

IOC Olympic Games, London 2012

UKA Provisional Nomination Policy

Marathon, Walks, Combined Events, 10,000m

Overview

The IAAF qualification period for the **Marathon, Walks, Combined Events and 10,000m** for the London 2012 Olympic Games (“the Games”) opens on 1 January 2011; however the IAAF will not publish the accompanying qualification standards for the Games until spring 2011 at the earliest. This Initial Selection Policy is therefore published in advance of the overall team selection policy and is to provide early guidance to athletes in these disciplines to assist in their planning.

Please note that UK Athletics Limited (“UKA”) will issue a Final Selection Policy (applicable to all disciplines) **which will replace this document**. It will be published on the UKA website as early as possible after the IAAF publishes the qualification standards.

Note that the qualification period for the other individual disciplines (not mentioned above) opens on 1 October 2011.

This Policy contains indicative “A” and “B” standards based on our standards for the IAAF 2011 World Championships. UKA is committed to making sure that the Final Selection Policy will not make qualification materially harder (either by shortening the qualification periods or making the selection standards harder) unless it is required to do so by the IAAF as and when it publishes the official standards, rules and regulations. Where changes are imposed on UKA by IAAF, appropriately revised policies will be published as early as possible on the UKA website.

Provisional Nomination Policy

This document outlines the process by which UKA will arrive at its nominations for Team GB for the Games for the Marathon, Walks, Combined Events and 10,000m events, subject to the limitations outlined in the overview above.

In all cases, selection by UKA represents a nomination to the British Olympic Association (BOA) for ratification. The final decision regarding selection to the Games lies with the BOA. Achievement of the criteria as laid out in this document therefore represents an “eligibility for nomination”, not selection to Team GB.

1. Marathon athletes will be selected in two waves, the first on **Monday 5 December 2011** and the second on **the first Monday after the 2012 Virgin London Marathon**.
2. Athletes in the other disciplines mentioned above will be selected on **Monday 2 July 2012**.
3. Team members will be announced only when they have been ratified by the BOA.

Eligibility

4. To be nominated athletes must:
 - a. meet the BOA's eligibility requirements for Team GB, which include:
 - i. holding a UK passport and IAAF clearance to represent GB&NI, and;
 - ii. meeting the terms of the BOA bye-law "Eligibility for Membership of Team GB of Persons Found Guilty of a Doping Offence";
 - b. 10,000m runners will be expected to compete in the 10,000m at the Aviva Trials in 2012, permission not to compete in the trials must be gained in advance from the Head Coach, which will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. There will not be a Trials event for the Marathon, walks or combined events so this criterion does not apply to these disciplines.

5. The number of athletes that can be entered for a discipline is set by IAAF rules.
 - a. In an individual discipline up to three athletes holding "A" standards may be entered, or;
 - b. one athlete holding a "B" standard may be entered (provided that no "A" standard athletes are entered).

6. The minimum age of athletes is set by IAAF rules.
 - a. Junior Athletes: any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 1993 or 1994) may compete in any event except the Marathon and 50km Race Walk.
 - b. Youth Athletes: any athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 1995 and 1996) may not compete in the Decathlon, 10,000m, Marathon and Race Walk.
 - c. Athletes Younger than 16: no athlete younger than 16 years of age on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 1997 or later) may be entered.

UKA "A" and "B" standards

7. Performances are counted as valid UKA "A" or "B" standards if they:
 - a. meet or exceed the level shown in the table below (and point 8 for the Marathon), and;
 - b. are achieved during the Qualification Period (point 10); and
 - c. are achieved in an Eligible Competition (point 11); and
 - d. meet the Additional Criteria (point 12).

Men		UKA Standards	Women	
A	B		A	B
27:40.00	28:00.00	10,000 Metres	31:45.00	32:00.00
2:12:00	2:16:00	Marathon (also see point 8 below)	2:31:00	2:35:00
8200	8000	Decathlon / Heptathlon	6150	5950
1:22:30	1:24:00	20 Kilometres Race Walk	1:33:00	1:38:00
3:58:00	4:09:00	50 Kilometres Race Walk	n/a	

8. The first 20 finishers in the 2011 IAAF World Athletics Championships Marathon in Daegu will be considered to hold a UKA "A" standard.

UKA Qualification Requirements

9. In the 10,000m, Marathon, 20k Walk, 50k Walk, Heptathlon and Decathlon to meet the Qualification Requirements an eligible athlete must achieve one UKA “A” standard, or (if no athletes are selected holding a “A” standard) one UKA “B” standard.

Qualification Period

10. Qualifying performances in each discipline must be achieved between the dates set out below:

b. 10000m, 20k Walk, 50k Walk, Heptathlon, Decathlon	From 00:00 (GMT) on 1 January 2011 to 24:00 (GMT) on 1 July 2012
c. Marathon	From 00:00 (GMT) on 1 January 2011 to 24:00 (GMT) on the day of the 2012 Virgin London Marathon.

Eligible Competitions

11. Qualifying performances in each discipline must be achieved at one of the competitions set out below:

a) 10,000m, Heptathlon, Decathlon	i. Overseas competitions	events organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its Member Federations
	ii. Domestic competitions	The Trials; UKA domestic televised event programme; domestic internationals; the Home Country Championships; the British Universities (BUCs) Championships; UKA UK Challenge Series events including Event Specific competitions such as the British Milers Club and Jumps & Throws series
b) Marathon	must be achieved on IAAF courses (see IAAF web site)	
c) 20k Walk, 50k Walk	must be achieved in IAAF accredited competitions (see IAAF web site)	

Additional Criteria

12. Qualifying performances must meet all of the following criteria:
- Wind assisted performances will not be accepted (see IAAF rules 260.22.d, 260.26.b and 260.27).
 - Hand timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400, 100m hurdles, 110m hurdles and 400m hurdles within the Combined Events will not be accepted.
 - Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m or longer will be accepted.
 - Performances in mixed events between male and female participants, held completely in a stadium, may be accepted under specific circumstances (see IAAF rule 147).

Marathon Nominations

13. A Marathon sub-committee of UKA's Selection Panel shall be nominated by the Head Coach and shall meet on two dates as follows.
- a. On Monday 5 December 2011 the Marathon sub-committee will nominate athletes who have achieved a UKA "A" standard for the Marathon (for the avoidance of doubt this performance must meet all of the requirements laid out in by point 6 above and must have been achieved before 5 December 2011) and who, in their expert opinion:
 - i. are likely finish in the top eight at the Games, and;
 - ii. will have an enhanced chance of a top eight place due to their nomination at this stage.
 - b. On the first Monday after the 2012 Virgin London Marathon the Marathon sub-committee will complete the entry for the Marathon discipline using the principles laid out in the Final Selection Policy.
 - c. In the case of subsequent injuries, illness or other exceptional circumstances the de-selection or replacements policy will be used (which will be published in the Final Selection Policy).

Nomination Meeting Process (all disciplines except the Marathon)

14. The nomination process for all disciplines except the Marathon will be published in the Final Selection Policy.

Appeals, De-selection and Replacements

15. Details of the appeals process and policies for de-selection and replacement will be included in the Final Selection Policy.

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