

2021 European Athletics Team Championships

29-30 May 2021 - Silesia, Poland

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Overview

British Athletics will select a team for the 2021 European Athletics Team Championships to achieve the following two aims:

- Providing opportunities for individual athletes and relay teams to prepare and/or qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games.
- Achieve as high a team placing as possible at the Championships.

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 travel arrangements with athletes & staff 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.

Athletes seeking selection for individual events should submit an expression of interest via this [link](#) by Sunday 16th May 2021.

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

Any queries regarding this policy please email 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 at 31 December 2021 (i.e. born in 2005 or earlier), with the exception of the following:
 - i. athletes must be 18 years or older at 31 December 2021 (i.e. born in 2003 or earlier) to be considered for selection in the shot put and hammer throw;
 - 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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 www.uka.org.uk/performance/british-athletics-teams-information/; and
 - d. Hold a valid certificate for having completed the European Athletics Anti-Doping Education Programme – 'I Run Clean'.

Selection process

2. The team will be selected on **Monday 17 May 2021.**
3. The team will be announced as soon as possible after the selection meeting.
4. Athletes will be selected to satisfy the dual objectives outlined in the overview above. In doing so it is the Selection Panel's ("the Panel") absolute discretion whether to prioritise European Team Championships point scoring potential or providing qualification/preparation opportunities for athletes ahead of the Tokyo Olympic Games.
5. The Panel ("the Panel") shall comprise as follows:
 - a. Voting members:
 - i. British Athletics' Performance Director;
 - ii. British Athletics' Olympic Head Coach; and
 - iii. Other event group representatives as nominated by the Performance Director;
 - b. Non-voting members:
 - i. Chairperson;
 - ii. At least one independent observer;
 - iii. Note-takers etc. as required.
 - iv. Others considered necessary by the Panel (i.e. British Athletics Lead Doctor, a statistician, a media representative).
6. Selections will be conducted in 2 rounds. In each round, British Athletics will select one or more non-travelling reserves (should a selected athlete decline their selection). Travelling reserves may also be selected in certain events, as well as male/female combined eventers who may act as reserve for a number of events.
7. **Round 1 – Individual Athletes**
 - a. British Athletics will select one male and one female athlete to each of the following events: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 5000m, 110/100m hurdles, 400m hurdles, 3000m Steeplechase, Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump, Pole Vault, Shot Put, Discus Throw, Hammer Throw and Javelin Throw;
 - b. Selections will be based on the Panel's consideration of 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. Point scoring potential;
 - ii. Future major championships medal potential;
 - iii. Potential to qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games;
 - iv. Road to Tokyo World Ranking profile;
 - v. Current form (1st Jan 2021 - 16 May 2021)
 - vi. Head-to-heads during 2020 & 2021;
 - vii. Previous major competition history; and
 - viii. Injury/illness status.
8. **Round 2 – Relay Teams**
 - a. British Athletics will select a team of up to five athletes for the men's and women's 4x100m and 4x400m relays;

- b. Selections will be based on the Panel's consideration of 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. Engagement with the British Athletics relay programme(s) in 2019, 2020 and 2021;
 - ii. Current form (1st Jan – 16 May 2021);
 - iii. Technical relay skills;
 - iv. Head-to-heads during 2020 & 2021;
 - v. Previous major competition history;
 - vi. Injury/illness status;
 - vii. Impact of individual event selection on ability to perform optimally in the relay;
 - viii. Potential to become a relay runner at future major global championships and;
 - ix. Potential to be a key member of a relay squad at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

Appeals

9. 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 Fast Appeals Policy” do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2021 European Athletics Team Championships.

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.