



**2024 WORLD ATHLETICS INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: 1 – 3 MARCH 2024
GLASGOW, SCOTLAND**

SELECTION POLICY – November 2023

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) sets out the selection process for the team to represent Great Britain & Northern Ireland at the 2024 World Athletics Indoor Championships in track & field.

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The UK Athletics aim for these championships is to optimise medal success and the number of Top 8 finishes as the host nation.

TRIALS

1. The **UK Athletics Indoor Championships** (“the Trials”) will take place on **17 & 18 February 2024** at Utilita Arena, Birmingham and will be the trial event for the 2024 World Indoor Athletics Championships for all events.

SELECTION MEETINGS

2. The selection meetings will take place on 17 and 18 February 2024.

The team will be announced on Monday 19 February 2024.

3. Selections will be based on the aim of the policy and subject to the maximum number of entries permitted by World Athletics (“WA”) (see the WA website for details), as follows:
 - a. A maximum of two (2) athletes can compete in individual events;
 - b. In the 4 x 400m relay, up to eight (8) athletes may be selected, which must include athletes selected for the individual 400m. Any other athlete who is selected in any event may then be able to participate in the relay event in addition to the eight (8) entered;
 - c. 2023 and 2024 World Indoor Tour Champions will be invited to participate as a Wildcard, in the same event at the 2024 World Athletics Indoor Championships, in addition to the maximum of two (2) athletes per event.

SECTION ONE: ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION: PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

4. To be eligible for consideration for selection, athletes must comply with Requirements One and Two set out below. Athletes who do not comply with both Requirements will not be eligible for selection.

REQUIREMENT ONE: PARTICIPATION AT TRIALS & GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

5. To be considered for selection, all athletes must compete at Trials AND satisfy the General Eligibility Criteria set out in Appendix 1 – General Eligibility Criteria.
6. Attendance at the Trials is compulsory. In the event an athlete is unable to compete at the Trials due to illness/injury the athlete must comply with the provisions in Appendix 1 – General Eligibility Criteria Section 2. Where these provisions are not adhered to, an exemption for non-attendance at Trials will not be granted.
7. Athletes must compete in the event for which they wish to be considered for selection. If notified in writing in advance of the Trials, the Head Coach, in her absolute discretion, may grant an athlete permission to compete in a different discipline at the Trials.
8. Athletes wishing to be considered for selection for a 4x400m relay event must compete individually at the Trials in 200m, 400m or 800m. Those athletes competing in the 200m or 800m must notify the Head Coach in writing of their desire to be considered for selection for A 4x400m relay event.
9. Combined Events athletes who wish to be considered for selection must compete at the Trials in a relevant event.
10. Athletes who would like to be considered for more than one individual event at the 2024 World Indoor Athletics Championships (doubling-up) are not obliged to compete in their second event at the Trials providing both Requirements are met for both events. Requests to double-up must be made in writing to the Head Coach in advance of the Trials. Selection for both events will be at the sole discretion of the Selection Panel.

REQUIREMENT TWO: QUALIFICATION

11. Athletes must qualify by one of the following routes:
 - a. Achieve a World Athletics Qualification Standard as set out in paragraph 12 below within the qualification period **1 January 2023 to 18 February 2024**, or;
 - b. By *World Athletics* World Ranking, published on 21 February 2024 as determined by World Athletics to meet targeted numbers in identified events (see WA website for full details), or;
 - c. For Combined Events, receive an invitation from World Athletics, which will be issued to:
 - i. The winner of the 2023 World Athletics Combined Events Challenge;
 - ii. World top five from the 2023 World Outdoor Lists, as of 31 December 2023 with no more than 1 athlete per country;
 - iii. Top five from the 2024 World Indoor List as of 11 February 2024;
 - iv. One further WA athlete place may be offered at the discretion of World Athletics.
12. **The World Athletics Qualification Standard** for each event is as follows:

Men		Event	Women	
Indoor	Outdoor		Indoor	Outdoor
6.58	10.00 (100m)	60m	7.19	11.05 (100m)
45.90	44.80	400m	51.60	50.50
1:46.00	1:44.00	800m	2:00.80	1:58.00

3:36.00 3:53.50 (Mile)	3:32.00 3:48.80 (Mile)	1500m	4:06.50 4:26.00 (Mile)	4:00.00 4:18.00 (Mile)
7:34.00	7:29.00 12:50.00 (5000m)	3000m	8:37.00	8:27.00 14:32.00 (5000m)
7.62	13.28 – 110mH	60mH	8.02	12.80 – 100mH
No Standard		4x400m	No Standard	
2.34		HJ	1.99	
5.90		PV	4.80	
8.28		LJ	6.89	
17.25		TJ	14.62	
21.70		SP	19.30	
n/a		Hep/Pen	n/a	

13. The World Athletics Qualification Standards must be achieved in competitions that comply with the Performance Conditions outlined in Appendix 2 – Performance Conditions.

SECTION TWO: SELECTION PROCESS

The Selection Panel (“Panel”) will only select from athletes **who meet both Performance Requirements One and Two** as set out in Section One above.

Selection will be made in 5 rounds using the stages and process outlined below.

14. Round 1

- a. Any 2023 World Athletics Championship medallists and Individual overall winners of the 2023 and 2024 World Indoor Tours who have been given a ‘Wild Card’ by World Athletics will be selected.
- b. The winner of each individual Trial event will be automatically selected for the same event. Should the winner of the Trials not have achieved qualification as set out in Requirement 2 above, or decline/be unavailable for selection, their place will not be automatically offered to the next best athlete.
- c. In the event of a dead-heat or tie at any of the Trial events, resulting in more than one (1) athlete qualifying for selection, the following steps will be taken:
 - i. in track events, the athletes’ best individual performances in the relevant event within the qualification period will be considered to select an athlete who is most likely fulfil the aims of the policy.
 - ii. In field events, a jump/throw-off will be arranged at the Trials or on a later date, in agreement with the affected athletes. The winner will gain 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(s) who did not refuse.

15. Round 2

- a. Where places are available, all remaining athletes with a World Athletics Qualification Standard will be considered for selection.
- b. Athletes must show current form within the period between **1 January 2024 until 18 February 2024**.

- c. Current form will be assessed by evaluating athlete performances between 1 January and 18 February 2024, specifically comparing these performances with their best performances achieved during the qualification period. The Panel may also consider various factors, including consistency, training performance, progression, performances in relevant disciplines and injury status. Injury status may be a reason not to select an athlete where the Selection Panel does not believe that the athlete will be able to achieve the aims of the policy due to that injury.
- d. In exceptional circumstances only, the Head Coach may exercise discretion for an athlete to be considered for selection who does not meet 'Current Form' requirements above but has demonstrated exceptional ability and potential to medal at the World Athletics Indoor Championships. The Head Coach will assess the athlete's readiness to perform at the World Athletics Indoor Championships and their potential to contribute to the aims the policy.
- e. If there are more athletes with the World Athletics Qualification Standard and current form than places available, the Panel will select athletes based on consideration of a combination of some or all of the following criteria, listed in no particular priority order. Criteria used may be given unequal weighting and some criteria may be disregarded:
 - i. Position and performance at Trials;
 - ii. Performance, performance progression and performance consistency within the qualification period;
 - iii. Future individual medal potential at major events;
 - iv. Head to heads with other relevant athletes within the relevant qualification period;
 - v. Previous, recent international championship performance history from 2020;
 - vi. Injury/illness status;
 - vii. Any other factors the Panel deem relevant.
- f. The Panel may select non-travelling reserves for any event (except combined events), using the criteria above.

16. Round 3 – Combined Events

All event invitations from World Athletics as described in 'Requirement 2' will be accepted (provided the athlete complies with the Requirements in section one above).

17. Round 4 – World Rankings

- a. Where spaces are remaining, athletes who position within the field size target in the WA World Rankings, as determined by World Athletics, will be considered for selection in order to meet the aims of the policy.
- b. To be considered for selection, athletes must have a performance level that, in the sole discretion of the Panel, meets the stated aims of the policy - to contribute to medal success or finish in the Top 8.
- c. Athletes must show current form as defined and evaluated in Round 2 paragraph 15 c and d above.
- d. If there are more athletes eligible for selection and with current form than places available, the Selection criteria in paragraph 15e above will apply.
- e. The World Athletics ranking list will be published on 21 February 2024. Please refer to the World Athletics Website for details of the number of places by event and the rankings positions cut-off for relevant events.

18. Round 5 – Relay Events

- a. Up to eight (8) athletes will be selected for each of the relay events.

- b. Athletes already selected in the individual 400m will be automatically selected for and must compete in the 4x400m relay.
- c. Athletes must show current form as defined in paragraph 15c and 15d above.
- d. All other athletes under consideration for selection will be selected based on a number of factors, including (but not limited to) the following criteria which are not listed in any priority order. Criteria may be given unequal weight and may be disregarded:
 - i. Position and performance at Trials;
 - ii. Performance and performance consistency during the qualification period (in individual and relay events);
 - iii. Head-to-heads with other relevant athletes in individual events;
 - iv. Previous, recent championship performance history (earlier than 2020 will not be considered) in individual and relay events;
 - v. Injury/illness status;
 - vi. Previous engagement and performance with the UK Athletics relay programme(s) in 2022 and 2023;
 - vii. Future relay team potential;
 - viii. Technical relay skills;
 - ix. Impact on the medal winning potential of the relay team.

SECTION 4: SELECTION PANEL

19. The Panel shall comprise the following Voting and Non-Voting Members stated below. A substitute may be nominated at any time by the Head Coach if a member (including the Head Coach) is unavailable:
- a. Voting Members:
 - i. Head Coach;
 - ii. Representatives from each of the Endurance, Sprints and Field & Combined event groups
 - iii. A specialist event coach, as nominated by the Head Coach if considered necessary.
 - b. Non-voting members:
 - i. Chairperson;
 - ii. British Elite Athletes Association observer;
 - iii. UK Athletics Medical Representative;
 - iv. Media representative;
 - v. Note taker(s), and;
 - vi. Any other person invited by the Chairperson.
20. In the event of an actual, potential, or possible conflict relating to any voting member of the Panel, it should be reported to the Chairperson of the selection meeting who shall determine whether the voting member in question should be permitted to take part in relation to any selection decision(s). The Chairperson may appoint an alternative selector if necessary.
21. Voting of the Panel shall be by simple majority. The Head Coach shall have a casting vote, if required. If the Head Coach is unable to vote due to a conflict, the event group lead shall have a casting vote if required.
22. The Panel may make any selection subject to the athlete completing a performance requirement or test set by the Panel.

SECTION 5: DE-SELECTION

23. Following selection, an athlete may be de-selected by the Panel or UK Athletics in the event of:

- a. the athlete ceasing to comply with the eligibility criteria set out in this Selection Policy, or other strategy document or policy communicated by UK Athletics;
- b. failure to sign the World Class Programme Athlete Agreement or Team Member Agreement;
- c. application of the Medical De-Selection Protocol set out in the World Class Programme Athlete Agreement or Team Member Agreement;
- d. any anti-doping rule violation or provisional suspension;
- e. any serious misconduct or suspension due to misconduct;
- f. a breach of any UK Athletics policy including but not limited to the Relay Plan;
- g. a failure to commit to relay training and participation in the relay team if selected, unless agreed with the Head Coach;
- h. UK Athletics reasonably considering that the athlete will be unable to perform at the level required or expected due to any reason including loss of form or failure to recover fully or as expected from injury or illness, or;
- i. failure to opt-in to team training or events.

In the event of de-selection, the Head Coach and Event Lead will agree on a replacement athlete. The decision of the Head Coach will be final, in the event of disagreement.

SECTION 6: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Appeals

24. Athletes may appeal their non-selection, but only after the final selection publication on the UK Athletics website and in accordance with the procedure laid out in the “UK Athletics Selection Fast Appeals Procedure” which can be found on the UK Athletics website and which is subject to change. 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/ or WCP athletes can contact the British Elite Athletes Association via support@britisheliteathletes.org.
25. All athletes wishing to be selected pursuant to this Selection Policy agree, as a condition of consideration for selection, that the UK Athletics Selection Fast Appeals Procedure is to be treated as an arbitration procedure under Part 1 of the Arbitration Act 1996 (the “Act”) and amounts to a binding arbitration agreement for the purposes of section 6 of the Act. The seat of the Arbitration shall be England and the Procedure shall be governed by English law.
26. The Relevant Timeline, as defined in the UK Athletics Selection Fast Appeals Procedure, is set out in the table below:

Action	Date & Time
Publication of selection list	By 10.00 Monday 19 February
Athlete request notes from selection meeting	By 13.00 Monday 19 February
UK Athletics to supply notes	By 18.00, Monday 19 February
Athlete to submit Notice of Appeal	By 10.00 Tuesday 20 February
Third parties to submit additional documents. (if requested by the Appeal Panel)	By 12.00 Tuesday 20 February
UK Athletics to submit Chairperson’s Statement	By 12.00 Wednesday 21 February
Appeal Panel Hearing	Wednesday 21 February

Please note that there is no obligation on UK Athletics to notify athletes of non-selection. The deadlines set out above should be carefully noted in the event an athlete wishes to pursue an appeal.

