

**2019 European Race Walking Cup**  
**19 May 2019**  
**Alytus, Lithuania**

**Selection policy – Published January 2019**

**Overview**

British Athletics intend to support the 2019 European Race Walking Cup by selecting athletes who have the potential to perform well at this competition, who are on the pathway to medals at future major outdoor championships or who realistically intend to use these championships as preparation for the Doha 2019 IAAF World Championships.

Qualification standards have therefore been set to reflect the expected high quality of competition at the European Cup.

There will be no trial event for these Championships.

The GB and NI team will travel to the Championships as a single team. All questions related to the selection policy should be directed to Andi Drake ([adrake@englandathletics.org](mailto:adrake@englandathletics.org)).

**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. have achieved a relevant British Athletics qualification standard within the qualification period and
  - 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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/>.
2. Junior athletes will be eligible for selection in this age group if they are born in 2000,2001, 2002 or 2003.

**Qualification**

3. Qualification performances for Senior 20km and Junior 10km events must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2018 and 24:00 (GMT) 07 April 2019 (BST).
4. Qualifying performance for the men's / women's 50km must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2018 and 24:00 31 January 2019 (GMT). No athletes will be selected for the Men's 50km via performances achieved after this date.
5. The British Athletics qualification standards are as follows:

Men	Event	Women
4:09.00 (1:28:00 20km)	Senior 50km	4:40:00 (1:40:00 20 km)
1:27.00 (4:05:00 50km)	Senior 20km	1:39.00 (4:30:00 50 km)

(42:00 10km)		(47:30 10km)
45:00	<b>Junior 10km</b>	52:00

### **Selection meeting process**

6. The team will be selected on **Monday 8 April**.
7. The final team will be announced on Tuesday 9 April 2019.
8. Up to four athletes may be selected in each of the men's and women's senior races. Up to three athletes may be selected in each of the junior races.
9. The Selection Panel ("the Panel") will select athletes as follows:
  - a. Athletes must have achieved a relevant qualification standard in the qualification period;
  - b. Athletes must be fit and not otherwise currently affected by a performance limiting factor;
  - c. Athletes must demonstrate current form (at the point of selection). Please note – athletes who qualify by virtue of achieving a "matrix time" (i.e. times outlined within the brackets in the table above) must demonstrate sufficient form in the full length event within the qualification period to be granted selection. For example – an athlete who qualifies for selection for the 50km event by walking faster than 1:28:00 in the 20km walk must have demonstrated sufficient transferrable form within the 50km race to be granted selection.
  - d. If more athletes satisfy the criteria outlined in paragraph 9 (a) and (b) above than there are places available, athletes will be selected based on the Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria, as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant. The criteria below are not listed in any priority order:
    - i. Current form;
    - ii. Number of standards achieved;
    - iii. Future individual medal potential at major events;
    - iv. Head-to-heads;
    - v. Previous major competition history;
    - vi. Injury/illness status;
10. Athletes competing in a 50km walk event between 31 January 2019 and 19 May 2019 will **not** be considered for selection in the 50km event. If they have already been selected they will be deselected.
11. Eligible junior athletes will only be selected to compete in the senior event at the discretion of the selection panel and only if the Panel deem it to be in the long term interests of the individual athlete (and provided they have met the relevant British Athletics qualification standard for the senior event).

### **Conditions**

12. Qualification times must be completed on an IAAF certified course.

### **Appeals**

13. There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the GB&NI Team made by the Selection Panel. The provisions of the British Athletics Selection and Nomination “Fast” Appeals Procedure do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2019 European Race Walking Cup.

**Section A**

<b>Date of screening</b>	25/01/2019
<b>Name of person and job title of the person screening</b>	Jenny Close, Head of Performance Operations
<b>What is being screened?</b>	2019 European Race Walking Cup Selection Policy

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

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

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