

2020 World Athletics Half Marathon Championships
17 October 2020
Gdynia, Poland

Selection Policy - version 2
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Update

Following the postponement of the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships from March to October 2020 the British Athletics selection policy has been updated.

British Athletics have offered places to all selected athletes and reserve athletes who were originally selected for the 2020 World Athletics Half Marathon Championships on 2 March 2020. As a consequence of athletes withdrawing from the British Athletics Team places are now available, and the updated selection process is outlined below.

Overview

This selection policy (“the Policy”) has been created in line with the British Athletics 2017 – 2024 Selection Philosophy. British Athletics therefore intends to select a team for the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships to achieve the following two aims:

- Provide experience for track/cross country athletes looking to step up in distance to the marathon and 10,000m/Marathon runners looking for high quality spring or summer (Olympic) preparation
- Achieve a team medal in both the men’s and women’s events.

Athlete’s wishing to be selected should contact Team Leader Robert Hawkins robert.hawkins@scottishathletics.org.uk to express their interest in competing at the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships by Monday 21 September 2020.

British Athletics will share a risk assessment and the World Athletics COVID-19 protocols (which requires all team members to undertake a PCR test prior to travel and a PCR test on arrival in Gdynia) with all team members following selection. Athletes will be required to complete an opt-in form agreeing to follow these protocols for their selection to be confirmed.

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. Have achieved a relevant British Athletics qualification standard within the qualification period;
 - c. Be 18 years or older as at 31 December 2020 (born in 2002 or earlier).
 - d. 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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 <https://www.uka.org.uk/performance/british-athletics-teams-information/>

Qualification

2. Qualification performances must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2019 and 23:59 (GMT) 20 September 2020.
3. The British Athletics qualification standards are as follows:

Men	Event	Women
29:20	10,000m	33:00
29:30	10 km	33:10
65:00	Half Marathon	75:00
2:16:00	Marathon	2:36:00

Selection Process

4. The team will be selected in one selection meeting on **Tuesday 22 September 2020**.
5. Selectors on the British Athletics Selection Panel (“the Panel”) have been chosen based on their expertise and knowledge in the field of Road Running. The Panel will also include non-voting independent observer and/or an Athletes Commission member.
6. The team will be announced as soon as possible following selection.
7. A maximum of 5 athletes may be selected for each of the men’s and women’s races (with three to score).
8. Athletes who were selected during the first selection meeting on 2 March 2020 and have confirmed they still wish to take up their place, will be automatically selected to each team.
9. Where any places remain, athletes selected as first reserve and second reserve in the first selection meeting on 2 March 2020 will automatically be offered a place on the team.
10. If any further places remain following paragraphs 8 and 9 above, the Panel may fill any remaining places in each team as follows:
 - a. Athletes must have:
 - i. achieved a British Athletics qualifications standard in the qualification window; AND
 - ii. expressed an interest to be considered for selection for the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships and not be intending to race at the Virgin London Marathon on 4 October 2020¹.

Note 1 – the final entry date for the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships is Monday 28 October after which the GB&NI team cannot be changed.

- b. All eligible athletes as described in 10(a) will be considered for selection based on the two aims of this policy and on the Panel’s consideration 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. Achievement of the British Athletics standard within the qualification window;
- ii. Current form and fitness by competing in a 5km, 10km, 10 mile, half marathon or marathon (or other distance/race as deemed appropriate by the Panel) in 2020;
- iii. Previous major competition history; and
- iv. Future potential to represent GB&NI at a major championship in the 10,000m or marathon.

11. Reserves may be selected for each team provided any such reserve athletes have achieved a relevant qualification standard within the qualification period.

Conditions

12. Qualification standards achieved overseas must be achieved on World Athletics accredited courses (see World Athletics website for details).

13. Domestic qualification standards achieved at non-World Athletics accredited courses will be accepted, but the race must have a full RunBritain race license and must satisfy conditions for British and World Athletics record purposes.

14. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants, held completely in a stadium, will not be accepted.

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 British Athletics Selection and Nomination "Fast" Appeals Procedure do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2020 World Athletics Half Marathon Championships.

Section A

Date of screening	16/09/2020
Name of person and job title of the person screening	Charlie Burn, Olympic Performance Project Manager
What is being screened?	2020 World Athletics Half Marathon Championships selection policy

	Yes/No
Is this a policy or procedure document?	Yes
Is this a policy being taken to the Board?	Yes
Is this a document that provides guidance for employees?	No

If the answer to any of these is yes, please go to Section B. If the answer is no, you do not require to complete an EQIA.

Section B**Yes/No**

Does the decision or policy impact disproportionately on gender and does the policy resolve this? (This can include pregnancy/maternity and marriage/civil partnerships?)	No
Does the decision or policy impact disproportionately on different age groups?	No
Does the decision or policy impact disproportionately on people from different ethnic groups?	No
Does the decision or policy impact disproportionately on people with a disability or disabilities?	No
Does the decision or policy impact disproportionately on people from different religions, faiths or beliefs?	No
Does the decision or policy impact disproportionately on people from different sexual orientations?	No
Does the decision or policy impact disproportionately on transgendered people?	No

Does this decision or policy potentially affect the health and safety of the employees or other parties?	No
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Any other changes to the policy required?	No
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