

**2021 European 10,000m Cup - 5 June 2021
Birmingham, UK**

Selection Policy – Published April 2021

Overview

British Athletics intends to select full men's and women's teams for the 2021 European 10,000m Cup with the following two aims in mind:

- Select the best team possible to achieve the best GB & NI team result;
- Provide opportunities for athletes on the pathway to GB & NI representation at future major championships.

The 2021 European 10,000m Cup will be integrated into the A races at the newly arranged 2021 Muller British Athletics 10,000m Championships at the University of Birmingham Athletics Track. In addition to athletes representing GB and NI at the European 10,000m Cup, other British athletes will take part in the A races as the event will also host the British Athletics 10,000m trial for the rearranged 2020 Olympic Games.

There will be no trial event for the European 10,000m Cup. Athletes seeking selection should submit an expression of interest by **Sunday 9th May**.

If no EOI is received by this date, the selection panel will not consider the individual for selection. An expression of interest form can be found [here](#).

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.

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, Olympic Head Coach and selectors

All questions related to the selection policy should be directed to Team Leader, Rob Denmark (rdenmark@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. have achieved a relevant British Athletics qualification standard within the qualification period;
 - c. Hold a valid certificate for having completed the European Athletics Anti-Doping Education Programme – 'I Run Clean'; and
 - 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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. The British Athletics qualification standards for athletes are as follows:

Men	Event	Women
13:45.00	5,000m	15:45:00
28:45.00	10,000m	32:45.00
1:02:00	Half Marathon	1:12:00
2:13:00	Marathon	2:32:00

3. Qualification performances must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2019 and 23:59 (BST) 9 May 2021*.

**For qualification performances achieved prior to 1 January 2021, demonstration of form and fitness will be required (to the reasonable satisfaction of the Team Leader and/or Head Coach).*

***For the avoidance of doubt 5k & 10k road races will not be accepted as a qualification standard.*

Selection process

4. The team will be selected on **Tuesday 11 May 2021**.
5. The voting panel members will be comprised of the Team Leader, British Athletics Olympic Head Coach and endurance representative(s), based on their knowledge and expertise.
6. The final team will be announced on Wednesday 12 May 2021.
7. As per European Athletics regulations, up to six athletes can be selected in each of the men's and women's races, with three to score.
8. The Selection Panel ("the Panel") will select six athletes for both the men's and women's team, using the following criteria.
- Athletes who have achieved a British Athletics qualification standard during the qualification period;
 - The Panel will consider the following (as well as any other factors which may be deemed relevant). The criteria below are not listed in any priority order:
 - Current form and fitness which suggests the athlete is capable of performing at a level to (or exceeding) their qualification best or seasons best (whichever is higher);
 - Number of standards achieved;
 - 2021 UK ranking (where relevant); and
 - Competition history up to and including 9 May 2021.
 - Head to heads within the qualification period.
9. The Panel will select and enter two additional non-travelling reserve athletes for each team using the criteria which are outlined in paragraph 9.

Conditions

10. Half marathon and marathon qualification times must be achieved on a World Athletics certified course.
11. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants held solely in a stadium will not be accepted.

Appeals

12. There will 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” does not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2021 European Cup 10,000m.

Amendment

13. 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.