



## BRITISH ATHLETICS

### IAAF World Cross Country Championships 26 March 2017 Kampala, UGN

### Selection Policy – amended September 2016

#### Overview

British Athletics consider the World Cross Country Championships as a key stepping stone towards success at future global track and field championships – both for developing junior athletes, and high quality senior endurance athletes.

British Athletics therefore intend to select full teams of six athletes for each male and female junior team, and athletes to the senior teams who the Selection Panel (“the Panel”) believe are demonstrating the potential to finish at least in the top 30 in Kampala or at future versions of this event or where there is potential to win a team medal.

The Official Trial (“the Trials”) for the junior team takes place as part of the Inter Counties Cross Country Championships at Prestwold Hall, Loughborough, on 11 March 2017.

There will not be a trial for selections for the senior races. However, performances achieved by seniors at the Inter Counties Cross Country Championships will be given particularly strong consideration when selecting senior athletes (see Selection Process below).

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 Uganda, British Athletics will contribute the equivalent cost of a UK/Uganda return flight).

All questions related to the selection policy (including those relating to athletes based overseas) and the trial races should be directed to England Athletics National Coach Mentor Lead – Endurance, Spencer Duval ([sduval@englandathletics.org](mailto:sduval@englandathletics.org)).

#### Eligibility

1. To be considered eligible for selection, athletes must satisfy the following:
  - a. Be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder).
  - b. For the Junior (U20) race, be born in 1998, 1999, 2000 or 2001.

*Eligibility notes:*

*U17 athletes must compete in the U20 race at the Trials to be eligible for selection.*

*Athletes born in 1997 who are eligible to compete as a junior at the 2016 European Cross Country Championships in Italy become a senior in 2017 (as per IAAF rules). Therefore, they will not be eligible for the junior team at the 2017 World Cross. However, they can still be considered for the senior race.*

*U20 athletes will usually be selected to compete in the U20 race at the championships. Exceptions to this rule (i.e. selecting athletes born in 1998 or 1999 (as per IAAF entry rules) to compete in the senior race) may only be made at the discretion of the panel and only if they believe that doing so would be in the best interests of the team OR the best long term interests of the individual athlete.*

### **Selection process**

2. The team will be selected in one selection meeting on **13 March 2017** (to be finalised following confirmation of trial date).
3. The team will be announced on **14 March 2017** (to be finalised following confirmation of trial date).
4. Round 1 – Seniors:
  - a. Senior athletes will only be selected provided the Panel believe either of the following are true:
    - i. They have realistic potential to achieve an individual top 30 finish in Kampala or at future World Cross Country Championships; OR
    - ii. They will form part of a team that has realistic potential to win a team medal in Kampala.
  - b. In assessing the potential outlined in paragraphs a (i) and (ii) above, the Panel will consider the following factors (as well as any other factors deemed relevant):
    - i. Performance at the Inter Counties Cross Country Championships;
    - ii. Performances against international opposition (domestic or overseas) between 1 December 2015 and 14 March 2017;
    - iii. Current form;
    - iv. Future individual medal potential at indoor or outdoor major championships;
    - v. Previous major competition history (including European and World Cross Country, as well as senior/junior major track championships at 3000m and above);
    - vi. Head-to-heads;
    - vii. Athlete availability/planning; and
    - viii. Injury status.
5. Round 2 – Juniors (U20s):
  - a. The first three placed Junior athletes (including U17's) at the Trials will be automatically selected for the Junior race. For the avoidance of doubt, if any of the first three placed athletes at the Trials are ineligible or decline selection (through injury or any other reason) their automatic selection will NOT be offered to the next eligible athlete at the trials. Their place will be re-allocated based on point b below.

- b. The Selection Panel will select additional junior athletes to fill all remaining places (to the maximum of six per team) based on the criteria outlined for senior athletes in points 4.b.i to vii.
6. For the junior teams (and in the event that full senior teams are also selected), British Athletics may select non-travelling reserves for each of the senior and junior teams. Reserves may be selected based on the criteria outlined in rounds 1 and 2 respectively.

### **Appeals**

7. 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 IAAF World Cross Country Championships.

### **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).