



# BRITISH ATHLETICS

## **2018 European Championships**

**4-12 August 2018**

**Berlin, Germany**

### **Selection Process**

#### **Marathon Cup and 50km Race Walk**

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### **Overview**

This document outlines the process by which athletes will be selected for the marathon cup and 50 km race walk for the 2018 European Championships in Berlin, Germany.

This selection policy (“the Policy”) has been created in line with the British Athletics strategic aim to ‘win more medals in more events in Tokyo 2020 and beyond’ and the 2017 – 2021 Selection Philosophy.

British Athletics therefore intends to select a team for Berlin 2018 with the following aims:

- Maximise medal success at the 2018 European Championships;
- Provide opportunities for developing athletes that have potential to win medals at future major championships; and
- Provide opportunities for established athletes to achieve a GB vest.

The official Trial event for the marathon cup will once again be the Virgin Money London Marathon on 22 April 2018. In addition, due to the 2018 Commonwealth Games also taking place in the spring, British Athletics will use the Commonwealth Games marathon event on 15 April as a means to auto select eligible athletes.

The official Trial for the 50km Race Walk will be a spring IAAF Race Walking Challenge event (exact date/location to be confirmed following publication of the 2018 international calendar).

This document will become part of the full 2018 European Championships Policy which will be published later in 2017. To be clear, the selection process and performance criteria for the marathon and 50km Race Walk will not change upon publication of the full Policy.

## **SECTION 1: SELECTION PROCESS**

### **Eligibility**

- 1.1. To be considered for selection in the marathon and 50km Race Walk, athletes must:
- a. Be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder);
  - b. Have achieved a relevant British Athletics qualification standard within the qualification period; and
  - c. Be 20 years or older as at 31 December 2018 (born in 1998 or earlier).

### **Selection meetings and process**

- 1.3 Athletes will be selected for the marathon and 50km Race Walk in one selection meeting on **Tuesday 24 April**.
- 1.4 Athletes selected for the marathon and 50km Race Walk will be announced as soon as possible after the meeting.
- 1.5 The Selection Panel (“the Panel”) for the marathon/50km Race Walk selection meeting shall comprise:
- a. Voting members;
    - i. British Athletics’ Performance Director;
    - ii. British Athletics’ Head of Endurance; and
    - iii. At least one additional endurance event group representative.
  - b. Non-voting members:
    - i. British Athletics Deputy Performance Director (who will chair the meeting);
    - ii. At least one independent observer;
    - iii. British Athletics’ Chief Medical Officer (“the CMO”);
    - iv. Statistician;
    - v. Media representative; and
    - vi. Note-takers etc. as required.
- 1.6 **Round 1 – automatic selections:**
- a. Marathon:
    - i. The first two placed eligible athletes in the marathon Trial event will be automatically selected, provided the athlete, by the end of the qualification period, has achieved **at least one qualification standard**.
    - ii. The first two eligible GB&NI athletes in the Commonwealth Games marathon event will be automatically selected for the marathon, provided the athlete, by the end of the qualification period, has achieved **at least one qualification standard**.
  - b. 50km Race Walk:
    - i. The first placed eligible athlete in the 50km Race Walk Trial event will be automatically selected, provided the athlete, by the end of the qualification period, has achieved **at least one qualification standard**.
  - c. Should any of the automatic selections from the relevant Trials events or the Commonwealth Games marathon event be unable or unwilling to take up their place(s), their Round 1 place(s) will not be offered by default to the next best placed eligible athlete(s) from the relevant Trial or Commonwealth Games race.

## 1.7 Round 2 – all remaining eligible individual places

- a. Athletes will be selected in this round if they satisfy the following:
  - i. Achieved at least one qualification standard by the end of the qualification period; and
  - ii. Demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Panel, current form and fitness which suggests they are capable of performing at a level to (or exceeding) their qualification best or seasons best (whichever is higher).
- b. A maximum of 6 athletes (a minimum of 3 is needed to score for the team event) can be selected in each of the men's and women's marathon cup events and up to 3 athletes in all other individual events.
- c. If more athletes satisfy all of the criteria outlined in paragraph 1.7(a) (i) to (ii) above than there are places available, athletes will be selected based on the Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria, as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant:
  - i. World ranking;
  - ii. Current form;
  - iii. Future individual medal potential at major events;
  - iv. Head-to-heads;
  - v. Previous major competition history;
  - vi. Injury status;
  - vii. Position and performance at the relevant Trials (clearly paced performances from mixed gender races will be taken into account) and;
  - viii. The number of places available.

## **SECTION 2: PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

### **Trials**

- 2.1 **Marathon** – the official Trial will be the combined men's elite and championship race (which start together) and the women's elite race at the 2018 Virgin Money London Marathon on 22 April 2018.
- 2.2 **50km Race Walk** – the official Trial will be a spring IAAF Race Walking Challenge event (exact date/location to be confirmed following publication of the 2018 international calendar).

### **Qualification Standards**

- 2.3 The British Athletics qualification standards are as follows (\*denotes standards higher than those set by the EA):

Men	Event	Women
2:16.00	Marathon	2:36.00
4:03.00*	50km RW	

- 2.4 Marathon and 50km Race Walk athletes must achieve qualification standard(s) within the following qualification periods: – between 00:00 (GMT) on 1 May 2017 and 16:00 (BST) on 22 April 2018\*.

*\*Demonstration of form (to the reasonable satisfaction of the Head of Endurance) or fitness (to the reasonable satisfaction of the British Athletics CMO) for qualification performances achieved prior to 1 January 2018 will be required.*

### **Performance conditions relating to qualification standards**

- 2.5 Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised.
- 2.6 Marathon and race walking qualification performances must be achieved on IAAF accredited courses (as listed on the IAAF website).

## **SECTION 3: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Appeals**

- 3.1 Athletes may appeal their non-selection, but only after the final selection date and only according to the procedure laid out in the “British Athletics Selection Appeals Policy” which can be found on the British Athletics website. Athletes wishing to seek advice regarding the appeals process (including the validity of any procedure itself) are advised to contact the British Athletes Commission (BAC) at [www.britishathletes.org](http://www.britishathletes.org).

### **Amendment**

- 3.2 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).