



# BRITISH ATHLETICS

## **2018 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships**

**24 March 2018**

**Valencia, Spain**

### **Selection Policy – updated February 2018**

#### **Overview**

This selection policy (“the Policy”) has been created in line with the British Athletics 2017 – 2021 Selection Philosophy. British Athletics therefore intends to select a team for the World Half Marathon Championships to achieve the following two aims:

- Achieve as high a team placing as possible in both the men’s and women’s events; and
- Provide experience for track/cross country athletes looking to step up in distance to the marathon and 10,000m runners looking for high quality summer preparation.

Due to the proximity of the World Indoor Championships and the Commonwealth Games, there will be no official trial held.

All questions related to the selection policy should be directed to Team Leader Charlotte Fisher [cfisher@englanathletics.org.uk](mailto:cfisher@englanathletics.org.uk).

#### **Eligibility**

1. 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. Have achieved a relevant British Athletics qualification standard within the qualification period;
  - c. Be 18 years or older as at 31 December 2018 (born in 2000 or earlier).
  - d. 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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/>.

#### **Qualification**

2. Qualification performances must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2017 and 24:00 (GMT) 4 March 2018.
3. The British Athletics qualification standards are as follows:

Men	Event	Women
29:30	10,000m	33:10
65:00	Half Marathon	75:00
2:16:00	Marathon	2:36:00

### **Selection Process**

4. The team will be selected in one selection meeting on Tuesday **6 March 2018**.
5. The team will be announced on Wednesday 7 March 2018.
6. A minimum of 3 athletes per gender will be selected for each of the men's and women's races. The athletes will be selected based on the two aims of this policy and on the Selection Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant. The criteria below are not listed in any priority order:
  - i. Achievement of the British Athletics standard within the qualification window;
  - ii. Current form and fitness by competing in a 5km, 10km, 10 mile, half marathon or marathon (or other distance/race as deemed appropriate by the Selection Panel) close to the selection date;
  - iii. Previous major competition history; and
  - iv. Future potential to represent GB&NI at a major championship in the 10,000m or marathon.
7. Any additional athletes selected over and above the minimum of three athletes per team (up to a maximum of 5 for each of the men's and women's races) will then be at the discretion of the Panel taking into the account the criteria laid out in point 6 above.
8. Reserves may be selected for each team, provided any such reserve athletes have achieved a relevant qualification standard within the qualification period.

### **Conditions**

9. Qualification standards achieved overseas must be achieved on IAAF accredited courses (see IAAF website for details).
10. Domestic qualification standards achieved at non-IAAF accredited courses will be accepted, but the race must have a full RunBritain race license and must satisfy conditions for British and IAAF record purposes.
11. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants, held completely in a stadium, will not be accepted.

### **Appeals**

12. There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the GB&NI Team made by the Selection Panel. The provisions of the British Athletics Selection and Nomination

“Fast” Appeals Procedure do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2018 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships.