



BRITISH ATHLETICS

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Overview

British Athletics consider the European Cross Country Championships as a key stepping stone towards success at future global track and field championships.

Full GB & NI men's and women's individual teams will be selected (consisting of six senior, six U23 and six junior (U20) athletes), and for the first time a senior mixed relay team (consisting of 2 senior male and 2 senior female athletes) and to this end, this policy has been structured to select a team with the following aims:

- Medal success at the 2017 European Cross Country Championships; AND
- Opportunities for developing athletes with the potential for future success at senior outdoor major championships (including future Cross Country championships).

Selections will be made after the result of the Official Trial ("the Trials"), which takes place in Liverpool as part of the British Athletics Cross Country Challenge on **Saturday 25 November 2017**.

Please note, U17 male athletes wishing to qualify for selection for the Junior team via the Trials should register to compete in the U20 race at the Trials (U17 female athletes already compete in the U20 race at the Trials so will automatically be considered for the U20 team).

The British Athletics team will travel to the Championships as a single team. Domestic (within UK) travel arrangements will be arranged 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 Slovakia British Athletics will contribute the equivalent cost of a UK/Slovakia return flight).

All questions related to the selection policy (including those relating to athletes based overseas) and the trial races should be directed to Team Leader Rob Denmark, at rdenmark@britishathletics.org.uk.

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 U23 athletes, be born in 1995, 1996 or 1997.
- c. For Junior (U20) athletes, be born in 1998, 1999, 2000 or 2001.

Note: Athletes will be selected to compete in the age-group race for which they are eligible at the championships (i.e. U23 athletes will be selected for the U23 race, U20 athletes will be selected for the Junior race). For the avoidance of doubt, should an U23 athlete finish ahead of a senior athlete in the joint race at the Trials, the U23 athlete will be selected for the U23 race, and will NOT be considered as one of the first senior athletes past the post. Exceptions to this rule (i.e. selecting U20 athletes to compete in the U23 race, or U23's in the 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 Tuesday **28 November 2017**.
3. The team will be announced on Wednesday 29 November 2017.
4. Round 1 – Senior Individuals and Senior Mixed Relay:
 - a. The top 4 eligible senior athletes from each senior race at the Trials (not including any U23 athletes competing in the joint senior/U23 Trial race) will be automatically selected for the individual senior race.
 - i. For the avoidance of doubt, due to the addition of the senior mixed relay (see point 4c below), if any of the top four at the Trials decline selection (through injury or any other reason) their automatic selection WILL be offered to the next eligible senior athlete at the Trials. Their place will be re-allocated based on point 4b below.
 - b. The Selection Panel will select athletes to fill the remaining individual spots based on remaining eligible athletes' form, fitness and competition history up to and including 25 November 2017.
 - c. Once all individual senior spots are filled, the Selection Panel will, only if they believe a top 3 finish is achievable, select up to 4 athletes (2 male and 2 female) for the senior mixed relay (1 lap of course per athlete, approx. 1.5km per lap). The Selection Panel will select these athletes based on eligible athletes' form, fitness and competition history up to and including the 25 November 2017.
5. Round 2 – U23s:
 - a. The first four placed eligible U23 athletes at the Trials (in the combined trial race – i.e. with the seniors) will be automatically selected for the U23 race. For the avoidance of doubt, if any of the first four placed athletes at the Trials 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 athletes to fill the remaining team spots based on remaining eligible athletes' form, fitness and competition history up to and including 25 November 2017.
6. Round 3 – Juniors (U20s):
 - a. The first five placed eligible 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 five placed athletes at the Trials 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 the sixth athlete based on remaining eligible athletes' form, fitness and competition history up to and including 25 November 2017.
7. British Athletics will select two non-travelling reserves for each of the senior, U23, junior and senior mixed relay teams who may be added to the relevant team should an athlete withdraw prior to EA final entry. Non-travelling reserve places will be selected based on remaining eligible athletes' form, fitness and competition history up to and including 25 November 2017.

Appeals

8. There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the GB&NI Team made by the Selection Panel. The provisions of the British Athletics Selection and Nomination "Fast" Appeals Procedure do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2017 European Cross Country Championships.

Amendment

9. 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.