



BRITISH ATHLETICS

2018 IAAF World Junior Championships
10-15 July 2018
Tampere, FIN

2018 Loughborough International, 20 May 2018
2018 Mannheim International, 23-24 June 2018

Selection Policy – updated February 2018

Overview

British Athletics takes a strategic approach to international age group competitions to reflect our ultimate aim of medals at the Senior World Championships and Olympic Games. Whilst it is important that the GB & NI team are successful at the IAAF World Junior Championships itself, we also recognise their importance as a learning experience for athletes on the pathway to senior medals.

This selection policy is therefore structured to enable the Selection Panel (“The Panel”) to select athletes who they believe have the potential to achieve at least a top 8 placing in Tampere.

In addition, in line with the British Athletics relay programmes, the Junior relays are seen as vital educational opportunities for ensuring success on the senior stage. All junior relay programme athletes will therefore be expected to make themselves available for the 4x100m or 4x400m relay squads throughout the year, culminating at the World Junior Championships. Sprint athletes should be aware that failure to consistently engage with the relay teams will not be positively in relation to selection for future age group Championships, senior championships or the World Class Programme (WCP).

The World Junior Championships Trials (“the Trials”) for all events except 5,000m, 10,000m (men only) and combined events, will take place at the England Athletics U23/U20 Championships on **16-17 June 2018 in Bedford**.

The Trials for the events not staged in Bedford on 16-17 June will take place as follows:

- Men’s & Women’s 5,000m – **26 May 2018 – Watford BMC**. Athletes wishing to compete should enter via the BMC website (<http://www.britishmilersclub.com>). Any further questions related to entry for this event should be directed to Ian Hodge (ihodge@britishathletics.org.uk);

- Men's 10,000m – **19 May 2018 – Highgate, London**. Athletes wishing to compete should contact Ian Hodge (ihodge@britishathletics.org.uk); and
- Combined events – **26-27 May 2018 – Bedford**. This is the England Athletics Senior/U20 Outdoor Combined Events Championships. As such, athletes wishing to compete should enter online at the England Athletics website (www.englandathletics.org).

Any athlete wishing to be considered for both the World Junior Championships and the Europeans must contact the Team Leader (Trevor Painter) painter400@hotmail.com / 07884 445216 or Team Manager (Lorna Dwyer) ldwyer@britishathletics.org.uk before the 18th June 2018. Failure to do this will have an impact on your selection for each Championship. Permission to compete in both Championships will only be given in exceptional circumstances and where, in British Athletics opinion, it will be for the current and future benefit of the individual athlete.

British Athletics will not consider favourably any athlete selected for the World Junior Championships who then withdraws from the team, except in the event of an injury/illness or genuinely exceptional circumstance. In the case of an injury/illness, athletes will be required to provide a medical report to the British Athletics Junior Team Doctor.

The GB and NI team will travel to the Championships as a single team. All questions related to the selection policy or trial races should be directed Team Manager, Lorna Dwyer (ldwyer@britishathletics.org.uk).

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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. be born in 1999 or 2000 (athletes born in 2001 or 2002 will instead be considered for selection for the 2018 European Youth Championships);
 - c. compete in the Trials in the event in which they wish to be selected with the following exceptions:
 - i. Athletes who are contracted to an NCAA member university during the 2018 outdoor season;
 - ii. Athletes in the 5,000m, men's 10,000m and Combined Event; and
 - iii. Athletes who may want to double up at the World Junior Championships do not have to compete in their second event at the Trials. Athletes must inform the Panel prior to the selection meeting of their desire to double up and in which events. The Panel will consider any athlete's second event as discretionary selection in round 2 (as described in paragraph 8).
 - d. have achieved a relevant British Athletics qualification standard within the relevant period (individual events only); and
 - e. 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/>.

Note 1: For athletes aiming for selection as described in paragraph 1.1(c)i and 1.1(c)ii take note that they are not mandated to compete at any of the

designated trials events. However, athletes who choose not to do so accept that their selection will be at the discretion of the relevant Panel.

Note 2: To ensure the Panel have an accurate picture of an athlete's fitness ahead of the selection meeting, those who are unable to compete at the England Athletics U23/U20 Championships due to injury/illness 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 England Athletics U23/U20 Championships OR they must attend the England Athletics (regardless of home location) to be examined by the British Athletics Junior Team Doctor, or the Event Doctor. Athletes who fail to satisfy either provision will not be considered for selection (unless note 3 applies).

