



BRITISH ATHLETICS

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Selection Policy – January 2018.

Released prior to minimum qualification standards and eligible class confirmation. These details will be updated as soon as possible.

This selection policy has been created in line with British Athletics' strategic aim of winning medals at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games and beyond. The policy has therefore been structured to select a team with the following aims:

- Medal success at the 2018 WPA European Championships; and
- Opportunities for developing athletes with the potential for future success at senior outdoor major championships;

Eligibility

1. To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy each of the following:
 - a. Be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder);
 - b. Hold an IPC Athlete Licence, valid for the 2018 calendar year;
 - c. By Monday 2nd July 2018 hold either a World Para Athletics ("WPA") "Review" or "Confirmed" Classification, OR British Athletics National Classification in an eligible class (as listed in the WPA Tokyo Paralympic Medal Event Programme);
 - d. For athletes who possess a WPA classification, any such classification must also be underpinned by a Relevant Diagnosis (as defined in paragraph 2 below) which is to the satisfaction of the British Athletics Chief Medical Officer ("the CMO") in accordance with paragraph 2. For the avoidance of doubt, these requirements apply to all athletes seeking selection under this Selection Policy, including those with a physical, visual or intellectual impairment;
 - e. Be 14 years or older as at 31st December 2018; and
 - f. Have achieved at least one Minimum Qualification Standard ("MQS") performance (see Appendix A of this Selection Policy) in an event featured on the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Medal Event Programme (see [WPA Website](#) for the full Tokyo

Paralympic Medal Event Programme) in accordance with paragraphs 16 to 22 below.

- g. 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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://uka.org.uk/world-class/gb-ni-team-info/>.

Note: For the avoidance of doubt, T31 and T32 events are not currently on the Tokyo 2020 medal event programme. However, British Athletics are committed to supporting the development of Race Running as a discipline within the WPA European Championships and as such T31 and T32 athletes will be considered eligible for selection in the same way as those athletes competing in events with a recognised Paralympic pathway. Please note, athletes in ALL other events, must still satisfy paragraph 1(f) above in competing in a primary event that features on the Tokyo medal event programme.

Relevant Diagnosis

2. The CMO must be satisfied of any medical diagnosis that underpins an athlete's classification (such a diagnosis being a "Relevant Diagnosis") and must be satisfied that the impairment diagnosed causes permanent and verifiable physical, visual or intellectual activity limitation consistent with the athlete's classification. The following provisions shall apply in connection with the CMO's assessment of a Relevant Diagnosis:
 - a. it shall be the responsibility of the athlete to obtain and provide documentary evidence of a Relevant Diagnosis so as to show to the CMO's satisfaction that the impairment causes permanent and verifiable physical, visual or intellectual activity limitation consistent with the athlete's classification;
 - b. the athlete shall comply with all reasonable requests of the CMO for further evidence of the Relevant Diagnosis, and the costs of obtaining such evidence shall be met by British Athletics; and
 - c. all documentary evidence submitted in support of a Relevant Diagnosis must be in English, dated and signed by a registered medical professional who provided the diagnosis.

Selection Process

3. The team will be selected on **Monday 2nd July 2018**.
4. The team will be announced on **Tuesday 3rd July 2018**.
5. The Selection Panel ("the Panel") for the meeting shall comprise:
 - a. Voting members;
 - i. British Athletics' Paralympic Head Coach; and
 - ii. Event group representatives as nominated by the Head Coach.
 - b. Non-voting members:
 - i. British Athletics' Paralympic Performance Programme Manager (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.

6. For all events excluding Race Running, the Selection Panel will select a maximum of 50 athletes in rounds 1, 2 and 3 (outlined in paragraphs 8 to 10).
7. For Race Running events, the Selection Panel will select a maximum of 4 additional athletes in round 4 (outlined in paragraph 11).
8. Round 1 – top ranked Europeans
Eligible athletes who are ranked in the top three (3) of individual MQS WPA European Championships Rankings at 09:00 (BST) on Monday 2nd July 2018 (in the same event that the MQS has been achieved) will be automatically selected, with the following exceptions:
 - a. Athletes competing in “weak” events (i.e. less than eight (8) athletes from three (3) different countries represented on the MQS WPA European Championships Rankings), will NOT be automatically selected. They will instead be considered in round 2 (paragraph 9);
 - b. If the total number of selectable athletes in round 1 exceeds the maximum of 50. In such a situation, the factors listed in paragraph 9 will be used to prioritise which athletes are selected.
9. Round 2 – all remaining eligible individual athletes:
Athletes will only be selected for individual events in this round if the Selection Panel believe they have realistic potential to:
 - a. Win a medal in Berlin, OR;
 - b. Finish in the top eight (8) at the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships AND go on to win a medal at future senior World Para Athletics Championships or Paralympic Games.

Athletes will be selected based on the following (and any other factors deemed relevant):

 - a. Number of times MQS have been achieved;
 - b. WPA European/World Ranking;
 - c. Current form;
 - d. Performances in non-WPA approved competitions (results submitted to Powerof10);
 - e. Record at previous major senior championships (2017 World Para Athletics Championships, 2016 Rio Paralympic Games);
 - f. Performance-limiting injury or illness;
 - g. The relative strength of an event/class at previous Paralympic Games and World Championships;
 - h. Athlete head-to-heads; and
 - i. Tokyo 2020 potential, including likelihood of an athletes’ primary event featuring in the Tokyo medal event programme (available online at the [WPA website](#)).
10. Round 3 – relays:
 - a. A team of up to six (6) athletes may be entered for the 4 x 100m mixed relay event to be staged at the European Championships, provided that each athlete is entered for individual events.
 - b. The team must consist of two (2) male and two (2) female athletes.
 - c. The following classes are eligible for each leg:
 - i. First leg: T11, T12 or T13;
 - ii. Second leg: T42, T43, T44, T45, T46, T47, T61, T62, T63 or T64;
 - iii. Third leg: T35, T36, T37 or T38; and
 - iv. Fourth leg: T33, T34, T51, T52, T53 or T54.
 - d. A relay team (including additional relay team members) will only be selected if the Selection Panel believe the athletes already selected for individual events are those who would realistically combine to contend for a relay medal in Tokyo.

- e. Athletes will be selected based on the following:
 - i. WPA rules regarding classification/discipline combinations;
 - ii. Current form;
 - iii. Head-to-heads;
 - iv. Previous major competition history;
 - v. Injury status; and
 - vi. Engagement with the British Athletics relay programme(s).
11. Round 4 – Race Running:
- a. The selection panel will select up to two (2) male and two (2) female T31 and/or T32 athletes for 100m.
 - b. Athletes will be selected based on the following (and any other factors deemed relevant):
 - i. Current form;
 - ii. Performances in non-WPA approved competitions (results submitted to Powerof10);
 - iii. Performance-limiting injury or illness; and
 - iv. Athlete head-to-heads.
12. Round 5 – doubling up:
- a. The Selection Panel may allow an athlete already selected in one individual event to be selected into additional individual events (including non-Tokyo medal events) after the conclusion of all previous rounds, provided the athlete meets the qualification conditions set out in this Selection Policy for the additional event(s).
 - b. The Selection Panel cannot override previous selections or preclude another athlete selected in previous rounds.
 - c. In making their decision the Selection Panel will consider the following:
 - i. The impact on the athlete’s preparation and performance of their primary event;
 - ii. The athlete’s ability to finish in the top 8 in their secondary event; and
 - iii. The secondary event as a development opportunity for the athlete.

Conditions

- 13. In all track events and single class field events, a maximum of three (3) eligible athletes may be entered per medal event (single class) provided all have achieved at least one (1) valid MQS.
- 14. In combined field events a maximum of five (5) eligible athletes may be selected, with a maximum of three (3) eligible athletes per single class.
- 15. MQS must be achieved in WPA approved competitions (see [WPA website](#) for a full list of domestic and overseas WPA approved events).

Note: domestic, non-disabled competitions are not automatically approved by WPA. A list of WPA endorsed domestic competitions is available on the Paralympic Portal calendar and WPA website.

- 16. In order for qualifying performances to be recognised by IPC, athletes must hold an IPC Athlete License at the commencement of the competition in which the performance was achieved. Athletes without a valid IPC license must submit new requests for a license at least one (1) week prior to the commencement of that competition. All requests must be submitted to Jan Richards at jrichards@britishathletics.org.uk.

