



**BRITISH
ATHLETICS**

**Loughborough International
23 May 2021**

**2021 European Athletics U20 Championships
15 - 18 July 2021
Tallinn, EST**

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Overview

To best support athlete development through the U20 competition pathway and to provide opportunities for more athletes to gain a GB&NI vest, British Athletics will take all qualifiers (3 per event) to the European Athletics U20 Championships in 2021.

In line with the British Athletics Futures Academy relay programme, the U20 relays are seen as vital educational opportunities for ensuring future success on the senior stage. All U20 relay programme athletes will therefore be expected to make themselves available for the 4x100m or 4x400m relay squads throughout the year, culminating at the European U20 Championships.

The European U20 Championships Trials (“the Trials”) for all events except 3,000m, 5000m and combined events, will take place at the England Athletics U23/U20 Championships on **19-20 June 2021 in Bedford**.

COVID 19

At the time of publication, the impact of COVID19 pandemic is unpredictable, and unknown in certain areas. Considering the global pandemic, British Athletics can amend this policy at its discretion and attention is drawn to Clause 19.



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The Loughborough International match is the traditional season opener in the UK and is seen as a development opportunity for U20 athletes.

A full programme of events with junior implements and hurdles will be staged (the 110m hurdles race with junior height hurdles is not a match race). Endurance events will include 3000m and 3000m steeplechase for men and women.

The Loughborough International fulfils a key role in the British Athletics relay programme. As such, all eligible relay athletes should make themselves available for selection and participation in Loughborough (unless involved in senior British Athletics relay activities at the same time).

The team will be selected using the following criteria, which are not listed in any priority order.

- Performances achieved from 1st January 2021.
- Head-to-head performance record from 1st January 2021.
- Performances from 2021 outdoor season (where performances demonstrate clear medal potential at the 2021 Euro/World U20 Championships).
- Previous age-group competition history.
- Current form and fitness.

Selection will take place on **Monday 17 May 2021**. Selection will be announced on Tuesday 18 May 2021. The voting panel members will be made up of representatives of each event group as nominated by the Team Leader, based on their knowledge and expertise. The panel will also include a non-voting independent observer and a member of the Athlete's Commission.

Additional guest slots may also be allocated to additional U20 athletes (i.e. those not already selected for the GB & NI team) aiming to secure selection for the World U20 Championships. These will be allocated using the criteria above.

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Trials

The European U20 Championships Trials (“the Trials”) for all events except 3,000m, 5,000m and combined events will take place on **19 – 20 June 2021 in Bedford**.

There is the opportunity for the events not staged in Bedford on 22 – 23 June as follows:

- Men’s and Women’s 3,000m **26-27 June – Manchester**
- Men’s and Women’s 5,000m – **12 June – Watford (BMC meet)**.
- Combined events – **29 – 30 May 2021 – Bedford**. This is the England Athletics Senior/U20/U23 Outdoor Combined Events Championships. As such, athletes wishing to compete should enter online at the England Athletics website (www.englandathletics.org).

Athletes wishing to compete in the 5000m or 3000m trial events should enter directly via the British Milers Club with any queries.

Performances at the European U20 Trials and the European U20 will be taken into consideration for selection for the World U20. There is no formal trial.

In the case of an injury, athletes will be required to provide a medical report to the British Athletics U20 Team Doctor, please contact agegroupchampsinfo@britishathletics.org.uk.

The GB and NI team will travel to the Championships as a single team. All questions related to the selection policy or trial races should be directed to agegroupchampsinfo@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 born in 2002, 2003, or 2004 (as European u18s is cancelled).
 - c. compete in the Trials in the event in which they wish to be selected with the following exceptions:
 - i. Athletes who are contracted to an NCAA member university during the 2021 outdoor season;
 - ii. Athletes in the 3,000, 5,000m and Combined Events; and
 - iii. Athletes who may want to double up at the European U20 Championships do not have to compete in their second event at the Trials. Athletes must inform the Panel prior to the selection meeting of their desire to double up and in which events. The Panel will consider any athlete’s second event as discretionary selection in round 2 (as described in paragraph 7).
 - d. have achieved a relevant British Athletics qualification standard within the relevant period (individual events only); and
 - 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/>. and

- f. have completed the European Athletics 'I Run Clean™' anti-doping education programme via <https://www.irunclean.org/> and have a valid certificate number prior to the 2021 European Athletics U20 Championships selection meeting on 1 July 2021.