27. Amendment

UK Athletics reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy at any time in 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

28. Governing law

This Selection Policy shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of England and Wales.

29. Jurisdiction

Any dispute or claim (other than appeals) arising out of or in connection with this Selection Policy shall be submitted for determination exclusively to arbitration under the auspices of Sports Resolutions (UK) Limited and subject to the procedural control of the English Courts

APPENDIX 1 – GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. General Eligibility

- a. Be eligible to compete for GB&NI and be the holder of a full current British passport;
- b. Not currently serving a period of ineligibility or a provisional or permanent suspension for a doping violation or for any other reason of misconduct;
- c. Meet the standards and behaviour expected by UK Athletics, as published from time to time, including in the International Athletes Code of Conduct;
- d. Be registered as a member with the relevant Home Country Athletics Federation (HCAF), directly or through a club;
- e. Be 16 years or older on 31 December 2024 (i.e. born in 2006 or earlier), with the exception of men's shot put (see point 1.f.);
- f. Be 18 years or older on 31 December 2024 (i.e. born in 2008 or earlier) to be considered for selection in the men's shot put; and
- g. Sign the UK 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 <https://www.uka.org.uk/performance/british-athletics-teams-information/> . Signatories to the World Class Programme Athlete Agreement will not be required to sign the TMA.

2. Illness and/or Injury Exemption from Participation at Trials

- a. Permission not to compete at the Trials will only be granted in the case of injury/illness – no other exceptions will be made.
- b. Athletes who are unable to compete at the Trials due to injury/illness but still wish to be considered for selection must either have been reviewed by the UK Athletics Medical team in the week prior to Trials or attend the Trials (regardless of home location) to be examined by the UKA Lead Doctor and given an exemption from participation agreed by the Head Coach. Athletes who fail to satisfy either provision will not be considered for selection (unless c below applies).

Where an athlete suffers illness the day before or the day of the Trials, they must contact the Head Coach or UKA Lead Doctor as soon as possible prior to the start of their Trial event. A common sense, judgement call based on the information and proof provided by the athlete will be used in determining whether to accept non-attendance at the trials, 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, emergency doctor or consultation with a UKA doctor for that athlete to remain eligible for selection. The Head Coach and the UKA Lead Doctor will, at their discretion, determine whether to accept their non-attendance at the Trials, on the basis of the evidence available to them and information provided by the athlete. Failure to satisfy the above will result in the athlete not being considered for selection. 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.

APPENDIX 2 - PERFORMANCE CONDITIONS

The World Athletics Qualification Standards and UK Athletics Selection Standards must be achieved in accordance with the Performance Conditions as set out below.

1. Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics, 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. UK domestic track and field performances will only be certified by UK Athletics if they are achieved in a UK Athletics Level 2 Permit competition or higher, or in an Area or County Championship (see <https://www.uka.org.uk/competitions/track-field-licensing/> for details on the UK Athletics competition permits).
3. Multiple performances achieved in the same individual event in a single day will only count as follows:
 - a. In a track event - at an official Championship of UK national level or higher and;
 - b. In a field event - only the best mark in the final and best mark in the pool.
4. Performances otherwise achieved in the same individual event in a single day will count as follows:
 - a. In track events - only the fastest legal result of the day;
 - b. In throwing events - only the best trial of the first competition of the day; and
 - c. In horizontal jumps - only the best trial of the first competition of the day, unless every mark achieved by the athlete was windy in which case a second competition held under safer conditions will count.
5. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants shall not be accepted.
6. 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 World Athletics rule 149.3 (or any revised or amended rule relating to wind readings in combined events in force at the time) will be applied for qualification purposes. This requires that at least one of these conditions be met:
 - a. The wind velocity in any individual event shall not exceed plus 4 metres per second;
 - b. The average wind 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.
7. Hand-timed performances in 60m, 100m, 400m, 60m Hurdles, and 100m/110m Hurdles will not be accepted.
8. For the running events of 400m and over, performances achieved on oversized tracks will NOT be accepted.

For issues regarding fitness to compete at the Trials, please contact UK Athletics Lead Doctor jbrown@uka.org.uk. For any general questions please contact ldwyer@uka.org.uk