17. Wind-assisted performances in the 100m, 200m and Long Jump (or performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available/recorded) will not be accepted.
18. Indoor performances will not be accepted.
19. Hand timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m & 4x100m will not be accepted.
20. Field event performances must be achieved using implements with a “minimum” weight, as outlined per classification (see [WPA website](#) for implement weights).
21. Multiple performances achieved in the same individual event in a single day will count as follows:
 - a. In track events only the fastest legal result of the day;
 - b. In throwing events only the best trial of the first competition of the day; and
 - c. In horizontal jumps only the best trial of the first competition of the day, unless every mark achieved by the athlete was windy in which case a second competition held under safer conditions will count.
22. For selection purposes, the MQS ranking will be used, including the combined ranking for track or field events in which more than one class is eligible (for example, F42/61/63).
23. In truly exceptional circumstances (for example changes to WPA classification status or changes to the event programme) the panel may make selections based on the general spirit of this policy.

Appeals

24. 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 2018 WPA European Championships.

Appendix A: WPA Event List and Minimum Qualification Standards – TO BE CONFIRMED

MENS

#	Event	Eligible Classes (TBC)
1	Men's 100m T11	T11
2	Men's 100m T12	T12
3	Men's 100m T13	T13
4	Men's 100m T31	T31 (RR1)
5	Men's 100m T32	T32 (RR2/RR3)
6	Men's 100m T33	T33
7	Men's 100m T34	T34
8	Men's 100m T35	T35
9	Men's 100m T36	T36
10	Men's 100m T37	T37
11	Men's 100m T38	T38
12	Men's 100m T42	TBC
13	Men's 100m T44	TBC
14	Men's 100m T47	T45/46/47
15	Men's 100m T51	T51
16	Men's 100m T52	T52
17	Men's 100m T53	T53
18	Men's 100m T54	T54
19	Men's 200m T11	T11
20	Men's 200m T12	T12
21	Men's 200m T13	T13
22	Men's 200m T35	T35
23	Men's 200m T36	T36
24	Men's 200m T37	T37
25	Men's 200m T38	T38
26	Men's 200m T42	TBC
27	Men's 200m T43	TBC
28	Men's 200m T44	TBC
29	Men's 200m T47	T47
30	Men's 200m T51	T51
31	Men's 200m T53	T53
32	Men's 200m T54	T54
33	Men's 400m T11	T11
34	Men's 400m T12	T12
35	Men's 400m T13	T13
36	Men's 400m T20	T20
37	Men's 400m T34	T34
38	Men's 400m T36	T36
39	Men's 400m T37	T37
40	Men's 400m T38	T38
41	Men's 400m T43	TBC
42	Men's 400m T47	T45/46/47
43	Men's 400m T52	T51/52

44	Men's 400m T53	T53
45	Men's 400m T54	T54
46	Men's 800m T20	T20
47	Men's 800m T34	T33/34
48	Men's 800m T36	T36
49	Men's 800m T53	T53
50	Men's 800m T54	T54
51	Men's 1500m T11	T11
52	Men's 1500m T13	T12/13
53	Men's 1500m T20	T20
54	Men's 1500m T38	T37/38
55	Men's 1500m T46	T45/46
56	Men's 1500m T52	T51/52
57	Men's 1500m T54	T53/54
58	Men's 5000m T11	T11
59	Men's 5000m T13	T12/13
60	Men's 5000m T54	T53/54
61	Men's 4x100m T42-47	TBC
62	Men's High Jump T44	TBC
63	Men's High Jump T47	T45/46/47
64	Men's Long Jump T11	T11
65	Men's Long Jump T12	T12
66	Men's Long Jump T13	T13
67	Men's Long Jump T20	T20
68	Men's Long Jump T36	T36
69	Men's Long Jump T37	T37
70	Men's Long Jump T38	T38
71	Men's Long Jump T42	TBC
72	Men's Long Jump T44	TBC
73	Men's Long Jump T47	T45/46/47
74	Men's Shot Put F11	F11
75	Men's Shot Put F12	F12
76	Men's Shot Put F20	F20
77	Men's Shot Put F32	F32
78	Men's Shot Put F33	F33
79	Men's Shot Put F34	F34
80	Men's Shot Put F35	F35
81	Men's Shot Put F36	F36
82	Men's Shot Put F37	F37
83	Men's Shot Put F40	F40
84	Men's Shot Put F41	F41
85	Men's Shot Put F42	TBC
86	Men's Shot Put F46	F46
87	Men's Shot Put F54	F53/54
88	Men's Shot Put F55	F55
89	Men's Shot Put F57	F56/57
90	Men's Discus Throw F11	F11

