



BRITISH ATHLETICS

2017 European Race Walking Cup

21 May 2017

Podebrady, CZE

Selection policy – updated January 2017

Overview

British Athletics intend to support the 2017 European Race Walking Cup by selecting athletes who have the potential to perform well at this competition, who are on the pathway to medals at future major outdoor championships or who realistically intend to use these championships as preparation for the London 2017 IAAF World Championships.

Qualification standards have therefore been set to reflect the expected high quality of competition at the European Cup.

There will be no trial event for these Championships. .

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 Andi Drake (adrake@englandathletics.org).

Eligibility

1. To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following:
 - a. be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder); and
 - b. Have achieved a relevant British Athletics qualification standard within the qualification period.
2. Junior athletes will be eligible for selection in this age group if they are born in 1998, 1999, 2000 or 2001.

Qualification

3. Qualification performances for all events must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2016 and 24:00 (GMT) 30 April 2017 (BST).
4. Qualifying performance for the men's 50km must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2016 and 24:00 31 January 2017 (GMT). NO athletes will be selected for the Men's 50km via performances achieved after this date.
5. The British Athletics qualification standards are as follows:



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Men	Event	Women
4:09.00 (1:28:00 20km)	Senior 50km	N/A
1:27.00 (4:05:00 50km) (42:00 20km)	Senior 20km	1:39.00 (47:30 10km)
45:00	Junior 10km	52:00

Selection meeting process

6. The team will be selected in **two** selection meetings:
 - a. Men's 50km walk – 6 Feb 2017; and
 - b. All other events – 2 May 2017.
7. The final team will be announced on 3 May 2017.
8. Up to four athletes may be selected in each of the men's and women's senior races. Up to three athletes may be selected in each of the junior races.
9. Athletes will be selected for the team if they have achieved the relevant qualification standard, AND provided the following is true:
 - a. They are not injured or otherwise currently affected by a performance limiting factor; AND
 - b. They demonstrate current form (at the point of selection).

Please note – athletes who qualify by virtue of achieving a “matrix time” (i.e. times outlined within the brackets in the table above) must demonstrate sufficient form in the full length event with the qualification period to be granted selection. For example – an athlete who qualifies for selection for the 50km event by walking faster than 1:28:00 in the 20km walk must have demonstrated sufficient transferrable form within the 50km race to be granted selection.
10. Athletes competing in a 50km walk event between 31 January 2017 and 24 April 2017 will **not** be considered for selection. If they have already been selected (at either selection meeting) they will be deselected.
11. Eligible junior athletes will only be selected to compete in the senior event at the discretion of the selection panel (and provided they have met the relevant British Athletics qualification standard for the senior event).

Conditions

12. Qualification times must be completed on an IAAF certified course.



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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 European Race Walking Cup.