



## **2019 Mountain Running International Championships**

### **Selection Policy - published November 2018**

#### **Overview**

The British Athletics policy for international mountain running events is to focus on performances that will challenge for senior team and individual medals and be competitive in the junior events.

The selection policies for 2019 have been written in order to ensure we are able to select the best prepared teams for the Championships.

The GB and NI team will travel to the Championships as a single team. The [British Athletics Domestic Assembly Policy](#) will apply for these championships. All questions related to the selection policy and the trial races should be directed to Anne Buckley (annembuckley@yahoo.com).

#### **Eligibility**

- 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. junior athletes will be eligible for selection in this age group if they are born in 2000, 2001, 2002 or 2003;
  - c. 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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/>.

#### **European Championships (uphill) 7 July 2019 Zermatt, Switzerland**

The official trial will be held on 2 June 2019 in Keswick (Skiddaw).

#### **Selection Meeting Process**

- The team will be selected in one selection meeting on 2 June 2019
- The team will be announced on 6 June 2019
- A maximum of 4 athletes may be selected for each event (with three to score);
- The first 2 eligible athletes in each race at the trials will be automatically selected for each event.
- The selectors will fill the two remaining places in each race based on all known uphill form up to and including 1 June 2019.

- Selection of all athletes is subject to agreement of the athlete's approach to racing and training between the trial and the Championships by the Chair of Selectors, Anne Buckley.

All athletes who do not intend to compete at the trial and wish to be considered for selection must ensure that they advise British Athletics Chair of Selectors Anne Buckley at [annembuckley@yahoo.com](mailto:annembuckley@yahoo.com) of their situation by 1 June 2019.

### **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 European Championships.

### **World Championships (up and down) 15 November 2019**

#### **Villa La Angostura, Argentina**

The official trial will be held on 21 September 2019 in Betws-y-Coed, Wales in conjunction with the British Athletics Mountain Running Championships.

### **Selection Meeting Process**

- The team will be selected in one selection meeting on 21 September 2019
- The team will be announced on 26 September 2019
- A maximum of 4 athletes will be selected for each event (with three to score);
- At the trial, the first two eligible athletes in each race will be selected subject to them meeting at least two of the following selection criteria:
  - a. Has demonstrated the ability to be competitive against international opposition in an overseas international mountain race and/or domestic and international cross country/fell race between 1 January 2018 and the trial.
  - b. Has shown consistency of performances in both domestic and international mountain races of a similar distance and fell/cross country/road races.
  - c. Has shown competitive and consistent performances at previous European and global mountain running Championships.
  - d. Clearly demonstrates consistent and forward progression up the international competition pathway at both junior and senior level.
- Where the selectors feel that a team can realistically challenge for a top four position at the World Championships 2019, a scoring team or a full team may be selected.
- Selection of all athletes is subject to agreement of the athlete's approach to racing and training between the trial and the Championships by the Chair of Selectors, Anne Buckley.

All athletes who do not intend to compete at the trial and wish to be considered for selection must ensure that they advise British Athletics Chair of Selectors, Anne Buckley at [annembuckley@yahoo.com](mailto:annembuckley@yahoo.com) of their situation by 20 September 2019.

### **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 World Championships.

### **World Long Distance Mountain Running Championships 16 November 2019**

#### **Villa La Angostura, Argentina**

The official trial will be held on 14 July 2019 at the Snowdonia Trail Marathon (43.41km).

### **Selection Meeting Process**

- The team will be selected in one selection meeting on 14 July 2019.
- The team will be announced on 18 July 2019.
- A maximum of five Senior Men and five Senior Women (three to score) may be selected
- At the trial, the first two eligible men and women will be selected subject to them meeting at least one of the following selection criteria:
  - a. Has demonstrated the ability to be competitive against international opposition in overseas international mountain races of a similar length, profile and terrain between 1 January 2018 and 14 July 2019.
  - b. Has shown consistency of performances in both domestic and international mountain races and/or fell/road races of a similar distance, profile and terrain
- Up to a further three athletes per event may be selected. All further selections will be considered by the selectors on an individual basis, based on performances at the trial and in line with the above selection criteria.
- Where the selectors feel that a team can realistically challenge for a top three position at the World Long Distance Championships 2019, a scoring team may be selected.
- Selection of all athletes is subject to agreement of the athlete's approach to racing and training between the trial and the Championships by the Chair of Selectors, Anne Buckley.

- All athletes who do not intend to compete at the trial and wish to be considered for selection must ensure that they advise British Athletics Chair of Selectors, Anne Buckley at [annembuckley@yahoo.com](mailto:annembuckley@yahoo.com) of their situation by 13 July 2019.

### **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 World Long Distance Mountain Running Championships.

### **Doubling up**

Athletes will not be allowed to compete at both the World Mountain Running Championships and the World Long Distance Mountain Running Championships.

### **Finances**

The budget available for all Mountain Running Championships will not be confirmed until January 2019, therefore the total number of athletes/teams selected could be limited for budgetary reasons.

## **BRITISH ATHLETICS MOUNTAIN RUNNING CHALLENGE 2019**

The 2019 Mountain Running Challenge will consist of the following races:

- 11 May - Inter-Counties Championship (TBC)
- 2 June - Trial for the European Mountain Running Championship (uphill)
- 21 September - British Athletics Mountain Running Championships incorporating Senior Home Countries International and trial for the World Mountain Running Championships (up and down)

Prize money will be awarded to the leading men and women in each individual race plus the overall series (best 2 races to count).

For further details, see the UKA website: <https://www.uka.org.uk/competitions/mountain-running/>