



BRITISH ATHLETICS

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Selection Policy

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Overview

This selection policy (“the Policy”) for the 2018 European Athletics Championships has been created in line with the British Athletics strategic aim to ‘win more medals in more events in Tokyo 2020 and beyond’ and the 2017 – 2021 Selection Philosophy.

British Athletics therefore intends to select a team for Berlin 2018 with the following aims (in priority order):

1. Maximise medal success at the 2018 European Championships;
2. Provide opportunities for developing athletes that have potential to win medals at future major championships; and
3. Provide opportunities for established athletes to achieve a GB vest.

The British Athletics Championships (“the Trials”) will take place on 30 June-1 July 2018 and will be the track and field trial for the 2018 European Athletics Championships.

The British Athletics 10,000m trial for the 2018 European Athletics Championships will once again take place at the “Night of the 10,000m PBs” at Parliament Hill, Highgate in London on 19 May. This year the 2018 European 10,000m Cup will also be integrated into the A races at Parliament Hill where athletes selected for the GB and NI team will race against other European federations. All enquiries regarding entering into the British Athletics 10,000m trial at Highgate should be sent to Ian Hodge ihodge@britishathletics.org.uk.

Full details on all the other Trials events can be found in section 2 of this policy.

SECTION 1: SELECTION PROCESS

Eligibility

1.1. To be considered for selection, athletes **must**:

- a. Compete in the event in which they wish to be selected at the British Athletics Championships with the following exceptions (combined event athletes must compete in the British Athletics Championships in at least one individual event):
 - i. Athletes in the long distance events of 10,000m, Marathon, 20km Race Walk and 50km Race Walk; and
 - ii. Athletes who may want to double up at the European Athletics Championships, do not have to compete in their second event at the British Athletics Championships. Athletes must inform the Selection Panel (“the Panel”) prior to the selection meeting of their desire to double up and in which events. The Panel will consider any athletes second event as a discretionary selection in round 2 as described in paragraph 1.8.

Note 1: For athletes aiming for selection in the events specified in paragraph 1.1(a)(i) 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 British Athletics 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 British Athletics Championships OR they must attend the British Athletics Championships (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 (unless note 3 applies).

Note 3: Where athletes suffer illness the day before or the day of the Trials, they must contact the Performance Director/Chief Medical Officer 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 at the Trials.

- b. Be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder);
- c. Have achieved at least one qualification standard in the event for which they wish to be selected within the qualification window in accordance with paragraph 2.8 **OR** be reigning European Champion in the relevant individual event.
- d. Be 16 years or older at 31 December 2018 (i.e. born in 2002 or earlier), with the exception of the following:
 - i. athletes must be 18 years or older at 31 December 2018 (i.e. born in 2000 or earlier) to be considered for selection in the shot put (men) and hammer throw (men).

- ii. athletes must be 20 years or older at 31 December 2018 (i.e. born in 1998 or earlier) to be considered for selection in the Marathon and 50km Race Walk.
- 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 www.uka.org.uk/performance/british-athletics-teams-information/.

Selection meetings and process

- 1.3 Athletes will be selected in two selection meetings:
- a. Marathon Cup and 50km Race Walk - **Tuesday 24 April**;
 - b. All Remaining Events – **Monday 23 July**
- 1.4 Selection announcements will be made as soon as possible after each meeting.
- 1.5 The Selection Panel ("the Panel") shall comprise as follows:
- a. Voting members for the marathon cup/50km Race Walk selection meeting;
 - i. British Athletics' Performance Director;
 - ii. British Athletics' Head of Endurance; and
 - iii. At least one additional endurance event group representative.
 - b. Voting members for the All Remaining Events selection meeting:
 - i. British Athletics' Performance Director;
 - ii. British Athletics' Head of Endurance; British Athletics Head of Sprints/Hurdles/Relays and British Athletics Head of Combined Events and;
 - iii. Other event group representatives as nominated by the Performance Director.
 - c. Non-voting members for both selection meetings:
 - i. British Athletics Deputy Performance Director (who will chair the meeting);
 - ii. At least one independent observer;
 - iii. British Athletics' Chief Medical Officer ("the CMO");
 - iv. Statistician;
 - v. Media representative; and
 - vi. Note-takers etc. as required.
- 1.6 Selections will be subject to the maximum entries as permitted by European Athletics. A maximum of 3 athletes can compete per event with the following exceptions:
- a. Marathon Cup – up to 6 athletes may be entered into each team (a minimum of 3 is needed to score for the team event);
 - b. Relay teams – up to 6 relay athletes may be entered into each relay team. 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.
 - c. European Champions - the current reigning European Outdoor Champion will also be invited to participate as a Wildcard, in the same event at the 2018 European Athletics Championships.

