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2018 IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships **Taicang, China – 5-6 May 2018**

Selection policy – updated February 2018

Overview

The IAAF Race Walking Team Championships is a high-quality competition and British Athletics intend to support the 2018 Championships by selecting individual athletes as follows:

- Experienced athletes who have the potential to perform well at this competition
- Developing athletes who may perform well at future Race Walking Team Championships and have the potential to be selected for future major championships.

The GB and NI team will travel to the Championships from the UK as a single team. Domestic (within UK) travel arrangements will be arranged and funded by British Athletics. For athletes who are not in the UK and choose to travel direct to Taicang, British Athletics will contribute the equivalent cost of a UK/competition venue return flight.

A visa will be required for all British nationals to enter China. British Athletics will cover the cost of the visa for all selected athletes. For further information on travel or the visa application process please contact Maddy Ibbett mibbett@britishathletics.org.uk.

There will be no trial event for the 2018 IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships.

All questions related to the selection policy should be directed to Team Leader, Andi Drake, at adrake@englandathletics.org.

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 (over any of the applicable distances) within the qualification period; and
 - 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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/>
2. Junior (U20) athletes will be eligible for selection in this age group if they are born in either 1999, 2000, 2001 or 2002.

Qualification



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3. Qualification performances for all events, except the Men's 50km, must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2017 and 24:00 (BST) 9 April 2018.
4. Qualifying performance for the men's 50km must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2017 and 24:00 (GMT) 31 December 2017. NO athletes will be selected for the Men's 50km via performances achieved after this date.
5. The British Athletics qualification standards are as follows – please note, for all events other than the junior 10km, qualifying performances may be achieved over more than one distance:

Men	Event	Women
4:06:00 (50km) 1:27:00 (20km)	Senior 50km	4:30:00 (50km) 1:39:00 (20km)
4:00:00 (50km) 1:25:30 (20km)	Senior 20km	4:25:00 (50km) 1:37:30 (20km)
44:00 (10,000m/10km)	Junior 10km	49:30 (10,000m/10km)

Selection meeting process

6. The team will be selected in **two** selection meetings:
 - a. Pre-selection meeting on Wednesday 21 February 2018;
 - b. Final selection meeting on Tuesday 10 April.
7. The team will be announced on Thursday 12 April.
8. Up to five athletes can be selected to walk in each of the men's and women's senior races, with three to score. Up to three athletes can be selected to walk in each of the junior races, with two to score.
9. Pre-Selection:
 - a. Athletes aiming for selection in the senior 50km or the senior 20km only, will be considered by the Selection Panel ("the Panel") for pre-selection;
 - b. Athletes who meet the following criteria will be pre-selected on 21 February 2018. The criteria below are not listed in any priority order:
 - i. Have achieved the relevant qualification standard between the 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2017 and 24:00 (GMT) 20 February 2018;
 - ii. In the case of the 50km, have not competed in a 50km race walk between 1 January and 20 February 2018;
 - iii. To the satisfaction of the Panel, demonstrate current form and fitness (at the point of pre-selection);
 - iv. Are not injured or otherwise currently affected by a performance limiting factor; and



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- v. In the Panel's opinion, have the potential to be selected for the 2018 European Athletics Championships.

10. Final Selection:

- a. The Panel will consider all senior athletes for any remaining places, following the pre-selection meeting, and all junior athletes for selection who meet the following criteria, subject to the maximum team size as per IAAF entry rules outlined in paragraph 8. The criteria below are not listed in any priority order:
 - i. Have achieved the relevant qualification standard during the qualification period;
 - ii. In the case of the 50km, have not competed in a 50km walk between 1 January and 9 April 2018; and
 - iii. To the satisfaction of the Panel, they demonstrate current form and fitness.

11. Athletes competing in a 50km walk event between 1 January 2018 and 9 April 2018 will **not** be considered for selection in the 50km walk (though they may still be considered for the 20km walk if the Selection Panel believe that doing so would enhance an athlete's competition preparation for this summer's European Athletics Championships). Athletes who have already been selected (at either selection meeting) but subsequently compete in a 50km walk will then be deselected.

12. Eligible junior athletes will only be selected to compete in the senior event at the discretion of the selection panel (and provided they have achieved a relevant British Athletics qualification standard (at any distance) for the senior event).

Conditions

13. Qualification times must be completed on an IAAF certified course.

Appeals

14. 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 Race Walking Team Championships.