



BRITISH ATHLETICS

2018 Mountain Running International Championships

Selection Policy – updated February 2018

Overview

The British Athletics policy for international mountain running events is to focus on performances that will challenge for senior team and individual medals and be competitive in the junior events.

The selection policies for 2018 have been written in order to ensure we are able to select the best prepared teams for the Championships.

The GB and NI team will travel to the Championships as a single team. All questions related to the selection policy and the trial races should be directed to Anne Buckley (annembuckley@yahoo.com).

Eligibility

- 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. Junior athletes will be eligible for selection in this age group if they are born in 1999, 2000, 2001 or 2002;
 - 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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/performance/british-athletics-teams-information/>.

World Long Distance Mountain Running Championships 24 June 2018 Karpacz, Poland

The official trial will be held on 28th April 2017 as part of the 3 Peaks race.

Selection Meeting Process

- The team will be selected in one selection meeting on **28th April 2018**
- The team will be announced on 5th May 2018
- A maximum of five Senior Men and five Senior Women (three to score) may be selected
- At the trial, the first two eligible men who run under 3 hours and women who run under 3 hr 30 min will be selected subject to them meeting at least one of the following selection criteria:
 - a. Has demonstrated the ability to be competitive against international opposition in overseas international mountain races of a similar length, profile and terrain between 1 January 2017 and the trial
 - b. Has shown consistency of performances in both domestic and international mountain races and/or fell/road races of a similar distance, profile and terrain
- Up to a further three athletes per event may be selected. All further selections will be considered by the selectors on an individual basis, based on performances at the trial and in line with the above selection criteria. In normal circumstances athletes will be expected to run under 3 hours (men) and 3:30 (women) but where the selectors consider an athlete who has not run under these times to be a realistic medal prospect this requirement may be waived at the selectors' discretion.

- Where the selectors feel that a team can realistically challenge for a top three position at the World Long Distance Championships 2018, a scoring team may be selected. The selectors may select athletes to make up a team who have not run under 3 hours (men) and 3:30 (women).
- Selection of all athletes is subject to agreement of the athlete's approach to racing and training between the trial and the Championships by the Chair of Selectors, Anne Buckley.

All athletes who do not intend to compete at the trial and wish to be considered for selection must ensure that they advise British Athletics Chair of Selectors, Anne Buckley at annembuckley@yahoo.com of their situation by 26 April 2018.

Appeals

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 2018 World Long Distance Mountain Running Championships.

European Championships (up and down) 1 July 2018 Skopje, Macedonia

The official trial will be held on the weekend of 2/3 June 2018 in conjunction with the British Athletics Mountain Running Championships.

Selection Meeting Process

- The team will be selected in one selection meeting on 2/3 June 2018
- The team will be announced on 7 June 2018
- A maximum of 4 athletes may be selected for each event (with three to score);
- The first 2 eligible athletes in each race at the trials will be automatically selected for each event.
- The selectors will fill the two remaining places in each race based on all known uphill form up to and including 1 June 2018.
- Selection of all athletes is subject to agreement of the athlete's approach to racing and training between the trial and the Championships by the Chair of Selectors, Anne Buckley.

All athletes who do not intend to compete at the trial and wish to be considered for selection must ensure that they advise British Athletics Chair of Selectors Anne Buckley at annembuckley@yahoo.com of their situation by 31 May 2018.

Appeals

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 2018 European Championships.

World Championships (uphill) 16 September 2018 Andorra

The official trial will be held on 5 August 2018 in Keswick.

Selection Meeting Process

- The team will be selected in two selection meetings on 3 July 2018 and 5 August 2018
- The team will be announced on 9 August 2018.
- A maximum of 4 athletes will be selected for each event (with three to score);
- After the European Championships a maximum of two senior athletes per event and one junior athlete per event will be selected subject to them meeting the following criteria:
 - a. Has demonstrated current fitness at the European Championships or other international mountain races
 - b. Has demonstrated ability in international uphill mountain races in the last two years
 - c. Has demonstrated the ability to be competitive against international opposition in an overseas international mountain race and/or domestic and international cross country/fell race between 1 January 2017 and the trial.

d. Has shown competitive and consistent performances at previous European and global mountain running Championships.

Athletes selected in the first selection meeting will be contacted as soon as possible following this meeting.

- At the trial, the first eligible athlete in each race will be selected subject to them meeting at least two of the following selection criteria:
 - c. Has demonstrated the ability to be competitive against international opposition in an overseas international mountain race and/or domestic and international cross country/fell race between 1 January 2017 and the trial.
 - d. Has shown consistency of performances in both domestic and international mountain races of a similar distance and fell/cross country/road races.
 - e. Has shown competitive and consistent performances at previous European and global mountain running Championships.
 - f. Clearly demonstrates consistent and forward progression up the international competition pathway at both junior and senior level.
- Up to a further three athletes per event may be selected after the uphill trial subject to places being available. All further selections will be considered by the selectors on an individual basis, based on performances at the trial and in line with the above selection criteria.
- Where the selectors feel that a team can realistically challenge for a top four position at the World Championships 2018, a scoring team or a full team may be selected.
- Selection of all athletes is subject to agreement of the athlete's approach to racing and training between the trial and the Championships by the Chair of Selectors, Anne Buckley.

All athletes who do not intend to compete at the trial and wish to be considered for selection must ensure that they advise British Athletics Chair of Selectors, Anne Buckley at annembuckley@yahoo.com of their situation by 2 August 2018.

Appeals

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 2018 World Championships.

Doubling up

Athletes will not be allowed to compete at both the World Long Distance Mountain Running Championships and the European Mountain Running Championships.