



BRITISH ATHLETICS

2017 European Junior Championships

20-23 July 2017

Grosseto, ITA

2017 Loughborough International, 21 May 2017

2017 Mannheim International, 1-2 July 2017

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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. Whilst it is important that the GB & NI team are successful at the European Junior Championships itself, we also recognise their importance as a learning experience for athletes on the pathway to senior medals.

The Selection Panel (“the Panel”) therefore aim to select athletes who they believe have the potential to achieve at least a top 8 placing in Grosseto.

The European Junior Championships Trials (“the Trials”) for all events except 5,000m, 10,000m and combined events, 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**. 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).

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 Manager, Lorna Dwyer (ldwyer@britishathletics.org.uk).

English Schools & Over-competing

The English Schools Championships take place 7-8 July 2017, 2 weeks before the European Junior Championships. Given the timing of the English Schools, British Athletics are happy for athletes to compete as part of their preparation for the European Junior Championships. However, British Athletics do not generally believe that for many athletes it is in the long-term or short-term interests of U20 athletes to compete at both English Schools AND the Mannheim International. To ensure athletes are fresh and healthy for the European Juniors, any athlete selected for Mannheim who is also planning to compete in English schools should discuss this with the Team Leader in advance.

In more general terms, the Team Leader reserves the right to deselect athletes who has not followed his/her direction, and/or who they believe has over-competed between selection and departure for the Championships.

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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 1998 or 1999 – athletes born in 2000 or 2001 may be selected but only if the following is true:
 - i. they compete in events not offered at the 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games; and
 - ii. the Team Leader chooses to exercise his/her discretion to do so, pursuant to paragraph 9 (b) below.
 - c. Compete in the Trials in the event in which they wish to compete in Grosseto. 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).

Qualification

1. 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) 10 July 2017.
2. The British Athletics qualification standards are as follows:

Men	Event	Women
10.55	100m	11.65
21.15	200m	23.80
47.25	400m	53.90
1:49.00	800m	2:06.00
3:45.00	1500m	4:20.00
N/A	3,000m	9:25.00
14:20.00	5,000m	16:30.00
30:20.00	10,000m	N/A
9:05.00	3,000m SC	10:30.00
13.75 (0.995m)	110m/100m H	13.65
52.00	400m H	59.00
43:00.00	10km RW	48:15.00
2.16	High Jump	1.83
5.20	Pole Vault	4.15
7.55	Long Jump	6.25
15.70	Triple Jump	13.00
18.85 (6kg)	Shot Putt	15.15
57.50 (1.75kg)	Discus Throw	50.00

71.50 (6kg)	Hammer Throw	60.00
72.50	Javelin Throw	52.00
7100 (1.067m; 7.26kg SP; 2kg DT) / 7300 (0.995m; 6kg SP; 1.75kg DT)	Dec/Hep	5450

Selection Process

3. The team will be selected in two selection meetings:
 - a. **Monday 19 June 2017** – automatic selections (round 1), as well as athletes from round 2 who the Panel believe to be clear medal contenders in Grosseto; and
 - b. **Tuesday 11 July 2017** – all remaining selections;
4. The team will be announced on Tuesday 20 June and Wednesday 12 July 2017 respectively.
5. A maximum of three athletes may be selected in each individual event. Up to six athletes may be selected for each relay event (which must include athletes selected for individual 100m/400m events respectively);
6. Round 1 – automatic selections:
 - a. The first 2 athletes past the post at the individual Trials event will be automatically selected for the same event at the European Junior Championships **provided the relevant British Athletics qualification standard has been achieved by that athlete during the relevant qualification period**. Should the winner/second placed athlete at the trials not be eligible for (or decline) selection or have not have achieved the relevant qualification standard, their automatic places will not be offered to the next athlete(s) past the post.
 - b. 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. In such a scenario, automatic selection will not be made until the second selection meeting.
7. Round 2 – all remaining eligible individual athletes;
 - a. Athletes will only be selected in this round if the Panel believe they have realistic potential to finish in the top 8 in Grosseto.
 - b. Athletes will 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).
8. 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 they believe that the relevant relay team will be genuine medal contenders in Grosseto.**

