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Advanced Information on the Selection Process for the Marathon
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Overview

This advance information document outlines the *general* process by which British Athletics will determine selections for the marathon events for the 2022 World Athletics Championships.

The 2022 World Championships selection policy will be structured in line with the 2017 – 2024 Selection Philosophy. This advance information document has been released specifically to help marathon athletes plan their preparation.

The Marathon selections will include automatic selections from the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Marathon and 2021 London Marathon.

For any queries regarding this advance information document please contact Rob Denmark rdenmark@britishathletics.org.uk. For the avoidance of doubt, this advance information document is not the final selection policy and only outlines the selection process. The provisions in this document remain subject to change in the selection policy itself.

Eligibility

To be considered for selection, athletes will need to:

- a. Be eligible to compete for GB & NI (i.e., full British passport holder);
- b. Have achieved at least one qualification standard within the qualification;
- c. Be 20 years or older at 31 December 2022 (i.e. born in 2002 or earlier);
- 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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 www.uka.org.uk/performance/british-athletics-teams-information/.

Selection Meetings

Marathon athletes will be selected on Tuesday 1st March 2022.

Selection Process

Round 1 - Automatic selections

- The first eligible British athlete at the Tokyo Olympic Games will be automatically selected if they finish in the top 16 in Tokyo **and** they have achieved at least one qualification standard by the end of the British Athletics qualification period - 1 January 2021 – 28 February 2022.

- The first eligible British athlete at the 2021 London Marathon will automatically be selected provided they have achieved at least one qualification standard by the end of the British Athletics qualification period - 1 January 2021 – 28 February 2022.

Round 2 - All remaining eligible individual athletes

The number of places available in this round will only be known after the completion of Round 1. Athletes will be selected in this round if they satisfy both of the following:

- Have achieved at least one qualification standard in the qualification period; 1 - January 2021 – 28 February 2022
- **AND** demonstrate current form and fitness.

If more athletes satisfy the criteria above than places available, athletes will be selected based on the UKA strategic aims for selection. A combination of criteria will be considered (not listed in priority order):

- i. The achievement of World Athletics qualification standards;
- ii. 2022 World Athletics World Ranking, and 2022 World Athletics 'Top List' ranking;
- iii. Current form;
- iv. Future individual medal winning potential at major events when assessed against factors associated with medalling at Olympic Games (WITTW);
- v. Head-to-heads, within the qualification period;
- vi. Previous major competition history;
- vii. Injury/illness status;
- viii. Position at the relevant Trials; and
- ix. Performance at the relevant Trials.

World Athletics Qualification Standards

| Men | Event | Women |
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Marathon Trials

The official Trial events will be the Men's (8th August 2021) and Women's (7th August 2021) Marathons at the Tokyo Olympic Games; combined men's elite and championship race (which start together) and the women's elite race at the 2021 London Marathon on 3rd October 2021.

Athletes should note that they are not mandated to compete at the designated Trial events in order to be eligible. However, athletes who choose not to compete in the relevant Trial events accept that they will not be considered for automatic selection at Round 1. Their selection will therefore be at the discretion of the Panel in Round 2.

Amendment

UK Athletics reserves the right to amend/update this advance information 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.