Note: For clarification, in the events where Great Britain and Northern Ireland has a reigning European Outdoor Champion (W 200m, M 400m and M Long Jump) British Athletics are able to enter these athletes as a Wildcard, subject to the athletes meeting the requirements as detailed in paragraph 1.4 (a), in addition to the 3 athletes per event.

1.7 Round 1 – automatic selections:

- a. As an additional wildcard entry, reigning individual European Champions will be automatically selected for the same event in which they won gold at the previous European Athletics Championships, providing that they have demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the Panel, form and fitness to indicate that they can be competitive in Berlin and, as detailed in paragraph 1.1 (a), compete in the event in which they wish to be selected at the British Athletics Championships [unless ill or injured, in which case paragraph 1.1 (a) Notes 2 or 3 must apply].
- b. All events, other than those specified in paragraphs 1.7 (c) and 1.7 (d):
 - i. The first two placed eligible athletes in each individual Trials event will be automatically selected for the same event, provided the athlete, by the end of the relevant qualification period as set out in paragraph 2.8, has achieved **at least one qualification standard** except for the specific exceptions outlined in paragraphs 1.7 (c) and 1.7 (d).
- c. Marathon:
 - i. The first two placed eligible athletes in the marathon Trial event will be automatically selected, provided the athlete, by the end of the qualification period, has achieved **at least one qualification standard**.
 - ii. The first two eligible GB&NI athletes in the Commonwealth Games marathon event will be automatically selected for the marathon, provided the athlete, by the end of the qualification period, has achieved **at least one qualification standard**.
- d. 50km Race Walk:
 - i. The first placed eligible athlete in the 50km Race Walk Trial event will be automatically selected, provided the athlete, by the end of the qualification period, has achieved **at least one qualification standard**.

Note: In the event of a dead-heat or tie at any of the trial events (resulting in more than 2 athletes qualifying for automatic selection) and provided that both athletes meet one of the additional two requirements in paragraph 1.8 (c) above, the following steps will be taken:

- i. *In track/road events, the athlete with the best individual performance in the relevant event within the qualification period set out in paragraph 2.4 will gain automatic selection.*
 - ii. *In field events, a jump/throw-off will be arranged (either at the Trials or on a later date, in agreement with the affected athletes), 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.*
- e. Should any of the automatic selections from the relevant Trials events or the Commonwealth Games marathon event be unable or unwilling to take up their

place(s), their Round 1 place(s) will not be offered by default to the next best placed eligible athlete(s) from the relevant Trial or Commonwealth Games race.

1.8 Round 2 – all remaining eligible individual places

- a. The Panel will aim to fill all places available, subject to eligible athletes satisfying the following:
 - i. Achieved at least one qualification standard by the end of the qualification period; and
 - ii. Demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Panel, current form and fitness which suggests they are capable of performing at a level to (or exceeding) their qualification best or seasons best (whichever is higher).
2. If more athletes satisfy all of the criteria outlined in paragraph 1.8 (a) above than 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. The achievement of qualification standards in accordance with paragraphs 2.3 to 2.17 of this policy;
 - ii. European ranking;
 - iii. Current form;
 - iv. Future individual medal potential at major events;
 - v. Head-to-heads;
 - vi. Previous major competition history;
 - vii. Injury/illness status;
 - viii. Position at the relevant Trials; and
 - ix. Impact on medal winning potential in relay teams – *note: the Panel may choose to select an athlete in an individual event to improve chances of success in the relevant relay team.*

Note: The Panel, in using the European Championships as a development opportunity, may choose, at their discretion, to select an athlete they believe has the potential to win future medals on the global stage ahead of an athlete who at the time of selection may have a greater performance pedigree.

1.9 Round 3 – relays:

3. A team will be selected for each of the men's and women's 4x100m and 4x400m relay teams in accordance with the European Athletics entry rules as outlined in 1.6 (b). Athletes will be selected in this round 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. The achievement of qualification standards in accordance with paragraphs 2.7 to 2.16;
 - ii. Engagement with the British Athletics relay programme(s) in 2017 and 2018;
 - iii. Current form;
 - iv. Technical relay skills;
 - v. Head-to-heads;
 - vi. Previous major competition history;
 - vii. Injury/illness status;

- viii. Impact of other championships during the summer of 2018 (primarily age-group championships) in which eligible athletes may be competing;
 - ix. Impact of individual event selection on ability to perform optimally in the relay;
 - x. Potential to become a key relay runner at future major global championships and;
 - xi. Performances at the Trials.
- a. Athletes selected only for the relay do not need to have achieved an individual British Athletics qualification standard.

1.10 Reserves

The Panel may select and enter one additional reserve for any event, provided any such reserve athletes have achieved at least one qualification standard within the period set out in paragraph 2.8 (except in respect of relay events where no individual qualification standard is required). Reserves will be selected on the basis of the Panel's consideration of the criteria listed at paragraph 1.8 (b) and 1.9 (a) above as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant.