91	Men's Discus Throw F12	F12
92	Men's Discus Throw F37	F37
93	Men's Discus Throw F42	TBC
94	Men's Discus Throw F44	TBC
95	Men's Discus Throw F52	F51/52
96	Men's Discus Throw F56	F54/55/56
97	Men's Javelin F13	F12/13
98	Men's Javelin F34	F33/34
99	Men's Javelin F38	F37/38
100	Men's Javelin F41	F40/41
101	Men's Javelin F44	TBC
102	Men's Javelin F46	F45/46
103	Men's Javelin F54	F53/54
104	Men's Javelin F55	F55
105	Men's Javelin F57	F56/57
106	Men's Club Throw F32	F31/32
107	Men's Club Throw F51	F51

WOMENS

#	Event	Eligible Classes (TBC)
1	Women's 100m T11	T11
2	Women's 100m T12	T12
3	Women's 100m T13	T13
4	Women's 100m T31	T31 (RR1)
5	Women's 100m T32	T32 (RR2/RR3)
6	Women's 100m T34	T33/34
7	Women's 100m T35	T35
8	Women's 100m T36	T36
9	Women's 100m T37	T37
10	Women's 100m T38	T38
11	Women's 100m T42	TBC
12	Women's 100m T44	TBC
13	Women's 100m T47	T45/46/47
14	Women's 100m T52	T51/52
15	Women's 100m T53	T53
16	Women's 100m T54	T54
17	Women's 200m T11	T11
18	Women's 200m T12	T12
19	Women's 200m T13	T13
20	Women's 200m T35	T35
21	Women's 200m T36	T36
22	Women's 200m T37	T37
23	Women's 200m T38	T38
24	Women's 200m T43	TBC
25	Women's 200m T44	TBC
26	Women's 200m T47	T45/46/47

27	Women's 200m T53	T53
28	Women's 200m T54	T54
29	Women's 400m T11	T11
30	Women's 400m T12	T12
31	Women's 400m T13	T13
32	Women's 400m T20	T20
33	Women's 400m T37	T37
34	Women's 400m T38	T38
35	Women's 400m T47	T45/46/47
36	Women's 400m T53	T53
37	Women's 400m T54	T54
38	Women's 800m T20	T20
39	Women's 800m T34	T33/34
40	Women's 800m T53	T53
41	Women's 800m T54	T54
42	Women's 1500m T11	T11
43	Women's 1500m T13	T12/13
44	Women's 1500m T20	T20
45	Women's 1500m T54	T53/54
46	Women's 5000m T54	T53/54
47	Women's Long Jump T11	T11
48	Women's Long Jump T12	T12
49	Women's Long Jump T20	T20
50	Women's Long Jump T37	T37
51	Women's Long Jump T38	T38
52	Women's Long Jump T42	TBC
53	Women's Long Jump T44	TBC
54	Women's Long Jump T47	T45/46/47
55	Women's Shot Put F12	F11/12
56	Women's Shot Put F20	F20
57	Women's Shot Put F32	F32
58	Women's Shot Put F33	F33
59	Women's Shot Put F34	F34
60	Women's Shot Put F35	F35
61	Women's Shot Put F36	F36
62	Women's Shot Put F38	F37
63	Women's Shot Put F40	F40
64	Women's Shot Put F41	F41
65	Women's Shot Put F54	F53/54
66	Women's Shot Put F55	F55
67	Women's Shot Put F57	F56/57
68	Women's Discus Throw F12	F11/12
69	Women's Discus Throw F38	F37/38
70	Women's Discus Throw F41	F40/41
71	Women's Discus Throw F44	TBC
72	Women's Discus Throw F53	F51/52/53
73	Women's Discus Throw F55	F54/55

74	Women's Discus Throw F57	F56/57
75	Women's Javelin F13	F12/13
76	Women's Javelin F34	F33/34
77	Women's Javelin F37	F37
78	Women's Javelin F46	F45/46
79	Women's Javelin F54	F53/54
80	Women's Javelin F56	F55/56
81	Women's Club Throw F32	F31/32
82	Women's Club Throw F51	F51

MIXED

#	Event	Eligible Classes
1	Mixed Relay	See Competition