

Guidance Note for U23 athletes targeting the U23 European Athletics Championships

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the challenges around certainty of training and competition, British Athletics can provisionally confirm details for the following Championships:

8th – 11th July 2021 - European Athletics U23 Championships – Bergen/NOR

All selection policies will be finalised once there is a clearer picture of the 2021 outdoor season and competition opportunities available to U23 athletes.

All the information in this guidance document is **provisional** and will be continually re-assessed by British Athletics over the coming weeks. The qualifying standards are maximum standards and may be re-assessed by British Athletics prior to the publication of the selection policy.

Key principles:

- British Athletics aim is to target medal success at the European Athletics U23 Championships, plus top 5 placings and provide opportunities for the 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams.
- U23 athletes will not be able to double up at the European Athletics U23 Championships and the Tokyo Olympic Games.
- There is a maximum of 3 places per individual event, and up to 8 athletes (which must include athletes selected for the individual event) per relay event.
- The trial events for the European Athletics U23 Championships are still to be confirmed.

Eligibility:

- Athletes must have been born in 1999, 2000 & 2001.
- Athletes must be able to represent GB&NI (i.e. hold a full British passport).
- Athletes must have achieved a relevant qualification standard in the qualification period.
- For the European Athletics U23 Championships, athletes must obtain a European Athletics 'I Run Clean' certification.
- Athletes must sign the Team Members Agreement and abide by its terms and conditions.

Qualification for the European Athletics U23 Championships:

- Athletes must have achieved a standard between 1 Jan 2021 and 27 June 2021
- Provisional British Athletics qualification standards are:

Men	Event	Women
10.30	100m	11.45
20.80	200m	23.40
46.30	400m	52.90
1:47.00	800m	2:03.00
3:41.00	1500m	4:14.00
13.53.00	5,000m	16:05.00
29:10.00	10,000m	33:45.00
8.48.00	3,000m SC	10:00.00
13.90	110m/100m H	13.25
50.50	400m H	57.50
1:26.00	20km RW	1:36.00
2.22	High Jump	1.86
5.45	Pole Vault	4.30
7.80	Long Jump	6.45
16.15	Triple Jump	13.60
18.90	Shot Putt	16.45

59.00	Discus Throw	54.00
71.00	Hammer Throw	66.00
77.00	Javelin Throw	56.00
7700	Decathlon/Heptathlon	5850

Provisional selection process for the European Athletics U23 Championships:

- The final team selection will be on **27 June 2021**.
- The selection panel will consider athletes in 3 rounds:
 - o Round 1 – automatic selection – this automatic round is subject to the trial events taking place. Winners of the trial that hold a qualification standard will be automatically selected.
 - o Round 2 – all eligible individual athletes –athletes that hold a qualification standard with current form and fitness will be selected. Where more athletes meet the criteria than places available, specific criteria such as current form, position at the trials, number of qualification standards and other criteria will be used by the selection panel to select athletes.
 - o Round 3 – relay teams – based on the selections in round 1 and 2, the selection panel may select men’s and women’s 4x100m and 4x400m relay teams where they believe the team will have medal potential.
 - o Round 4 – Team Leader discretionary selection –where any places remain, the Team Leader may select athletes who do not have the British Athletics qualification standard (but that have the lower European Athletics standard), where they believe they have the potential to make the top 5 in Bergen.

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