



**IAU/ITRA Trail World Championship Penyagolosa, Spain 12th May 2018  
SELECTION POLICY – updated 18 December 2017**

**1. OVERVIEW**

The British Athletics policy for the IAU/ITRA Trail World Championships will focus on performances that will challenge for senior team and individual medals. British Athletics therefore intend to select athletes to the teams who the Selection Panel (“the Panel”) believe are demonstrating the potential to win individual medals in this or future trail championships or to contribute to a team medal. Teams will only be selected if the Panel believe they can challenge for a medal. The 2018 Trail World Championships will be held over an approximate 80km/50mile course.

The Great Britain and Northern Ireland (GB&NI) team will travel to the Championships as a single team (exceptions to this will be made at the discretion of the Team Leader and if budget allows). Travel arrangements to Spain will be booked and funded by British Athletics. Athletes not based in the UK will be required to cover the cost of their own travel to/from the UK.

All questions related to the selection policy and the trial races should be directed to Adrian Stott, [tarit@runandbecome.com](mailto:tarit@runandbecome.com)

**2. ELIGIBILITY**

To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following:

- Be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder);
- 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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/>

### **3. QUALIFICATION**

There will be no official trial for the IAU/ITRA World Ultra Trail Championship 2018. Selection will be based on performances between January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> 2017. Athletes wishing to be considered should send a note of interest, together with a brief CV of 2017 events and any events that are planned for January and February March, 2018, together with any supplemental information they consider relevant, to Adrian Stott [Tarit@runandbecome.com](mailto:Tarit@runandbecome.com) by Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2018.

### **4. SELECTION PROCESS**

- Selection will be made week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018.
- The team will be announced on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
- A maximum of 6 men and 6 women (three to score) may be selected.
- Up to 2 non travelling reserves in training may also be selected.
- Final selection of all athletes is subject to agreement of the athlete's racing programme between the date of selection and the IAU/ITRA World Trail Championship by the British Athletics Trail Selection Committee.
- The Selection Panel is: Adrian Stott (Chair), Walter Hill, Hilary Walker, Kim Collison.

### **5. CONDITIONS**

Selection is subject to athletes demonstrating at least one of the following selection guidelines during the qualifying period:

- Has demonstrated the ability to be competitive against international opposition in an overseas international Trail/ultra/mountain race and/or domestic trail/ultra/mountain/fell race of a similar distance and terrain between 1st January 2017 and 31st December 2017.
- Consistency of performances in both domestic and international Trail or Mountain races of a similar distance and similar terrain.

The Panel reserves the right to take other factors into account, primarily the potential of an athlete to win a medal, when considering specific performances outside the selection criteria.

The Panel reserve the right to deselect athletes who become unfit to compete, do not follow the conditions of selection, or who break any of the rules of UK Athletics.

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must ensure that they advise UK Athletics Chair of Selectors, Adrian Stott [Tarit@runandbecome.com](mailto:Tarit@runandbecome.com) by Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 with their accompanying CV.

### **6. APPEALS**

There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the GB&NI Team made by the Selection 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 Trail World Championships.

## **7. AMENDMENT**

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](http://www.uka.org.uk).