Note 1: For athletes aiming for selection as described in paragraph 1(c)(i) and 1(c)ii take note that they are not mandated to compete at any of the designated trials events. However, athletes who choose not to do so accept that their selection will be at the discretion of the relevant Panel.

Note 2: To ensure the Panel have an accurate picture of an athlete's fitness ahead of the selection meeting, those who are unable to compete at the England Athletics U23/U20 Championships due to injury but still wish to be considered for selection MUST either have been reviewed in person by the British Athletics medical team in the week prior to the England Athletics U23/U20 Championships OR they must attend the England Athletics U23/U20 Championships (regardless of home location) to be examined by one of the British Athletics Age Group Team Doctors, or the Event Doctor. Athletes who fail to satisfy either provision will not be considered for selection.

For the avoidance of doubt athletes seeking selection for the relay must compete in their usual relevant individual event at the Trials.

Qualification

- To be considered as part of the selection process qualification performances must be achieved from 1st January 2021.
- The British Athletics qualification standards are based on a predicted top 8 finish:

European u20 Standards

Men	Event	Women
10.55	100m	11.70
21.23	200m	23.80
47.50	400m	54.10
1:49.00	800m	2:06.00
3:46.00	1500m	4:22.00
8:20.00	3,000m	9:30.00
14:25.00	5,000m	16:40.00
9:10.00	3,000m SC	10:30.00
13.80	110m/100m H	13.70
52.00	400m H	59.00
44:00	10km RW	49:00
2.13	High Jump	1.81
5.15	Pole Vault	4.10
7.50	Long Jump	6.20
15.55	Triple Jump	13.00
18.70	Shot Put	15.00
57.00	Discus Throw	49.00
70.00	Hammer Throw	59.00
70.00	Javelin Throw	50.00
7250	Decathlon/Heptathlon	5400

Selection Process

4. The European U20 team will be selected in two selection meetings:
 - 21 June 2021, 09:30am (BST) – automatic selections (round 1), as well as athletes from round 2 who the Panel believe to be clear medal contenders.
 - 5 July 2021, 09:30am (BST) – all remaining selections.
5. A maximum of three athletes may be selected in each individual event for the European u20. Up to 8 athletes may be selected for each relay event. The composition of those 8 relay athletes must include the athletes who are selected in the relevant individual event (100m or 400m). Any other athlete who is selected in any other event may then be able to participate in the relay event in addition to the 8 entered.
6. Round 1 – automatic selections:
 - a. The winner of each individual Trials events (refer to the overview for details on all Trials events) will automatically be selected for the same event at the European U20 Championships provided they are eligible for selection (see paragraph 1) and provided the relevant British Athletics qualification standard has been achieved by that athlete during the relevant qualification period. Should any of the automatic selections from the relevant Trials event be unable or unwilling to take up their places(s), their Round 1 place(s) will not be offered by default to the next best placed eligible athlete(s) from the relevant Trial;
 - b. For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete may achieve the qualification standard after the trials but before the end of the qualification period and still gain automatic selection.
 - c. For the World u20 there will be no automatic selections, criteria in round 2 below will be used to select the team.
7. Round 2 – all remaining eligible individual athletes:
 - a. In this round the Panel will consider athletes that have:
 - i. Achieved at least one qualification standard by the end of the qualification period.
 - ii. Demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Panel current form and fitness which suggests they can perform at a level equal to (or exceeding) the qualification standard.
 - b. If more athletes satisfy all the criteria outlined in paragraph 7(a) above than there are places available, athletes will be selected based on the Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria (which are not listed in priority order) as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant:
 - i. Current form (Performances from 1st January 2021);
 - ii. Position at the trials.
 - iii. Future individual medal potential at indoor or outdoor major events.
 - iv. Top 8 potential at the 2021 European U20 Championships.
 - v. Head-to-heads in 2021.
 - vi. Previous major age-group competition history.
 - vii. Ability to successfully double-up (i.e. compete in more than one event at the Championships);
 - viii. Contribution to relay teams (where relevant); and
 - ix. Injury status.

