any unrecoverable costs incurred by BUCS resulting from athlete withdrawal from the nomination process will be passed onto the athlete concerned.**
- The British Athletics Team (“the Team”) for both championships will be selected in the same, single selection meeting. This will take place on **Tuesday, 20 June 2017**.

In all cases, selection by British Athletics represents a nomination to BUCS for their ratification, and will be conditional on athletes signing the BUCS Team Members’ Agreement (“TMA”). The final decision regarding selection for the Games lies with BUCS.

### Trials

There will be no trials event for the World University Games.

### Contact details & logistics

The athletics team will travel to the Championships as a single team. Any questions relating to selection for the World University Games should be directed to Team Leader Spencer Duval ([sduval@englandathletics.org](mailto:sduval@englandathletics.org)). Questions relating to travel or other logistics should be directed to Neil Rogers ([neil.rogers@bucs.org.uk](mailto:neil.rogers@bucs.org.uk)) at BUCS.

Travel dates for the WUG are as follows:

Date	Activity
17-August 2017	Outward Travel (arr. 18 August)
19-August 2017	Opening Ceremony/ WUG starts
23-28 August 2017	Athletics Programme
29-August 2017	Return Travel

### Eligibility

1. To be considered for nomination, athletes must satisfy the following:
  - a. be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder);
  - b. be at least 17 and less than 28 years of age on 1 January 2017;
  - c. are studying for an academic qualification at L4 (foundation degree or above) anywhere in the world (part-time or full-time) OR have graduated from such a qualification at any time in 2016.
  - d. by **1 May 2017**, complete the WUG online registration process via the [BUCS website](#).
  - e. If relevant, confirmation of an athlete’s preference to prioritise the WUG over the European U23 Championships.

*For the avoidance of doubt – athletes who fail to complete the registration process outlined at paragraph 1(d) above by 1 May 2017 will NOT be considered eligible for nomination. Any questions relating to the registration*

process should be directed to Neil Rogers ([neil.rogers@bucs.org.uk](mailto:neil.rogers@bucs.org.uk)) at BUCS.

### Qualification

2. To be considered as part of the selection process, qualification performances must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2017 and 24:00 (BST) 18 June 2017.
3. The British Athletics qualification standards are as follows:

Men	Event	Women
10.30	100m	11.45
20.70	200m	23.40
45.90	400m	52.50
1:47.00	800m	2:02.00
3:41.00	1500m	4:12.00
13:45.00	5,000m	15:55.00
29:15.00	10,000m	34:00.00
8:40.00	3,000m SC	10:00.00
13.70	110m/100m H	13.30
49.80	400m H	57.50
1:25:00	20km RW	1:35:00
65:00.00	Half-marathon	75:00.00
2.22	High Jump	1.88
5.45	Pole Vault	4.30
7.80	Long Jump	6.45
16.15	Triple Jump	13.60
18.80	Shot Putt	16.50
59.00	Discus Throw	56.00
72.00	Hammer Throw	65.00
78.00	Javelin Throw	56.00
7600	Decathlon/Heptathlon	5800

### Selection Process

4. The team will be selected on **Tuesday, 20 June 2017.**
5. The team will be announced on Wednesday, 21 June 2017.
6. A maximum of **20** athletes will be selected to the Team. The maximum number of athletes per event is as follows:
  - a. 10,000m – 3 per event;
  - b. Half-marathon and 20km race-walk – 5 per event; and
  - c. All other events – 2 per event.
7. Round 1:
  - a. Eligible athletes will only be selected in this round **provided the relevant British Athletics qualification standard has been achieved by that athlete during the relevant qualification period AND if the Panel believe they have realistic potential to finish in the top 8 in Taipei.**
  - b. Athletes may be selected based on a number of factors, including (but not limited to) the following:
    - i. Current form;
    - ii. Future individual medal potential at indoor or outdoor global events;

- iii. Head-to-heads;
  - iv. Previous major age-group competition history; and
  - v. Injury status;
  - vi. Ability to successfully double-up (i.e. compete in more than one event at the Championships); and
  - vii. Relay contribution (sprints only).
8. Round 2 – Team Leader discretionary selection:
- a. The Team Leader, at his/her sole discretion, may select additional individual athletes to the team who he/she believes can achieve a top 8 finish in Taipei but who have not achieved a British Athletics qualification standard within the relevant qualification period.
  - b. Athletes may only be selected in this round if places remain unfilled in the relevant individual event and if the maximum team size of 20 has not been exceeded. Athletes may not be selected at the expense of individuals already selected in round 1.

### **Conditions**

1. Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Domestic competitions will only be accepted if they are achieved in Permit Level 3 competitions or higher (please visit <http://www.uka.org.uk/competitions/rules> for further details on Permit levels).
2. Race walking performances achieved in road events must be achieved on IAAF certified courses.
3. Wind-assisted performances (or performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available) will not be accepted. The interpretation of a wind assisted Combined Events performance will be based on the most recent version of the IAAF rule book (at the time of selection), unless the relevant organising committee state otherwise.
4. Performances achieved in mixed events held completely in a stadium will not be accepted.
5. Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 100m/110m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4 x100m relay will not be accepted;
6. Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m or longer will be accepted.

### **Appeals**

7. There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the GB&NI Team made by the 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 University Games.

### **Amendment**

8. 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).