



<p>2025 World 24hr Running Championships: 18th – 19th October 2025 Albi, France</p>

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OVERVIEW

This policy describes the process for the selection of team members to represent Great Britain & Northern Ireland (GB & NI) at the 2025 World 24 Hour Running Championships in Albi, France.

AIM

UK Athletics (UKA) intends to select strong GB&NI men's and women's senior teams for this competition (to a maximum of 6 athletes per team) based on the following aims (in priority order);

- Athletes who the Selection Panel ("the Panel") believe have demonstrated the potential to win individual medals in this Championships.
- Athletes who the Panel believe have demonstrated the potential to contribute to a team medal at these championships and win individual medals at a future Championships.
- Athletes who the Panel believe have demonstrated the potential to contribute to a team medal at these championships.

Please note - teams will only be selected if the panel believe they can realistically challenge for a medal.

All questions related to the selection policy should be directed to the chair of selectors John Pares johnpares@gmail.com

APPROACH TO FUNDING & COSTS

The 2025 World 24 Hour Championships is a self-funded event. Team assembly will be in Albi, France and therefore athletes will be expected to arrange their own travel to the assembly location. In addition, an 'Athlete Contribution' will be required to cover costs associated with competing at the championships, including but not limited to transfers, accommodation, meals, kit and team staffing.

In order to help athletes plan, UKA has undertaken some budget forward-planning to estimate a maximum anticipated per athlete cost contribution. The Athlete Contribution for the 2025 World 24 Hour Championships will be no more than **£1,000 per person**.

At the time of selection, UK Athletics will provide athletes with the final figure for the 'Athlete Contribution' and timeline for payment. Team membership will be conditional on agreeing to pay the 'Athlete Contribution'.

The UKA logistics team commits to ensuring the cost reflects a balance between meeting high performance requirements and best value and the maximum indicated cost will be taken as a ceiling, with the team endeavouring to get well within the figure.

The Ultra Running Advisory Group (URAG) will work with UK Athletics with the aim lowering the final figure for the ‘Athlete Contribution.’

ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the criteria outlined in Appendix 1.

QUALIFICATION

- There will be no trial for the 2025 IAU World 24hr Championships.
- Qualification and selection will be based on expressions of interest from athletes who have achieved one of the stated selection standards.
- Qualification performances must be achieved between 00:01 on 1st September 2023 and 23:50 on 20th April 2025 in IAU labelled races.
- The qualification standards are as follows:

	Individual Standard	Team Standard
Men	Over 254 kms in a qualifying 24-hour event	Over 245 kms in a qualifying 24-hour event
Women	Over 226 kms in a qualifying 24-hour event	Over 219 kms in a qualifying 24-hour event

Athletes who have not achieved the 24hr standard in the selection window but have achieved, to the satisfaction of the selection panel, an equivalent standard at races longer than 100km, can be considered **provided they have previously achieved the stated 24hr standard.**

For the avoidance of doubt athletes who have never achieved a selection standard will not be eligible for selection.

Athletes seeking selection must submit an expression of interest form at this link - <https://forms.office.com/e/8wii533iUh>. If you have issues completing the form please email Off-Track Endurance Manager, Tom Craggs (tcraggs@uka.org.uk). The deadline for expressions of interest is **23:59 on 20th April 2025.**

SELECTION MEETING & PROCESS

- The team will be selected during the week of 21st April 2025.
- The team will be announced on or soon after 28th April 2025.

The following criteria will be considered to select those athletes who meet the qualification standard(s);

- Have shown consistency of performances in races of a similar distance, profile and terrain
- Have demonstrated, through their performances, an ability to manage pacing, expected conditions, fueling and the other key demands of 24hr running to the level required to be competitive at this championships.
- Demonstrated the potential to win individual medals in this or future championships
- Injury / Illness status
- Achievement of the individual standard will have priority over the team standard
- Where the Panel believe that a team can realistically challenge for medals a team **may** be selected subject to the above criteria

RESERVES

UK Athletics may select two non-travelling reserves for each team. These athletes will be added to the final entry and will be called upon if logistically possible should any athlete withdraw. Non-travelling reserve places will be selected based on the performance criteria listed above.

SELECTION PANEL

The Selection Panel is made up of the following:

- John Pares (Chair)
- Members of UK Ultrarunning Advisory Group (URAG) and additional event experts as appropriate
- Either the UK Athletics National Endurance Manager (Off Track) or the UK Athletics Head of Endurance Strategy

The panel may also include;

- An athlete's observer representative via athletes commission
- An independent observer from the Home countries

Athletes should keep the chair of selectors John Pares johnpares@gmail.com up to date about their availability for these championships and of any relevant performances to take into account. In addition a formal expression of interest should be completed at the following link <https://forms.office.com/e/8wii533iUh>

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND VOTING

In the event of an actual, potential, or possible conflict relating to any selector, the actual, potential or possible conflict shall be reported to the Chairperson of the selection meeting, who shall determine whether the selector in question should be permitted to take part in relation to any selection decision(s). The Chairperson may appoint an alternative selector if necessary. If the Chairperson is deemed to have a conflict, another member of the Selection Panel will be appointed as temporary Chairperson.

Voting of the Selection Panel shall be by simple majority. The Chairperson shall have a casting vote, if required.

DE-SELECTION

1. Following selection, an athlete may be de-selected by the Selection Panel or UKA in the event of:
 - a. The athlete ceasing to comply with the eligibility criteria set out in this Selection Policy, or other strategy document communicated by UKA
 - b. Following application of the Medical De-Selection Protocol set out in the Team Member Agreement
 - c. Any anti-doping rule violation or provisional suspension
 - d. Any serious misconduct or suspension due to misconduct
 - e. UK Athletics reasonably considering that the athlete will be unable to perform at the level required or expected due to any reason including loss of form or failure to recover fully or as expected from injury or illness; or
 - f. Failure to follow conditions of selection

Final selection of all athletes is subject to agreement of the athlete's racing programme with the respective team staff member between the date of selection and the Championships.

In the event of de-selection, the Selection Panel will meet again to decide on a replacement athlete. In the event there is not time for the Selection Panel to meet, the decision will be taken by the Chair of Selectors and UKA National Endurance Manager (Off Track).

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Appeals

2. 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 2025 World 25hr Championships.

Amendment

3. UK Athletics reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy at any time in 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.

Governing law

4. This Selection Policy shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of England and Wales.

Jurisdiction

5. Any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with this Selection Policy shall be submitted for determination exclusively to arbitration under the auspices of Sports Resolutions (UK) Limited and subject to the procedural control of the English Courts.

Contacts

6. Contact details are as follows:
 - For any questions relating to the selection policy (including those relating to athletes based overseas) please contact National Endurance Manager (Off Track) for England & UK Athletics (tcraggs@englandathletics.org)

APPENDIX 1 – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Be eligible to compete for GB & NI (i.e., full British passport holder);
2. Minimum age for the trail event is 18 years on 31 December 2024 (born in 2006 or earlier)
3. For junior (U20) athletes, be born in 2005, 2006, 2007 or 2008
4. Have completed the European Athletics 'I Run Clean' anti-doping education programme via <https://www.irunclean.org/> and have a valid certificate number prior to the 10 May;
5. Not currently serving a period of ineligibility or a provisional or permanent suspension for a doping violation or for any other reason of misconduct;
6. Meet the standards and behaviour expected by UK Athletics, as published from time to time, including in the International Athletes Code of Conduct;
7. Be registered as a member with the relevant Home Country Athletics Federation (HCAF), directly or through a club prior to the selection meeting;

8. Sign the UK 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/>