



## BRITISH ATHLETICS

### Indoor Combined Events International - CZE v ESP v FRA v GBR v POL Cardiff, UK 2019 26-27 January 2019

#### Selection Policy – published November 2018

##### Overview

This year UK Athletics are the host for the international competition between Czech Republic, Spain, France, Poland and Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The competition will take place at the Cardiff NIAC along with the Welsh Senior National Championships.

British Athletics intends to support the annual International Match Combined Events by selecting the strongest team possible.

The official trial for this event will be the England Athletics (and Area's) Senior and U20 Combined Events Indoor Championships ('the Trials') held on 5-6 January 2019 at the EIS Sheffield.

For 2019, attendance at the Trials will be **compulsory** for athletes who wish to be eligible for selection for the Indoor Combined Events International. For further details see the eligibility section.

All questions related to the selection policy and the Trial event should be directed to Femi Akinsanya [fakinsanya@englandathletics.org](mailto:fakinsanya@englandathletics.org) / 07824 302921.

##### 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. for Junior (U20) athletes, be born in 2000, 2001, 2002 or 2003;
  - c. for U23 athletes, be born in in 1997, 1998 or 1999;
  - d. compete in the Trials event on 5-6 January 2019 in Sheffield;
  - e. 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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/> .

*Note 1: To ensure the Panel have an accurate picture of an athlete's fitness ahead of the selection meeting, those who are unable to compete at the Trial event [England Athletics (and Area's) Senior and U20 Combined Events Indoor Championships] due to injury/illness but still wish to be considered for selection MUST either have been reviewed in person by the British Athletics medical team*

*in the week prior to the Trials OR they must attend the Trials (regardless of home location) to be examined by the Event Doctor. Athletes who fail to satisfy either provision will not be considered for selection (unless note 2 applies).*

*Note 2: Where athletes suffer illness the day before or the day of the Trials, they must contact the Team Leader as soon as possible prior to the commencement of the Trial event. The Panel will make a common sense, judgement call based on the information and proof provided by the athlete in determining whether to accept their non-attendance at the trials (enabling them for consideration for selection). Illness that occurs earlier than the day before the first day of the Trials must be evidenced by a medical note from a GP in order for that athlete to remain eligible for selection. Failure to satisfy the above will result in the athlete not being considered for selection, and all athletes must be aware that failure to attend the trials, regardless of validity of excuse, will naturally and unavoidably place them at a disadvantage when being assessed for selection.*

### **Selection Process**

2. The team will be selected in one selection meeting on Monday 7 January 2019.
3. The team will be announced on Tuesday 8 January 2019.
4. The places available are as follows:
  - a. 4 x Senior Men and 4 x Senior Women (which must include at least 1 x U23 Men and 1 x U23 Women)
  - b. 3 x Junior Men and 3 x Junior Women
5. Round 1 – automatic selections
  - a. For senior athletes - automatic selection for the first two eligible athletes at the Senior England Athletics (and Area's) Combined Event Championships with a score of 5500 or above in the men's heptathlon and a score of 3950 or above for the women's pentathlon.
  - b. For junior athletes - automatic selection for the first two eligible athlete at the U20 England Athletics (and Area's) Combined Event Championships with a score of 5100 or above for the men's heptathlon and a score of 3700 for the women's pentathlon.
6. Round 2 - all remaining places
  - a. All remaining places are discretionary selections by the selection panel who will consider all eligible athletes against the following criteria (not listed in any priority order):
    - i. Indoor performances during winter 2018/2019 up until 6 January 2019;
    - ii. Outdoor heptathlon and decathlon performances in 2018; and
    - iii. Current form and fitness.

### **Appeals**

7. 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 2019 Indoor Combined Events International.

### **Amendment**

8. 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](http://www.britishathletics.org.uk).