



# BRITISH ATHLETICS

## IAU 24 Hour World Championships Albi, France, 26<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019 Selection Policy version 1 published November 2018

### **1. Overview**

The British Athletics policy for the 24-Hour World Championships will focus on athletes who will challenge for team and individual medals. British Athletics therefore intend to select athletes to the teams who the Selection Panel (“the Panel”) believe have the potential to score in a medal-winning team or have the potential to finish at least in the top 20 in this event or at future championships.

It notes that the best in the World 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 will be booked and funded by British Athletics. Domestic travel (within the UK) will operate under the terms and conditions of the [British Athletics Domestic Assembly Policy](#). 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 Albi, British Athletics will contribute the equivalent cost of a UK to Albi return flight).

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 satisfy the following:

- 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their selection being withdrawn.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 <https://www.uka.org.uk/performance/british-athletics-teams-information/>.

### **3. Qualification**

- Qualification performances for all events, must be achieved between 1st January 2017 and 1st January 2019
- The British Athletics qualification standards are as follows:

	Individual Standard	Team Standard
Men	Over 250 kms in a qualifying 24-hour event	Over 237 kms in a qualifying 24-hour event
Women	Over 225 kms in a qualifying 24-hour event	Over 212 kms in a qualifying 24-hour event

### **4. Selection Process**

- The team will be selected during the week of 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019.
- The team will be announced the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019.
- A maximum of 6 athletes for each event (with three to score) may be selected – **subject to budget**.
- Up to 2 non-travelling reserves may be selected.
- The Panel will consist of: John Pares (Chair), Hilary Walker, Walter Hill, Adrian Stott and Robbie Britton.

### **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;
- A top 3 (scoring) position in a previous GB&NI medal-winning team in the IAU World or European 24-hour Championships;
- A top 20 finishing position in either Male or Female categories in the IAU World or European 24-hour Championships;
- The proven 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.

The Panel reserves the right to take other factors into account, primarily the previous contribution to a championship team and the potential of an athlete to win a medal.

The Panel reserves the right to delay selection if, in the Panel's opinion, it is deemed necessary i.e. for athletes to return from injury.

Selection will not be made solely on a ranking of qualifying distances but will take into account all the above criteria.

Selection is subject to the agreement of the athlete's racing and training programme, between the selection date and the Championships, by the Panel or its representative. Full transparency on actual training, missed training and injuries or other health issues is a pre-requisite.

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 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019. A pro forma for the CV will be supplied on request.

## **6. Deselection**

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.

## **7. 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 2019 IAU 24 Hour World Championships.

## **8. 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).