SECTION 2: PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Trials

- 2.1 For the purposes of all events other than those specified in paragraphs 2.2 - 2.6 below, the use of the words "Trial" or "Trials" in this Selection Policy shall mean the **British Athletics Championships**, which will take place on 30 June-1 July 2018.
- 2.2 **50km Race Walk** – the official Trial will be the European Athletics Race Walking Permit meeting in Dudince, Slovakia on 24 March 2018 www.european-athletics.org/competitions/race-walking-permit-meetings/.
- 2.3 **Marathon** – the official Trial will be the combined men's elite and championship race (which start together) and the women's elite race at the 2018 Virgin Money London Marathon on 22 April 2018.
- 2.4 **10,000m** – the official Trial will be the A races at the Highgate Harriers Night of 10,000m PBs at Parliament Hill on 19 May 2018;
- 2.5 **20km Race Walk** – the official Trial will be the British Grand Prix of Race Walking at Roundhay Park, Leeds, on 24 June 2018. Athletes wishing to enter should contact Andi Drake, Endurance Technical Advisor (adrake@englandathletics.org);
- 2.6 **Combined events** – no trials will take place and, as such, no automatic selections will take place for the Decathlon or Heptathlon. All eligible athletes in these events will be considered for selection using the process outlined under paragraph 1.8 (Round 2).

Qualification Standards

- 2.7 Athletes who are reigning European Champions in individual events will be deemed to have achieved the relevant qualification standard for that event.

2.8 To be eligible for selection, athletes to whom paragraph 2.7 does not apply must achieve qualification standard(s) for the event for which they seek selection within the following qualification periods:

- a. Marathon and 50km Race Walk athletes must achieve qualification standard(s) within the following qualification periods: – between 00:00 (GMT) on 1 May 2017 and 16:00 (BST) on 22 April 2018.
- b. For 10,000m, 20km Race Walk and Combined Events 00:00 (GMT) on 1 May 2017 and midnight (BST) on 22 July 2018;
- c. For all other events – between 00:00 (GMT) on 1 October 2017 and midnight (BST) on 22 July 2018.

2.9 The British Athletics qualification standards are as follows (*denotes standards higher than those set by the EA):

Men	Event	Women
10.25*	100m	11.35*
20.55*	200m	23.20*
46.00*	400m	52.30*
1:46.50*	800m	2:01.00*
3:37.50*	1500m	4:07.00*
13:30.00*	5000m	15:30.00*
28:20.00*	10,000m	32:30.00*
8:32.00*	3000m SC	9:43.00*
13.60*	110m/100mH	13.15*
49.80*	400mH	56.50*
2.26	High Jump	1.90
5.55	Pole Vault	4.45
7.95	Long Jump	6.60
16.60	Triple Jump	13.90
19.90	Shot Put	16.50
63.50	Discus	56.00
74.00	Hammer	69.00
80.00	Javelin	59.00
7850	Decathlon/Heptathlon	5900
2:16.00	Marathon	2:36.00
1:25.00	20km RW	1:37.00
4:03.00*	50km RW	4:30.00* or 1:39.00 in 20km RW

Performance conditions relating to qualification standards

2.10 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.

- 2.11 UK domestic competition performances will only be recognised if they are achieved in a UKA Level 2 Permit competition or higher (see www.uka.org.uk/competitions/fixtures/ for details on the UKA competition permits).
- 2.12 Marathon and race walking qualification performances must be achieved on IAAF accredited courses (as listed on the IAAF website).
- 2.13 Performances achieved in the same individual event in a single day where that event is not an official Championship of UK national level or higher will only count as follows:
- In track events only the fastest legal result of the day;
 - In throwing events only the best performance of the first competition of the day;
 - In horizontal jumps only the best performance of the first competition of the day, unless every mark achieved by the athlete was wind-assisted in which case the best trial in a second competition held under non-wind-assisted conditions will count.
- 2.14 Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants, held completely in a stadium, shall not be accepted.
- 2.15 Wind-assisted performances (or performances 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.
- 2.16 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m hurdles and 400m hurdles performances at altitudes of above 950m will not be accepted.
- 2.17 Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110/100m hurdles, 400m hurdles and 4x100m relay will not be accepted.
- 2.18 Indoor performances for all field events and all track events of 400m and longer will be accepted.
- 2.19 For indoor track events, performances achieved on oversized tracks will not be accepted.

SECTION 3: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Appeals

- 3.1 Athletes may appeal their non-selection, but only after the relevant final selection date and only according to the procedure laid out in the “British Athletics Selection Appeals Policy” which can be found on the British Athletics website. Athletes wishing to seek advice regarding the appeals process (including the validity of any procedure itself) are advised to contact the UK Athletics Athletes’ Commission at www.uka.org.uk/governance/uk-athletics-athletes-commission/.

Amendment

3.2 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.