

**2021 European Throwing Cup - 8-9 May 2021
Split, Croatia**

Selection Policy – published April 2021

Overview

The 2021 European Throwing Cup provides a vital opportunity for athletes to prepare and qualify for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. Given the risks associated with international travel during the COVID-19 pandemic, a decision has therefore been taken to reduce the overall team size and prioritise the athletes seeking qualification or preparing for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

As such, British Athletics will only select athletes who have a realistic opportunity of achieving Olympic qualification for the 2021 edition of the competition. Qualification standards have therefore been set within 5% of the British Athletics Olympic standard to provide an indicator of performances required for athletes progressing towards Olympic qualification.

The health and safety of all athletes and staff selected will underpin our final preparations and competition arrangements. Selected athletes will be asked to confirm their decision to compete by signing an 'Opt In' form.

British Athletics will discuss with staff and athletes travel arrangements that are deemed the lowest risk to any exposure to COVID-19.

At the time of publication, the impact of COVID-19 is immense, unpredictable, and unknown. Considering the global pandemic, British Athletics can amend this policy at its discretion.

Final selection will be at the discretion of the Performance Director, Head Coach and Selectors.

To assist all long-throws athletes in showing current form (i.e., performances in January-April 2021) ahead of selection, British Athletics in conjunction with Loughborough University have created a **Spring Throws Competition Opportunity** which will take place on Saturday 17 April 2021. Invitations have been sent to athletes on the Elite exemption lists.

To express your interest in competing at this event (note that numbers are limited) please contact Sean Wood swood@britishathletics.org.uk.

It is not a requirement for athletes to compete in the Spring Throws Competition opportunity, however all athletes must have competed between 1 January 2021 – 18 April 2021 to be considered for selection.

Eligibility

1. To be considered for selection, athletes **must**:
 - a. Be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder);
 - b. In the men's shot put and men's hammer athletes must be aged at least 18 years old at 31 December 2021;
 - c. Compete between 1 January 2021 – 18 April 2021;

- d. Have achieved a British Athletics qualification standard within the qualification period;
- e. 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/>.
- f. Complete European Athletics "I Run Clean" online anti-doping certification.

Qualification

2. Qualification performances events must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2020 and 24:00 (GMT) 18 April 2021 (BST)
3. The British Athletics qualification standards are as follows:

Men	Event	Women
19.83	Shot Put	17.49
61.45	Discus	59.42
72.47	Hammer	67.46
78.80	Javelin	59.90

Selection process

4. The team will be selected on **20 April 2021**.
5. Selectors on the panel have been chosen based on their expertise and knowledge across the throwing events. The panel will also include a non-voting Athletes Commission member as an independent observer.
6. The final team will be announced on 21 April 2021.
7. A maximum of 2 male and female athletes per senior event may be selected.
8. The Selection Panel ("the Panel") will select athletes as follows:
 - a. Athletes must have achieved a relevant qualification standard in the qualification period;
 - b. Athletes must be fit and not otherwise currently affected by a performance limiting factor;
 - c. If more athletes satisfy the criteria outlined in paragraph 8 (a) and (b) above than there are places available, athletes will be selected based on a combination 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. Current form;
 - ii. Number of standards achieved;
 - iii. Road to Tokyo Ranking position;
 - iv. Future individual medal potential at major events;
 - v. Head-to-heads;
 - vi. Previous major competition history;
 - vii. Injury/illness status;

Appeals

9. The provisions of the British Athletics Selection Appeals Policy do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2021 European Throwing Cup.

Amendment

10. 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.britishathletics.org.uk