



BRITISH ATHLETICS

2018 European Throwing Cup 10-11 March 2018 Leiria, Portugal

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Overview

British Athletics intends to support the European Throwing Cup to reflect our ultimate aim of medals at the Senior World Championships and Olympic Games.

In doing so, British Athletics recognise that the developmental pathway for men's and women's throws differs from that of most other athletics disciplines and as such the European Throwing Cup will be used to help developing throwers bridge the gap from being a competitive junior, to a world-class senior.

The 2018 European Throwing Cup will therefore be aimed specifically at athletes who the Selection Panel ("the Panel") believes are showing realistic progression towards global success. With this aim in mind, to enable the Panel to assess athletes' current form it will be a **requirement** for athletes to compete prior to selection.

To assist all long-throws athletes to show form ahead of selection, British Athletics in conjunction with Loughborough University have created a **Winter Long Throws Competition Opportunity** which will take place on Sunday 25 February. To express your interest in competing at this event (note that numbers are limited) please contact Emma Simpson esimpson@britishathletics.org.uk.

Eligibility

1. To be considered for selection, athletes **must**:
 - a. Be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder);
 - b. For U23 events be aged between 16 and 22 at 31 December 2018 (i.e. born in 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997 or 1996) except in the men's shot put and men's hammer where athletes must be aged at least 18 years old at 31 December 2018;
 - 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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 <http://www.uka.org.uk/world-class/gb-ni-team-info/>.

Selection process

2. The team will be selected on **26 February 2018**.
3. The final team will be announced on 27 February 2018.
4. A maximum team of 12 athletes may be selected, which may consist of a maximum of 2 male and female athletes per senior event and 1 male and female athlete per U23 event. For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete may only be entered in 1 age group of an event at the European Throwing Cup and he/she can only compete in the age group for which he/she was entered. An athlete can be entered in different age groups in different events, but cannot compete in the same event in two age groups.

Note: Where the Panel may wish to select more than 2 U23 athletes in a single event, they may, at their absolute discretion, enter one or more athlete into the senior event.

5. Athletes will be selected who the Panel believe satisfy the following:
 - a. Athletes who demonstrate the potential to bridge the gap from competitive domestic or age-group (U20/U23) performances to at least qualifying for future senior major global championships;
 - b. Athletes who demonstrate current competitive form (by throwing at a UKA permitted event [UKA level 2 permit as a minimum] between 1 January 2018 and 25 February 2018); and
 - c. Athletes who demonstrate a clear plan and rationale for attending the European Throwing Cup to gain experience and improve competition skills.

Appeals

6. There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the GB&NI Team made by the Panel. The provisions of the British Athletics Selection Appeals Policy do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2018 European Throwing Cup.

Amendment

7. 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.