

2021 World Athletics Relays
1-2 May 2021
Silesia, POL

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Overview

The 2021 World Athletics Relays provides a vital opportunity for British Athletics to prepare the teams for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games and to qualify teams for the 2022 World Athletics Championships in Oregon, USA. However, given the risks associated with international travel during the COVID-19 pandemic, a decision has been taken to reduce the overall team size and prioritise the teams where the World Relays will have the greatest impact on team performances at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

As such, British Athletics will only select teams for the men's, women's and mixed 4x400m events.

Teams will not be selected for the 4x100m, 4x200m, Shuttle Hurdles or 2x2x400m relays.

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 select athletes to make 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.

All questions related to the selection policy should be directed to Charlie Burn (cburn@britishathletics.org.uk)

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. Be 16 years or older by 31 December 2021 (i.e. born in 2005 or earlier); and
 - c. 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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/britishathletics-teams-information/>

Note: Athletes are not required to meet any individual qualification standards to be eligible for selection.

Selection process

2. The team will be selected on **Friday 9th April 2021**.
3. The team will be announced on **Monday 12th April 2021**.

4. A Selection Panel (“the Panel”), consisting of the British Athletics Head Coach, Performance Director, Head of Long Sprints and Relays and nominated relay coaches will select the relevant relay teams.
5. Teams of up to 8 men and 8 women will be selected to cover the men’s, women’s and mixed 4x400m events.
6. Athletes will be selected to maximise the chances of relay team qualification for the 2022 World Athletics Championships in Oregon, USA and to provide opportunity to test new relay combinations where appropriate. Selections will be based on the following criteria (not listed in priority order), as well as any other criteria deemed relevant:
 - a. Engagement with the British Athletics relay programme(s) in 2019, 2020 and 2021;
 - b. Technical relay skills;
 - c. 2019/20/21 outdoor performances (if applicable);
 - d. 2020/21 indoor performances (if applicable);
 - e. Head-to-heads;
 - f. Previous major competition history (relays);
 - g. Injury/illness status; and
 - h. Potential to be a member of the strike-four at the 2021 Tokyo Olympic Games or 2022 World Athletics Championships.
7. British Athletics will select non-travelling reserves, who will be added to the team should a selected athlete decline their selection or be injured prior to travel (but prior to the final entry deadline). All reserves will be selected according to the criteria in paragraph 6. Any replacements will be communicated at www.britishathletics.org.uk.

Appeals

8. 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 Appeals Policy” do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2021 World Athletics Relays.

Amendment

9. 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.