



BRITISH ATHLETICS

2018 IAAF World Indoor Championships **1-4 March 2018** **Birmingham, UK**

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Overview

This selection policy (“the Policy”) has been created in line with British Athletics’ strategic 2017-2021 Tokyo cycle competition philosophy) which states that (in priority order) we will:

1. Ensure that medal success at the Olympic Games and World Championships is prioritised;
2. Ensure that appropriate competition opportunities for potential future medal winners are provided throughout the pathway; and
3. Ensure that obtaining a British Vest continues to be realistic aspiration for athletes throughout the pathway.

The British Athletics Indoor Championships (“the Trials”) take place **17-18 February in Birmingham.**

Eligibility

1. To be considered for selection, athletes **must**:
 - a. Compete in the Trials in the event in which they wish to be considered for selection in Birmingham (Combined Eventers must compete in the Trials in at least one individual event). Athletes aiming to gain selection for the 4x400m relay teams must also compete at the Trials. Permission to do otherwise will only be granted in the case of injury – no other exceptions will be made (though the Performance Director, at his absolute discretion, grant an athlete permission to compete in a different discipline at the Trials to that in which they wish to be selected).

*Please note: to ensure the Selection Panel (“the Panel”) have an accurate picture of an athlete’s fitness ahead of the selection meeting, those who are unable to compete at the Trials due to injury but still wish to be considered for selection **MUST** either have been reviewed in person by the British Athletics medical team in the week prior to the Trials **OR** they must attend the Trials (regardless of home location) to be examined by the British Athletics CMO. Athletes who fail to satisfy either provision will not be considered for selection.*

- b. Be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder);
 - c. Be 16 years or older at 31 December 2018 (i.e. born in 2002 or earlier), with the exception of men's shot put (see point 1.d.);
 - d. Be 18 years or older at 31 December 2018 (i.e. born in 2000 or earlier) to be considered for selection in the men's shot put;
 - e. Have achieved a valid British Athletics qualification standard within the qualification period outlined at paragraph 2 below (or have received an IAAF Invite or achieve a wildcard entry by virtue of winning the 2018 IAAF World Indoor Tour); AND
 - f. 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/>.
2. Qualification performances must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2017 and 24:00 (GMT) 18 February 2018.
 3. The British Athletics qualification standards are as follows:

Men		Event	Women	
Indoor	Outdoor		Indoor	Outdoor
6.63	10.10 (100m)	60m	7.30	11.15 (100m)
46.70	45.00	400m	53.15	51.10
01:46.50	01:44.00	800m	02:02.00	01:58.00
3:39.50 / 3:55.00 (mile)	03:33.00	1500m	4:11.00 / 4:28.50 (mile)	04:02.00
07:52.00	7:40.00 / 13:10.00 (5000m)	3000m	08:50.00	8:28.00 / 14:45.00 (5000m)
No Standard		4x400m	No Standard	
7.70	13.40 (110mh)	60m h	8.14	12.80 (100mh)
2.33		HJ	1.97	
5.78		PV	4.71	
8.19		LJ	6.76	
17.05		TJ	14.30	
20.80		SP	18.20	
No Standard		Hep/Pen	No Standard	

Selection meeting process

4. All qualified athletes will be considered for selection in one selection meeting on **Monday 19 February 2018**. Pursuant to paragraphs 11 and 12, invited athletes will be considered on a case-by-case basis as and when invites are received.
5. The team will be announced on Tuesday 20 February 2018. Athletes selected via invite will be announced as/when invites are confirmed.
6. A maximum of two athletes may be selected in each event. In events where there is a British winner of the IAAF World Indoor Tour, a maximum of three athletes (including the World Indoor Tour winner) can be selected. Up to six athletes may be selected for each relay event.

7. The Panel will select athletes using the process outlined in paragraphs 8 to 13 below.
8. Round 1 – winners of the trials:
 - a. The winner of each individual Trials event will be automatically selected for the same event provided the relevant British Athletics qualification standard has been achieved by that athlete during the qualification period. Should the winner of the Trials not have achieved a qualification standard, or decline/be unavailable for selection, their place will not be automatically offered to the next best athlete.
 - b. In the event of a dead-heat or tie at the Trials (resulting in more than one athlete qualifying for automatic selection) the following principles will apply:
 - i. Track events - where there is a dead-heat for first place between two or more athletes in a track event, the athlete with the best performance within the qualification period will gain automatic selection. Where this is also equal, the athlete with the next best performance will be selected.
 - ii. Field events – where there is a tie for first place between two or more athletes in a field event, a jump/throw-off will be arranged at the Trials, with the winner gaining automatic selection. If an athlete/athlete(s) refuses to take part in a jump/throw-off, the automatic selection will be offered to the athlete who did not refuse.
9. Round 2 – remaining eligible individual athletes (excluding combined events):
 - a. All remaining eligible athletes will be selected, provided they:
 - i. Have achieved the relevant British Athletics qualification standard during the qualification period; and
 - ii. Satisfy the Panel that they possess current form and fitness which suggests they are capable of performing at a level equal to (or exceeding) their qualification period best or seasons best (whichever is higher).
 - b. If more athletes are eligible for selection than there are places available, athletes will be selected based on overriding competition philosophy for the Tokyo cycle (as outlined in the Overview of this Policy) and on the Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria (as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant):
 - i. Trials results;
 - ii. Current form;
 - iii. Future individual medal potential at indoor or outdoor major events;
 - iv. Head-to-heads;
 - v. Previous major competition history; AND
 - vi. Injury status.
 - c. The Panel may select non-travelling reserves for any event (except combined events), provided the athlete has achieved the relevant individual British Athletics qualification standard (except relays where no standard is required).
10. Round 3 – relays:
 - a. A team of up to six athletes will be selected for each of the men's and women's 4x400m relays (which must include those already selected in the individual 400m). Athletes will be selected based on a number of factors, including (but not limited to) the following:
 - i. Current form;
 - ii. Head-to-heads;
 - iii. Previous major competition history (in individual and relay events);
 - iv. Future individual or relay team potential;
 - v. Injury status; AND

