

**2019 IAAF World Relays**  
**11-12 May 2019**  
**Yokohama, JPN**

**Selection Policy – published February 2019**

**Overview**

The 2019 IAAF World Relays provides a vital opportunity for British Athletics to qualify and prepare teams for the 2019 IAAF World Championships.

As such, British Athletics will select teams for the men's and women's 4x100m and men's, women's and universal (mixed) 4x400m events.

Teams will not be selected for the 4x200m, Shuttle Hurdles or 2x2x400m relays.

Athletes selected will be required to arrive in Yokohama for team preparation on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 – permission to do otherwise will only be allowed at the discretion of the Head of Relays, and only in exceptional circumstances. Return travel will be provided from London.

As per the World Class Programme (“WCP”) 4x100m/4x400m Relay Plan, all WCP relay athletes are expected to make themselves available for selection.

All questions related to the selection policy should be directed to Charlie Burn ([cburn@britishathletics.org.uk](mailto:cburn@britishathletics.org.uk)).

**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. Be 16 years or older at 31 December 2019 (i.e. born in 2003 or earlier); 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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/>.

*Note: Athletes are not required to meet any individual qualification standards to be eligible for selection.*

**Selection process**

2. The team will be selected on **Thursday 7 March 2019**.
3. The team will be announced on Monday 11 March 2019.
4. A Selection Panel (“the Panel”), consisting of the British Athletics Head of Relays, nominated relay coaches and the Performance Director, will select the relevant relay teams.
5. A team of up to 6 athletes will be selected for each of the men's and women's 4x100m. Teams of 7 men and 7 women will be selected to cover the men's, women's and universal (mixed) 4x400m events.

6. Athletes will be selected in order to maximise the chances of relay team qualification for the 2019 IAAF World Championships in Doha AND to provide opportunity to test new relay combinations where appropriate. Selections will be based on the following criteria (which are not listed in priority order), as well as any other criteria deemed relevant:
  - a. Engagement with the British Athletics relay programme(s) in 2018 and 2019;
  - b. Technical relay skills;
  - c. 2018 outdoor performances;
  - d. 2019 indoor/outdoor performances (if applicable);
  - e. Head-to-heads;
  - f. Previous major competition history (relays);
  - g. Injury status; and
  - h. Potential to be a member of the strike-four at the 2019 IAAF World Championships.
  
7. British Athletics will select non-travelling reserves, who will be added to the team should a selected athlete decline their selection or be injured prior to travel (but prior to the final entry deadline). All reserves will be selected according to the criteria in paragraph 6. Any replacements will be communicated at [www.britishathletics.org.uk](http://www.britishathletics.org.uk).

### **Appeals**

8. 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 Appeals Policy” do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2019 IAAF World Relays.

### **Amendment**

9. 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).

## Equality Impact Assessment

### Section A

Date of screening	8/1/2019
Name of person and job title of the person screening	Charlie Burn, Olympic Project Manager
What is being screened?	2019 IAAF World Relays Selection Policy

	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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