(UPDATED 03/06/21 Note): As of 3rd June 2021 Scottish athletes cannot legally travel to Bedford for the u20/u23 Trials, EA have worked with Scottish Athletics and British Athletics to manage the implications of this on European Age Group Championship selection. British Athletics will take account of the legal inability of Scottish athletes (Scotland based) to compete at Bedford, in the selection procedures for the European U20 and U23 Championships. In terms of what this means for the u20 selection process;

- 1. Scotland based athletes who are unable to attend trials will not be eligible for Round 1*
- 2. In Round 2 on an event-by-event basis, where there is a Scotland based athlete who has achieved the European standard, the selectors will not use the u20/u23 Trial's as a comparison when considering athletes and specifically in relation to selection Point 8 b (ii)*
- 3. For round 2 where there is not a Scotland based athlete in contention, then the u20/u23 Trial's consideration will be used.*

If legislation changes in Scotland, so that Scottish athletes can travel to Bedford, EA will select athletes for the EA Championships as detailed on the EA web pages and the selection process will remain as originally defined.

8. Round 3 – Relays

- a. Based on the athletes selected for individual sprint/hurdles events in rounds 1 and 2, the Panel, in its absolute discretion, may choose to select a team for each of the men's and women's 4x100m and 4x400m relays. In accordance with the European Athletics entry rules as outlined in paragraph 5, provided they believe that the relevant relay team will be genuine medal contenders.
- b. The number of athletes selected for each relay will be at the discretion of the Panel, in accordance with the European Athletics entry rules outlined in paragraph 5. Athletes will be selected based on the Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria (which are not listed in priority order), as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant:
 - i. Full commitment and engagement with the British Athletics Futures Academy Relay Programme in 2021.
 - i. Current form (Performances from 1st January 2021).
 - ii. Head-to-heads in 2021.
 - iii. Previous major age-group competition history.
 - iv. Injury status.
- c. Athletes selected for the relay do not need to have achieved a British Athletics qualification standard but do need to have competed in the Trials.

Note: All athletes selected for the 4x100m and 4x400m relay teams, regardless of whether they are also selected in an individual event, will be expected to reflect British Athletics' clear aim of winning relay medals at the European U20 Championships as part of the wider development of relays in the UK. As such all selected relay athletes will be expected to make themselves available for ALL rounds of the relevant relay (except in the case of genuine injury). Any athlete who fails to do so will not be considered (until such time as behaviours demonstrably change) for support via British Athletics Futures Academy (or equivalent) or World Class Programmes.

9. Round 4 – Team Leader’s discretionary selection
- a. The Team Leader, at his/her sole discretion, may select additional individual athletes to the team who he/she believes can achieve a top 8 finish in Boras but who have not achieved a British Athletics qualification standard within the relevant qualification period (provided they have achieved the lower European Athletics qualification standard in accordance with paragraphs 11 to 16 below).
 - b. Athletes may only be selected in this round if places remain unfilled in the relevant individual event, and athletes may not be selected at the expense of individuals already selected in rounds 1 or 2.
10. The total number of athletes selected in rounds 2, 3 and 4 may be limited by regulations set by European and World Athletics, the Championship organisers, or by British Athletics for logistical or budgetary reasons.

Conditions

11. Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Domestic competitions will only be accepted if they are achieved in Permit Level 2 competition (or higher) OR any of the following Permit Level 1 competitions: Please visit - <https://www.uka.org.uk/competitions/fixtures/>
- All County Championships
 - All County Schools’ Championships
 - All divisions of the British Athletics League (BAL)
 - All premier division UK Youth Development League (YDL) matches (upper age-group).
- For the avoidance of doubt, any Permit Level 1 competitions not listed above will NOT be valid for qualification purposes. Any athlete/coach who is unsure as to which competitions will be acceptable for qualification purposes are advised to contact agegroupchampsinfo@britishathletics.org.uk at the earliest opportunity.
12. Providing the sprints are timed using photo finish and that sprints and jumps all use a wind gauge.
13. Race walking performances achieved in road events must be achieved on IAAF certified courses.
14. Wind-assisted performances (or performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available) will not be accepted. The interpretation of a wind assisted Combined Events performance will be based on the most recent version of the IAAF rule book (at the time of selection), unless the relevant organising committee state otherwise.
15. Performances achieved in mixed events held completely in a stadium will not be accepted.
16. Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 100m/110m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4 x100m relay will not be accepted.

17. Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m or longer will be accepted.

Appeals

18. There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the GB&NI Team made by the Panel. The provisions of the British Athletics Selection and Nomination “Fast” Appeals Procedure do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2021 European and World U20 Championships.

Amendments

19. 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.uka.org.uk.

Equality Impact Assessment

20. An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed for the 2021 European U20 Championships Policy. A copy can be obtained by contacting Lorna Dwyer.