- 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).
9. 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 8 finish in Grosseto 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. The Team Leader, at his/her sole discretion, may also select additional individual Youth age-group athletes to the team (provided they have achieved at least the European Athletics qualification standard in the relevant event) who he/she believes can achieve a top 8 finish in Grosseto but whose event is not offered at the 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games – these events are as follows:
 - i. Men's/women's 2,000m (3,000m at Junior level) steeplechase;
 - ii. Men's/women's triple jump;
 - iii. Men's/women's pole-vault;
 - iv. Men's/women's hammer-throw;
 - v. Men's/women's combined events; and
 - vi. Men's 10km race-walk.
 - c. 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

10. 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 2 competitions or higher (please visit <http://www.uka.org.uk/competitions/rules> for further details on Permit levels).
11. Race walking performances achieved in road events must be achieved on IAAF certified courses.

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

Loughborough International **21 May 2017**

The Loughborough International match is the traditional season opener in the UK and is seen as a stepping stone opportunity towards the European Junior Championships.

A full programme of events with junior implements and hurdles will be staged (the 110m hurdles race with junior height hurdles is not a match race). Endurance events will include 3,000m and 3000m steeplechase for men and women.

GB and NI Juniors have priority selection AFTER Loughborough Students for this meeting, and one athlete per event may be selected. *Guest* slots may also be allocated to additional U20 athletes (i.e. those not already selected for the GB & NI team) aiming to secure selection for the European Junior Championships.

The Loughborough International fulfils a key role in the British Athletics relay programme. As such, all eligible relay athletes should make themselves available for selection and participation in Loughborough (unless involved in senior British Athletics relay activities at the same time).

The team (and guest slots) will be selected using the following criteria:

1. Performances in the 2016/17 indoor and 2017 outdoor seasons;
2. Head to head performance record from 2016/17 indoor and 2017 outdoor seasons;
3. Performances from 2016 outdoor season (where performances demonstrate clear medal potential at the 2017 European Juniors);
4. Previous age-group competition history; and
5. Current form and fitness.

Selection will take place on **Monday 15 May 2017**. Selection will be announced on Tuesday 16 May 2017.

Mannheim International **1-2 July 2017**

The Mannheim International is one of the highest junior level competitions outside the World or European Junior Championships each year. The event is part of the German selection series for World or European Junior teams. British Athletics has an annual invitation to select a small team to take part in this event.

Given the historical level of performance at this meeting and its importance in preparing athletes for the European Junior Championships, it is British Athletics' intention to select athletes in form and with the potential to medal at the European Junior Championships. This meeting will play a key part in the British Athletics Junior Relay Programme and relay athletes will therefore be expected to prioritise the 4x100m over individual events – athletes who refuse to do this will not be selected (or may be deselected later). Given the restricted numbers set by the Local Organising Committee, some athletes who fit these criteria may not be selected.

The team will be selected using the following criteria:

1. A maximum of 20 athletes will be selected according to the criteria above (only in exceptional circumstances, and only where budget allows will this number be exceeded);
2. Team selections will concentrate on providing preparation for realistic medal contenders at the European Junior Championships, including relays;
3. Athletes selected for individual 100m and 200m events must make themselves available for the 4x100m, with sprint relay teams taking priority over individual events in Mannheim; and
4. The endurance events in Mannheim mirror the provision of the BMC in the UK, therefore no endurance athletes will be selected for this meeting.

Selection will take place on **Monday 19 June 2017**. Selection will be announced on Tuesday 20 June 2017.

Appeals

16. 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 Junior Championships, Loughborough International or Mannheim International.

Amendment

17. 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.