



BRITISH ATHLETICS

2018 European 10,000m Cup

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London, UK

Selection Policy – updated March 2018

Overview

Given its place in the global calendar, British Athletics intends to select both a men's and women's team for the 2018 European 10,000m Cup with the following two aims in mind:

- Select the best team possible to achieve the best GB & NI team result;
- Opportunities for athletes on the pathway to GB & NI representation at future major championships.

Due to the 2018 Commonwealth Games taking place next spring, there will be no trial event for the European 10,000m Cup.

This year the 2018 European 10,000m Cup will be integrated into the A races at the very popular the "Night of the 10,000m PBs" at Parliament Hill, Highgate in London. In addition to athletes representing GB and NI in the European 10,000m Cup, other British athletes will take part in the A races as the event will also host the British Athletics 10,000m trial for the 2018 European Athletics Championships.

All questions related to the selection policy should be directed to Team Leader Chris Jones (chris.jones@welshathletics.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 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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/world-class/gb-ni-team-info/> .

Qualification

2. The following athletes are considered to have met the qualification criteria and do not need to achieve a British Athletics qualification standard – please note, this does not guarantee selection:
 - a. Any athlete who finished in the top 50 of the senior races at any of the last 3 (2013, 2015, 2017) IAAF World Cross Country Championships;
 - b. Any athlete who finished in the top 20 of the senior races at the 2017 European Cross Country Championships; and
 - c. Any athlete who finished in the top 10 of the U23 races at the 2017 European Cross Country Championships.

3. The British Athletics qualification standards for all other athletes are as follows:

Men	Event	Women
13:59.58	5,000m	16:11.68
29:32.09	10,000m	34:34.33
8:51.72	3,000m SC	10:21.31
29:42	10km	33:58
1:05:09	Half Marathon	1:14.57
2:17.19	Marathon	2:38.57

4. Qualification performances must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2017 and 24:00 (BST) 29 April 2018*.

**Demonstration of form and fitness (to the reasonable satisfaction of the Team Leader and/or Head of Endurance) for qualification performances achieved prior to 1 January 2018 will be required.*

Selection process

5. The team will be selected on **Monday 30 April 2018**.
6. The final team will be announced on Tuesday 1 May 2018.
7. The Selection Panel (“the Panel”) will select a minimum of 3 athletes (3 are needed to score in the team event) in each the men’s and women’s team as follows:
 - a. Athletes need to have achieved an eligible British Athletics qualification standard during the qualification period (or satisfy points 2 a, b or c); and
 - b. Athletes need to be considered by the Panel to have a developing profile whose future aspirations within the sport would be enhanced by competing in Highgate.
 - c. Any additional athletes selected over and above the minimum of three athletes per team (up to the maximum of 6 athletes per team as set by European Athletics) will be at the discretion of the Panel, considering the aims outlined in the overview.
 - d. The Panel will consider the following (as well as any other factors which may be deemed relevant). The criteria below are not listed in any priority order:
 - i. Current form;
 - ii. Current fitness;
 - iii. Number of standards achieved; and
 - iv. Competition history up to and including 29 April 2018.

Conditions

8. 10km (road), half marathon and marathon qualification times must be achieved on an IAAF certified course.
9. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants held completely in a stadium shall not be accepted.

Appeals

10. 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 Appeals Policy” do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2017 European Cup 10,000m.

Amendment

11. 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.