



BRITISH ATHLETICS

2018 European Athletics Youth Championships
5 – 8 July 2018
Gyor, Hungary

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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 Athletics Youth 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 Gyor.

Unlike the other age-group championships taking place this summer, there is NOT a trials event for the European Youth.

The GB and NI team will travel to the Championships as a single team. All questions related to the selection policy, competition opportunities or team travel should be directed to Team Leader, Femi Akinsanya (fakinsanya@englandathletics.org) or Team Manager, Lorna Dwyer (ldwyer@britishathletics.org.uk).

Competition Opportunities

Due to the different implement weights, distances and hurdle heights used in this age-group, British Athletics will be organising a number of competition opportunities in a variety of events (including combined events) to help athletes achieve qualification times. To facilitate head-to-head performances, athletes will be encouraged to participate in competition opportunities against their peers. Athletes who choose not to compete in such competition opportunities may harm their chances of selection.

Athletes/Coaches/Parents wanting more information on these competition opportunities and/or those wishing to register their email address for updates should contact Team Manager, Lorna Dwyer (ldwyer@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 2001 or 2002; and
 - c. have achieved a relevant British Athletics qualification standard within the relevant period (individual events only).
 - 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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.uka.org.uk/world-class/gb-ni-team-info/>

Qualification

2. Qualification performances must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2018 and 24:00 (BST) 24 June 2018.
3. The British Athletics qualification standards are as follows:

| Boys | Event | Girls |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 10.75 | 100m | 11.85 |
| 21.70 | 200m | 24.30 |
| 48.30 | 400m | 55.50 |
| 1:52.00 | 800m | 2:09.00 |
| 3:52.00 | 1500m | 4:26.00 |
| 8:32.00 | 3,000m | 9:45.00 |
| 6:05.00 | 2,000m SC | 7:00.00 |
| 13:90 (91.4cm) | 110m/100m H | 13.80 (76.2cm) |
| 53.50 (83.8cm) | 400m H | 61.00 (76.2cm) |
| 46:50.00 | 10km RW/5km RW | 24:30.00 |
| 2.08 | High Jump | 1.79 |
| 4.80 | Pole Vault | 3.90 |
| 7.20 | Long Jump | 6.00 |
| 14.70 | Triple Jump | 12.40 |
| 18.30 (5.00kg) | Shot Putt | 15.90 (3.00kg) |
| 56.00 (1.5kg) | Discus Throw | 45.00 (1.00kg) |
| 69.00 (5.00kg) | Hammer Throw | 62.00 (3.00kg) |
| 69.00 (700g) | Javelin Throw | 51.00 (500g) |
| 6900 ⁺ | Decathlon/Heptathlon | 5400 ⁺ |

⁺U18 hurdle heights and implement weights apply

Selection Process

4. The team will be selected in one selection meeting on **Thursday 21 June 2018**
5. The team will be announced on Friday 22 June 2018.
6. **British Athletics will select a team of up to 33** athletes**, which must consist of no more than 2 athletes for each individual event. Given this team size, the Selection Panel ("the Panel") will select the team in 3 rounds, outlined in paragraphs 7 to 10 below.

***Note – the GB and NI team size is subject to budgetary constraints and as such British Athletics reserves the right to increase or decrease the maximum team size as necessary.*

7. Round 1 – clear top 8 potential:
 - a. Athletes will only be selected in this round if the Panel believe they have clear potential to finish in the top 8 in Gyor.
 - b. Where greater than 33** athletes satisfy paragraph 7(a) above, the Panel will select the athletes that it believes will achieve the highest individual placing in Gyor.
 - c. Athletes will be selected based on a number of factors, including (but not limited to) the following:
 - i. 2018 performance record;
 - ii. Current form;
 - iii. Future individual medal potential at indoor or outdoor major events;
 - iv. Previous Youth Championships competition history (2017 Commonwealth Youth Games);
 - v. Head-to-heads; and
 - vi. Injury status.

8. Round 2 – Team Leader discretionary selection:
 - a. Provided places remain unfilled (subject to the maximum team size of 33**) following completion of round 1, 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 Gyor but who have not achieved a British Athletics qualification standard within the relevant qualification window (provided they have achieved the lower European Athletics qualification standard in accordance with paragraphs 11 to 15 below).
 - 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 round 1.

9. Round 3 – medley relay:
 - a. A medley relay team will only be selected where places remain unfilled (subject to the maximum team size of 33**) following completion of rounds 1 and 2, and only if the Panel, in its absolute discretion, believes the team will be genuine medal contenders in Gyor.
 - b. A maximum of 6 athletes may be selected for the medley relay, which can include those selected as individuals in previous rounds. For the avoidance of doubt the Panel may choose not to select any additional medley relay only athletes in this round, but still select a strike 4 and enter a team from athletes selected for the individual events in previous rounds.
 - c. Athletes may be selected to the medley relay (as medley relay only athletes, or from previously selected individual athletes) 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. Current form;
 - ii. Head-to-heads;
 - iii. Previous major competition history;
 - iv. Relay experience
 - v. Competition timetable considerations: and
 - vi. Injury status.
 - d. Athletes selected for the medley relay only do not need to have achieved a British Athletics qualification standard.

10. The Panel reserves the right to make value judgments on situations that they consider to be exceptional circumstances within the reference framework and the spirit of the general policy;

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 2 competitions or higher (please visit <http://www.uka.org.uk/competitions/rules> for further details on Permit levels);
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 and 400m Hurdles will not be accepted;
15. Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m or longer will be accepted.

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 British Athletics Selection Appeals Policy do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2018 European Athletics Youth Championships.

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.