



2025 WORLD ATHLETICS RELAYS
10 – 11 May 2025
GUANGZHOU, CHINA

SELECTION POLICY – JANUARY 2025

OVERVIEW

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) outlines UK Athletics' process for selecting athletes to represent Great Britain & Northern Ireland at the 2025 World Athletics Relay in the men’s and women’s 4x100m and 4x400m teams and the 4x400m mixed relay.

As per the World Class Programme (WCP) 4x100m & 4x400m Relay Agreement, all WCP relay athletes should make themselves available for selection.

The 2025 World Athletics Relay China is a crucial qualification event for the 2025 World Athletic Championship.

AIM

To qualify all relay teams for the 2025 World Athletics Championship, whilst providing development opportunities for athletes where appropriate.

SELECTION MEETINGS

1. The selection meetings will take place on 26 February 2025.

SELECTION PANEL

2. The Selection Panel shall comprise the following Voting and Non-Voting Members. A substitute may be nominated at any time by the Head Coach if a member is unavailable.
 - a. Voting Members:
 - i. Head Coach (casting vote)
 - ii. Head of Sprints & Relay
 - iii. 4x100m Lead Coach (voting for 4x100m only)
 - iv. 4x400m Lead Coach (voting for 4x400m only)
 - b. Non-voting members:
 - i. Chairperson
 - ii. Note taker(s)
 - iii. Any other person invited by the Chairperson
3. Voting of the Selection Panel is by simple majority. The Head Coach will have a casting vote if required.

CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION AND TEAM ENTRY CONDITIONS

4. A maximum of one team can be entered in each relay event

5. A team of up to 8 athletes will be selected for each of the men's and women's 4x100m, 4x400m and mixed relays.
6. All athletes must meet the eligibility criteria set out in Appendix 1.

ATHLETE SELECTION

7. Athletes will be selected based on maximising the likelihood of teams qualifying for the 2025 World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, in alignment with the overarching aims of the Policy.
8. A number of factors may be considered in making a decision about which athletes will be selected, including those set out below. The criteria below are not listed in any priority order. Criteria may be given unequal weight and may be disregarded:
 - i. Engagement with the UK Athletics relay programme in 2024 and 2025
 - ii. Performance and performance consistency during the 2024 outdoor and 2025 indoor seasons in individual and relay events
 - iii. Technical relay skills
 - iv. Evidence of form in training and competitions in 2025
 - v. Adaptability: the ability to run different legs as required
 - vi. Recent championship performance history (from 2023) in individual and relay events
 - vii. Impact on the World Athletics Championships and World Athletics Championships medal-winning potential of the relay teams
 - viii. Injury and fitness status
9. The panel may select non-travelling reserves for each relay event using the criteria listed in paragraph 9 above.
10. All athletes selected must be able to attend the pre-championship camp from 1st May until 8th May 2025 and participate at full fitness in all relay practices.
11. No dispensation will be made unless there are exceptional circumstances which are discussed and agreed in advance with the Head of Sprints and Relays.

DE-SELECTION

12. Following selection, an athlete may be de-selected by the Selection Panel or UK Athletics in the event of:
 - a. any anti-doping rule violation or provisional suspension
 - b. any serious misconduct or suspension due to misconduct
 - c. the athlete ceasing to comply with the eligibility criteria set out in this Selection Policy, or other document communicated by UK Athletics
 - d. failure to sign the World Class Programme Athlete Agreement or Team Member Agreement
 - e. application of the Medical De-Selection Protocol set out in the Team Member Agreement
 - f. a breach of any UK Athletics policy including but not limited to the Relay Plan
 - g. UK Athletics reasonably considers 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
 - h. failure to opt-in to team training or events

APPEALS

13. There is no right of appeal to the selection of the GB&NI Team made by the Selection Panel. The provisions of the “British Athletics Selection Fast Appeals Procedures” do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2024 World Athletics Relay

AMENDMENT

14. 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

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

JURISDICTION

16. Any dispute or claim (other than appeals) 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.

APPENDIX 1 – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- a. Be eligible to compete for GB&NI and be the holder of a full and current British passport;
- b. Is not serving a period of ineligibility from the sport (as determined by UK Athletics or a Home Country Athletics Federation) or from any other sport. For example, due to misconduct and/or disciplinary reasons.
- c. Not under investigation or been charged by UK Athletics, a Home Country Athletics Federation, or any other relevant organisation (including the police and CPS) with misconduct or any disciplinary, safeguarding or criminal offence.
- d. Not committed a criminal, disciplinary or safeguarding offence that in the reasonable opinion of the Board of UK Athletics renders the athlete unsuitable for selection.
- e. Has not, whether by an act or omission, brought UK Athletics into disrepute.
- f. Meet the standards and behaviour expected by UK Athletics, as published from time to time, including in the International Athletes Code of Conduct;
- g. Be registered as a member with the relevant Home Country Athletics Federation (HCAF), directly or through a club;
- h. Be 16 years or older as of 31 December 2025 (i.e. born in 2009 or earlier), with the exception of men's shot put (see point f);
- i. Be 18 years or older as of 31 December 2025 (i.e. born in 2007 or earlier) to be considered for selection in the men's shot put;
- j. 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/>