



BRITISH ATHLETICS

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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 European U23 Championships, and accompanies the selection policy for the World University Games. 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 athlete 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 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 U23’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 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**.

Trials

The European U23 Championships Trials (“the Trials”) for all events except 5,000m, 10,000m, combined events and 20km race-walk, will take place on **17-18 June 2017 in Bedford**.

The Trials for the events not staged in Bedford on 17-18 June will take place as follows:

- Men’s and Women’s 5,000m – **27 May 2017 – Manchester (Sportcity) BMC**. Athletes wishing to compete should enter by contacting Ian Hodge (ihodge@britishathletics.org.uk);
- Men’s 10,000m – **20 May 2017 – Highgate, London (A race)**. Athletes wishing to compete should contact Ian Hodge (ihodge@britishathletics.org.uk); and
- Combined events – **27-28 May 2017 – Bedford**. This is the England Athletics Senior/U20/U23 Outdoor Combined Events Championships. As such, athletes wishing to compete should enter online at the England Athletics website (www.englandathletics.org).

There will be no trial for the U23 20km race-walks – athletes will instead be expected to show form/fitness over the 10,000m race-walk at the U23 trials in Bedford to be eligible for selection in round 2 of this policy (see below).

The GB and NI team will travel to the Championships as a single team. All questions related to the selection policy or trial races should be directed to Team Leader, David Parker (dparker@britishathletics.org.uk) or Team Manager, Pauline Holmes (pholmes@britishathletics.org.uk).

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);
 - b. be born in 1995, 1996, 1997;
 - c. Compete in the Trials in the event in which they wish to compete in Bydgoszcz. Permission to do otherwise (either to compete in a different event, or not to compete at all), must be gained in advance from the Team Leader (this does not apply to relays); and
 - d. sign the British Athletics Team Members’ Agreement (“TMA”) and abide by its terms and conditions. Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn. The current version of the TMA can be found online at <http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/world-class/2017-selection-policies/>.

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
10.35	100m	11.50
20.75	200m	23.45
46.30	400m	52.70
1:47.00	800m	2:03.00
3:41.00	1500m	4:13.00
13:55.00	5,000m	16:05.00
29:25.00	10,000m	34:10.00
8:45.00	3,000m SC	10:00.00
13.80	110m/100m H	13.30
50.50	400m H	57.50
1:26:00	20km RW	1:36:00
2.22	High Jump	1.87
5.45	Pole Vault	4.30
7.80	Long Jump	6.50
16.15	Triple Jump	13.45
18.80	Shot Putt	16.30
59.00	Discus Throw	54.00
71.00	Hammer Throw	66.00
76.00	Javelin Throw	56.00
7700	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 three athletes may be selected in each individual event. The total number of athletes selected for each relay event is at the discretion of the Panel, in accordance with European Athletics entry rules for the relay events.
7. Round 1 – automatic selections (all events except the 20km race-walk for which there is no trial race):
 - a. In the men's and women's 10,000m, the winner of the Trial event will be automatically selected for the 10,000m at the European U23 Championships **provided they satisfy the eligibility requirements outlined at paragraph 1 (a-c) above, and that the relevant British Athletics qualification standard has been achieved by that athlete during the relevant qualification period.**
 - b. For all other eligible events, the first 2 athletes past the post at the individual Trials event will be automatically selected for the same event at the European U23 Championships **provided the relevant British Athletics qualification standard has been achieved by that athlete during the relevant qualification period.**
 - c. Should the winner (10,000m) or first 2 placed athletes (all other events) at the trials not be eligible for (or decline) selection or have not achieved the relevant qualification standard, their automatic places will NOT be offered to the next athlete(s) past the post.
 - d. For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete may achieve the qualification standard after the trials but before the end of the qualification period and still gain automatic selection.

8. Round 2 – all remaining eligible individual athletes;
 - a. 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 5 in Bydgoszcz.**
 - b. Athletes may be selected based a number of factors, including (but not limited to) the following:
 - i. Current form;
 - ii. Position at the trials;
 - iii. Future individual medal potential at indoor or outdoor global events;
 - iv. Head-to-heads;
 - v. Previous major age-group competition history; and
 - vi. Injury status;
 - vii. Ability to successfully double-up (i.e. compete in more than one event at the Championships); and
 - viii. Relay contribution (sprints only).
9. Round 3 – relays;
 - a. Based on the athletes selected for individual sprint/hurdles events in rounds 1 and 2, the Panel, in its absolute discretion, may choose to select a team for each of the men's and women's 4x100m and 4x400m relays (which must include athletes selected for individual 100m and 400m events respectively) provided either of the following is true:
 - i. they believe that the relevant relay team will be genuine medal contenders in Bydgoszcz; OR
 - ii. they believe a sufficient number of athletes eligible for relay selection possess realistic potential to be key team members in future senior global medal winning relay teams.
 - b. The number of athletes selected for each relay team will be at the discretion of the Panel, in accordance with the European Athletics entry rules for relay events.
 - c. Athletes may be selected based on a number of factors, including (but not limited to) the following:
 - i. Current form;
 - ii. Head-to-heads;
 - iii. Previous major competition history (in individual and relay events);
 - iv. Relay skills;
 - v. Injury status; and
 - vi. Engagement with the British Athletics relay programme(s);
 - b. Athletes selected for the relay do not need to have achieved a British Athletics qualification standard but do need to have competed in The Trials (or received permission not to do so from the Team Leader).
10. Round 4 – 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 5 finish in Bydgoszcz** but who have not achieved a British Athletics qualification standard within the relevant qualification period (but who have achieved the lower European Athletics qualification standard).
 - b. Athletes may only be selected in this round if places remain unfilled in the relevant individual event, and athletes may not be selected at the expense of individuals already selected in rounds 1 or 2.

Note: The total number of athletes selected in rounds 2, 3 and 4 may be limited by regulations set by the Championship organisers, or for logistical or budgetary reasons.

Conditions

11. 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).
12. Race walking performances achieved in road events must be achieved on IAAF certified courses.
13. 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.
14. Performances achieved in mixed events held completely in a stadium will not be accepted.
15. Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 100m/110m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4 x100m relay will not be accepted;
16. Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m or longer will be accepted.

Appeals

17. 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 European U23 Championships.

Amendment

18. 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.