

2019 European Throwing Cup
9-10 March 2019
Samorin, Slovakia

Selection Policy – published 4 January 2019

Overview

British Athletics intends to support the European Throwing Cup to reflect our ultimate aim of medals at the Senior World Championships and Olympic Games.

In doing so, British Athletics recognise that the developmental pathway for men's and women's throws differs from that of most other athletics disciplines and as such the European Throwing Cup will be used to help developing throwers bridge the gap from being a competitive junior, to a world-class senior.

The 2019 European Throwing Cup will therefore be aimed specifically at athletes who the Selection Panel ("the Panel") believes are showing realistic progression towards global success. With this aim in mind, to enable the Panel to assess athletes' current form (which is defined as performances during January/February 2019) it will be a **requirement** for all athletes to compete prior to selection.

To assist all long-throws athletes to show current form (i.e. performances in January/February 2019) ahead of selection, British Athletics in conjunction with Loughborough University have created a **Winter Long Throws Competition Opportunity** which will take place on Sunday 24 February 2019. To express your interest in competing at this event (note that numbers are limited) please contact Pauline Holmes pholmes@britishathletics.org.uk.

Any queries related to the selection policy can be directed to Team Leader Adrian Palmer adrian.palmer@welshathletics.org.

Eligibility

1. To be considered for selection, athletes **must**:
 - a. Be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder);
 - b. For U23 events be aged between 16 and 22 at 31 December 2019 (i.e. born in 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998 or 1997) **except** in the men's shot put and men's hammer where athletes must be aged at least 18 years old at 31 December 2018;
 - 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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/>.

Selection process

2. The team will be selected on **25 February 2019**.
3. The final team will be announced on 26 February 2019.

4. A maximum team of 12 athletes may be selected, which may consist of a maximum of 2 male and female athletes per senior event and 1 male and female athlete per U23 event. For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete may only be entered in 1 age group of an event at the European Throwing Cup and he/she can only compete in the age group for which he/she was entered. An athlete can be entered in different age groups in different events, but cannot compete in the same event in two age groups.

Note: Where the Panel may wish to select more than 2 U23 athletes in a single event, they may, at their absolute discretion, enter one or more athlete into the senior event.

5. Athletes will be selected who the Panel believe satisfy the following:
 - a. Athletes who demonstrate the potential to bridge the gap from competitive domestic or age-group (U20/U23) performances to at least qualifying for future senior major global championships;
 - b. Athletes who demonstrate current competitive form (by throwing at a UKA permitted event [UKA level 2 permit as a minimum] between 1 January 2019 and 24 February 2019); and
 - c. Athletes who demonstrate a clear plan and rationale for attending the European Throwing Cup, via communication with Team Leader Adrian Palmer adrian.palmer@welshathletics.org prior to the selection meeting, to gain experience and improve competition skills.

Appeals

6. 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 European Throwing Cup.

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.britishathletics.org.uk.

Equality Impact Assessment

Section A

Date of screening	03/01/2019
Name of person and job title of the person screening	Jenny Close, Head of Performance Operations
What is being screened?	2019 European Cup Winter Throws

	Yes/No
Is this a policy or procedure document?	Yes
Is this a policy being taken to the Board?	Yes
Is this a document that provides guidance for employees?	No

If the answer to any of these is yes, please go to Section B. If the answer is no, you do not require to complete an EQIA.

Section B

Yes/No

Does the decision or policy impact disproportionately on gender and does the policy resolve this? (This can include pregnancy/maternity and marriage/civil partnerships?)	No
Does the decision or policy impact disproportionately on different age groups?	No
Does the decision or policy impact disproportionately on people from different ethnic groups?	No
Does the decision or policy impact disproportionately on people with a disability or disabilities?	No
Does the decision or policy impact disproportionately on people from different religions, faiths or beliefs?	No
Does the decision or policy impact disproportionately on people from different sexual orientations?	No
Does the decision or policy impact disproportionately on transgendered people?	No

Does this decision or policy potentially affect the health and safety of the employees or other parties?	No
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Any other changes to the policy required?	No
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