



# BRITISH ATHLETICS

## **IAU 24 Hour European Championships Timisoara, Romania, 26/27 May 2018 Selection Policy - published December 2017**

### **1. Overview**

The British Athletics policy for the 24-Hour European Championships will focus on athletes who will challenge for individual and team medals. British Athletics therefore intend to select athletes to the teams who the Selection Panel (“the Panel”) believe are demonstrating the potential to win individual medals in this or at future versions of this event, or to contribute to a team medal. Teams will only be selected if the panel believe they can challenge for a medal.

It notes that the best in Europe tend to compete at these championships and British Athletics would wish to build on the medal successes achieved in the previous IAU 24H European and World Championships.

The Great Britain and Northern Ireland (GB&NI) team will travel to the Championships as a single team (exceptions to this will be made at the discretion of the Team Leader and if budget allows). Travel arrangements to Timisoara will be booked 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.

All questions related to the selection policy (including those relating to athletes based overseas) should be directed to the chair of selectors John Pares ([johnpares@gmail.com](mailto:johnpares@gmail.com))

## **2. Eligibility**

To be considered for the selection, athletes must:

- be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport).
- 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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.uka.org.uk/world-class/gb-ni-team-info/>

## **3. Qualification**

- Qualification performances for all events, must be achieved between 1st January 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017
- The British Athletics qualification standards are as follows:

	Individual Standard	Team Standard
Men	Over 245 kms in a qualifying 24-hour event	Over 230 kms in a qualifying 24-hour event
Women	Over 220 kms in a qualifying 24-hour event	Over 210 kms in a qualifying 24-hour event

## **4. Selection Process**

- The team will be selected in one selection meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018
- The team will be announced on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
- A maximum of 6 athletes for each event (with three to score) may be selected.
- Up to 2 non-travelling reserves may be selected.
- Selection is subject to the agreement of the athlete's racing programme between the selection date and the Championships by the Panel or its representative.
- The Panel will consist of: John Pares (Chair), Hilary Walker, Walter Hill, Adrian Stott and Norman Wilson

## **5. Conditions**

Selection is subject to athletes demonstrating at least two of the following selection guidelines during the qualification period:

- Achievement of the individual or team qualifying standard
- The ability to be competitive against international opposition in an overseas international ultra/trail/mountain race and/or domestic international race of an appropriate distance;
- A consistency of performances in both domestic and international ultra/trail/mountain races of appropriate distances, including at previous IAU World and European Championships over 24 Hours;
- A top 3 (scoring) position in a GB&NI medal-winning team in 2015 or 2016

The Panel reserves the right to take other factors into account, primarily the potential of an athlete to win a medal, when considering specific performances outside the selection criteria.

The panel reserve the right to deselect athletes who become unfit to compete, do not follow the conditions of selection, or who break any of the rules of UK Athletics.

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must ensure that they advise UK Athletics Chair of Selectors, John Pares [johnpares@gmail.com](mailto:johnpares@gmail.com) with their expression of interest and accompanying CV by 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

## **6. Appeals**

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 2018 IAU 24 Hour European Championships.

## **7. Amendment**

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.uka.org.uk](http://www.uka.org.uk).