Note 3: Where athletes suffer illness the day before or the day of the Trials, they must contact the Team Leader as soon as possible prior to the commencement of the relevant Trial event. The Panel will make a common sense, judgement call based on the information and proof provided by the athlete in determining whether to accept their non-attendance at the trials (enabling them for consideration for selection). Illness that occurs earlier than the day before the first day of the Trials must be evidenced by a medical note from a GP in order for that athlete to remain eligible for selection. Failure to satisfy the above will result in the athlete not being considered for selection, and all athletes must be aware that failure to attend the trials, regardless of validity of excuse, will naturally and unavoidably place them at a disadvantage when being assessed for selection.

For the avoidance of doubt athletes seeking selection for the relay must compete in their usual relevant individual event at the Trials.

Qualification

2. To be considered as part of the selection process qualification performance must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2018 and 24:00 (BST) 24 June 2018.
3. The British Athletics qualification standards are based on a predicted top 8 finished (as at January 2018) are as follows:

Men	Event	Women
10.45	100m	11.60
21.00	200m	23.70
46.50	400m	53.30
1:48.25	800m	2:05.00
3:43.00	1500m	4:17.00
N/A	3,000m	9:15.00
13:55.00	5,000m	16:00.00
29:30.00	10,000m	N/A
8:50.00	3,000m SC	10:15.00
13.65 (0.995m)	110m/100m H	13.50
51.30	400m H	58.50
42:20.00	10km RW	47:20.00

2.17	High Jump	1.84
5.30	Pole Vault	4.10
7.60	Long Jump	6.25
15.85	Triple Jump	13.20
19.20 (6kg)	Shot Putt	15.40
58.00 (1.75kg)	Discus Throw	52.00
71.50 (6kg)	Hammer Throw	60.00
71.50	Javelin Throw	53.00
7400 (0.995m; 6kg SP; 1.75kg DT)	Decathlon/Heptathlon	5500

Selection Process

4. Selection will take place on **Monday 25 June 2018**.
5. The team will be announced Tuesday 26 June 2018.
6. A maximum of two athletes may be selected in each individual event. Up to 6 athletes may be selected for each relay event. The composition of those 6 relay athletes must include the athletes who are selected in the relevant individual event (100m or 400m). Any other athlete who is selected in any event may then be able to participate in the relay event in addition to the 6 entered.
7. **Round 1 – automatic selections:**
 - a. The winner of each individual Trials events will automatically selected for the same event at the World Junior Championships provided they are eligible for selection (see paragraph 1), and provided the relevant British Athletics qualification standard has been achieved by that athlete during the relevant qualification period. Should the winner of the trials not be eligible for selection (or decline selection), no automatic selection will be made for that event.
 - b. For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete may achieve the qualification standard after the trials but before the end of the qualification period and still gain automatic selection.
8. **Round 2 – all remaining eligible individual athletes:**
 - a. In this round the Panel will select all eligible athletes who have achieved at least one qualification standard during the relevant qualification period and demonstrate current form and fitness which suggest they are capable of performing at a level to (or exceeding) their qualification best or seasons best (whichever is higher) at the Championships.
 - b. If more athletes satisfy all of the criteria outlined in paragraph 8(a) above then there are places available, athletes will be selected based on the 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. Current form;
 - ii. Position at the trials;
 - iii. Future individual medal potential at indoor or outdoor major events;
 - iv. Head-to-heads;
 - v. Previous major age-group competition history;
 - vi. Ability to successfully double-up (i.e. compete in more than one event at the Championships);
 - vii. Contribution to relay teams (where relevant); and
 - viii. Injury/illness status.

9. Round 3 – Relays

- a. Based on the athletes selected for individual sprint/hurdles events in rounds 1 and 2, the Panel, in its absolute discretion, may choose to select a team for each of the men's and women's 4x100m and 4x400m relays. In accordance with the IAAF entry rules as outlined in paragraph 6, provided they believe that the relevant relay team will be genuine medal contenders in Tampere.
- b. The number of athletes selected for each relay will be at the discretion of the Panel, in accordance with the IAAF entry rules outlined in paragraph 6. Athletes will be selected based on the 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. Full commitment and engagement with the British Athletics Junior relay programme in 2018.
 - i. Current form
 - ii. Head-to-heads;
 - iii. Previous major age-group competition history;
 - iv. Injury/illness status.
- c. Athletes selected for the relay do not need to have achieved a British Athletics qualification standard but do need to have competed in the Trials.

Note: All athletes selected for the 4x100m and 4x400m relay teams, regardless of whether they are also selected in an individual event, will be expected to reflect British Athletics' clear aim of winning relay medals at the World Junior Championships as part of the wider development of relays in the UK. As such all selected relay athletes will be expected to make themselves available for ALL rounds of the relevant relay (except in the case of genuine injury/illness). Any athlete who fails to do so will not be considered (until such time as behaviours demonstrably change) for support via Futures (or equivalent) or the World Class Programme.

