



**IAU/ITRA Trail World Championship Mirandha do Corvo, PORTUGAL 8th June 2019
SELECTION POLICY – published October 2018**

1. OVERVIEW

The British Athletics policy for the IAU/ITRA Trail World Championships will focus on performances that will challenge for senior team and individual medals. British Athletics therefore intend to select athletes to the teams who the Selection Panel (“the Panel”) believe are demonstrating the potential to win individual medals in this or future trail championships or to contribute to a team medal. Teams will only be selected if the Panel believe they can challenge for a medal.

The championships will be held at Mirandha do Corvo in Portugal within the established Trilho des Abutres ultra trail race. The race will be held over a 50km (31.1 mile) course with approximately 2480 metres of climb.

Details of the event and the course can be found at <http://trilhos.abutres.net/en>

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 from the UK to Portugal will be booked and funded by British Athletics. The [British Athletics Domestic Assembly Policy](#) will apply for this championships.

All questions related to the selection policy and the trial races should be directed to Adrian Stott taritstott@icloud.com.

2. ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following:

- Be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder);
- 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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

There will be no official trial for the IAU/ITRA World Ultra Trail Championship 2019. Selection will be based on performances between January 1st and December 31st 2018. Athletes wishing to be considered, should send a note of interest, together with a brief CV of 2018 events and any events prior to 2018 which the athlete feels are relevant for consideration, to Adrian Stott Taritstott@icloud.com by Sunday January 13th 2019.

4. SELECTION PROCESS

- Selection will be made week commencing 21st January 2019
- The team will be announced as soon possible after the selection meeting.
- A maximum of 6 men and 6 women (three to score) may be selected.
- Up to 2 non-travelling reserves in training may also be selected.
- Final selection of all athletes is subject to agreement of the athlete's racing programme between the date of selection and the IAU/ITRA World Trail Championship by the British Athletics Trail Selection Committee.
- The Selection Panel is made up of the following: Adrian Stott (Chair), Walter Hill, Hilary Walker, Kim Collison

5. CONDITIONS

Selection is subject to athletes demonstrating at least one of the following selection guidelines during the qualifying period:

- Has demonstrated the ability to be competitive against international opposition in an overseas international Trail/ultra/mountain race and/or domestic trail/ultra/mountain/fell race of a similar distance and terrain between 1st January 2018 and 31st December 2018.
- Consistency of performances in both domestic and international Trail or Mountain races of a similar distance and similar terrain.

The Panel reserves the right to take other factors into account, primarily the potential of an athlete to win a medal, when considering specific performances outside the selection criteria.

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.

The budget available for the Trail World Championships won't be confirmed until January 2019, therefore the total number of athletes selected for the Trail World Championships could be limited for budgetary reasons.

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must ensure that they advise Trail World Championships Chair of Selectors, Adrian Stott Taritstott@icloud.com by Sunday January 13th 2019 with their accompanying CV.

6. 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 Trail World Championships.

7. 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.