- vi. Previous engagement with the British Athletics relay programme(s).
- b. Athletes selected for the relay do not need to have achieved a British Athletics qualification standard.

11. Host nation slots:

- a. As the host nation, British Athletics are permitted (subject to approval from the Technical Delegate) to enter one athlete in any event (excluding combined events) where we would otherwise not have any representation – this includes events where British Athletics has a qualified athlete but they are either injured or choose not to compete in Birmingham.
- b. The Panel, **at their absolute discretion**, may choose to utilise a host nation slot for any applicable event, only if they believe there to be an athlete who satisfies either of the following:
 - i. is a genuine medal contender in Birmingham; OR
 - ii. has genuine future global medal potential and (taking into account their current form/fitness) would be considered likely to benefit from the early competition exposure.

12. Combined events, invitations and World Indoor Tour winners:

- a. Combined events – entries for the men's Heptathlon and the women's Pentathlon will be via invite only. Invites issued by the IAAF will be automatically accepted by British Athletics (providing the athlete in question does not have any ongoing injury concerns). Invites will be issued by the IAAF as per the following process:
 - i. Winner of the 2017 Combined Events Challenge;
 - ii. Top five from the 2017 outdoor rankings (as at 31 December 2017);
 - iii. Top five from the 2018 indoor rankings (as at 12 February 2018); AND
 - iv. One wildcard (at the discretion of the IAAF).
- b. Invites – where insufficient athletes are entered to meet the target for each event (12 for high jump and pole vault, 16 for all other field events and various for track events), IAAF invites will be issued based on a combination of 2017/18 indoor and outdoor rankings. Such invites will be accepted provided the invited athlete(s), to the satisfaction of the Panel, demonstrate current form and fitness which suggests they are capable of performing at a level equal to (or exceeding) their qualification period best or seasons best (whichever is higher). Should invites be received *after* the Panel have met, the Panel will be asked to advise on form/fitness of any invited athlete remotely (in accordance with IAAF invite response deadlines).

Note: it may be possible that an athlete not chosen for a host nation slot may be offered an IAAF invite for a track or field event. In choosing not to offer such an athlete a host nation slot, the Panel may still accept an IAAF invite, provided they have demonstrated current form and fitness to the satisfaction of the Panel (as per paragraph 12(b) above).

- c. IAAF World Indoor Tour winners – will be provided with a wildcard for the World Indoors at some point after the selection meeting (not before the 25th February). Any athlete who receives such a wildcard (who has not been previously picked) will be automatically added to the team (provided the athlete in question does not have any ongoing injury concerns). Should this athlete have previously been picked, the first-reserve (if selected) will be promoted to the third available spot in the event.

Conditions

13. Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised;
14. UK domestic track and field performances will only be certified by British Athletics if they are achieved in a British Athletics Level 3 Permit competition or higher, or in an Area or County Championship (see www.britishathletics.org.uk/competitions/rules/ for details on the British Athletics competition permits).
15. Multiple performances achieved in the same individual event in a single day will only count as follows:
 - a. At an official Championship of UK national level or higher;
 - b. In a field event only the best mark in the final and best mark in the pool.
16. Performances otherwise achieved in the same individual event in a single day will count as follows:
 - a. In track events only the fastest legal result of the day;
 - b. In throwing events only the best trial of the first competition of the day;
 - c. In horizontal jumps only the best trial of the first competition of the day, unless every mark achieved by the athlete was windy in which case a second competition held under safer conditions will count.
17. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants held completely in a stadium shall not be accepted.
18. Wind-assisted performances (or performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available) will not be accepted.
19. Hand-timed performances in 60m, 100m, 400m, 60m Hurdles, and 100m/110m Hurdles will not be accepted;
20. For the running events of 400m and over, performances achieved on oversized tracks will NOT be accepted

Appeals

21. Due to the early staging of the 2018 World Indoor Championships and the shortened qualification period, the Trials and selection date has been pushed to the latest possible point during the qualification period – this will take place on the same day as the IAAF final entry. As such, there will be NO ability to appeal the selection decisions made by the Panel for these championships.

Amendment

22. 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.