10. Round 4 – Team Leaders discretionary selection

- a. The Team Leader, at his/her sole discretion, may select additional individual athletes to the team who he/she believes can achieve a top 8 finish in Tampere but who have not achieved a British Athletics qualification standard within the relevant qualification period (provided they have achieved the lower IAAF qualification standard in accordance with paragraphs 12 to 17 below).
- b. Athletes may only be selected in this round if places remain unfilled in the relevant individual event, and athletes may not be selected at the expense of individuals already selected in rounds 1 or 3.

Note: The total number of athletes selected in rounds 2, 3 and 4 may be limited by regulations set by the Championship organisers, or for logistical or budgetary reasons.

11. The Panel reserves the right to make value judgements on situations they consider to be exceptional circumstances with the reference framework and in the spirit of the general policy.

Conditions

Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Domestic competitions will only

be accepted if they are achieved in Permit Level 2 competitions or higher - please visit <https://www.uka.org.uk/competitions/fixtures/>

12. for further details on Permit levels).
13. Race walking performances achieved in road events must be achieved on IAAF certified courses.
14. Wind-assisted performances (or performance achieved at events where wind measurement was not available) for events held completely in a stadium will not be accepted. For combined events the conditions set in IAAF rule 260.18 (or any revised or amended rule relating to wind readings in combined events in force at the time) will be applied for qualification purposes, so the average velocity (based on the algebraic sum of the wind velocities, as measured for each individual event, divided by the number of such events) shall not exceed plus 2 m/s.
15. Performances achieved in mixed events held completely in a stadium will not be accepted.
16. Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 100m/110m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4 x100m relay will not be accepted.
17. Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m or longer will be accepted.

Loughborough International
20 May 2018

The Loughborough International match is the traditional season opener in the UK and is seen as a stepping stone opportunity towards the World Junior Championships.

A full programme of events with junior implements and hurdles will be staged (the 110m hurdles race with junior height hurdles is not a match race). Endurance events will include 3,000m and 3000m steeplechase for men and women.

GB and NI Juniors have priority selection AFTER Loughborough Students for this meeting, and one athlete per event may be selected. *Guest* slots may also be allocated to additional U20 athletes (i.e. those not already selected for the GB & NI team) aiming to secure selection for the World Junior Championships.

The Loughborough International fulfils a key role in the British Athletics relay programme. As such, all eligible relay athletes should make themselves available for selection and participation in Loughborough (unless involved in senior British Athletics relay activities at the same time).

The team (and guest slots) will be selected using the following criteria:

- Performances in the 2017/18 indoor and 2018 outdoor seasons;
- Head to head performance record from 2017/18 indoor and 2018 outdoor seasons;
- Performances from 2017 outdoor season (where performances demonstrate clear medal potential at the 2018 World Juniors);
- Previous age-group competition history; and
- Current form and fitness.

Note, the criteria outlined above is not listed in any priority order.

Selection will take place on **Monday 14 May 2018**. Selection will be announced on Tuesday 15 May 2018.

Note: The selected team will assemble in Loughborough on Saturday 19th May.

Mannheim International **23-24 June 2018**

The Mannheim International is one of the highest junior level competitions outside the World or European Junior Championships each year. The event is part of the German selection series for World or European Junior teams. British Athletics has an annual invitation to select 20 athletes to take part in this event.

Given the historical level of performance at this meeting and its importance in preparing the sprints relay teams for the World Junior Championships, it is British Athletics' intention to select men's and women's 4 x 100m relay teams as well as a small number of individual athletes to compete in Mannheim.

A maximum team size of 20 athletes will be selected using the following criteria:

- The 4x100m relay teams take priority over any of the individual events in Mannheim. Any athlete who wishes to be selected in the individual 100m or 200m must make themselves available for the relay teams in Mannheim or they will not be selected for an individual event.
- Due to the provision of high level of competition opportunities for many events in the UK such as the BMC events and the British Athletics Championships, any remaining places (subject to the maximum team size of 20) will be filled in the following priority order:
 - a. Individual athletes in the throws/hurdles events
 - b. Any individual athlete who, in the Panel's opinion, are realistic medal contenders for the World Junior Championships; and
 - c. Any other individual athletes.

Selection will take place on **Monday 18 June 2018**. Selection will be announced on Tuesday 19 June 2018.

Appeals

18. There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the GB&NI Team made by the 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 IAAF World Junior Championships, Loughborough International or Mannheim International.

Amendments

19. 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.uka.org.uk.

