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Overview

This selection policy (“the Policy”) for the 2022 European Athletics Championships outlines the selection process for the team to represent Great Britain & NI at the 2022 European Athletics Championships.

British Athletics’ objective for these championships is to optimise medal success and to provide international experience for developing and established British athletes. Therefore, British Athletics intends to select a team for Munich 2022 with the following aims (in priority order):

1. To maximise medal success at the 2022 European Championships.
2. To provide opportunities for developing athletes that have potential to win medals at future major championships; and
3. To provide opportunities for British athletes to achieve a GB&NI vest at a major Championships.

In 2022 the European Championships takes place shortly after the World Championships and Commonwealth Games. As a result, there will be no trials for the 2022 European Championships, with the exception of the Marathon. The Marathon trial race will take place on 3rd April 2022 at the Manchester Marathon. For any queries regarding the trial event please contact Tom Craggs (tcraggs@englandathletics.org).

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

SECTION 1: SELECTION PROCESS

Eligibility

1.1. To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following:

- a. Be eligible to compete for Great Britain & Northern Ireland (including holding a full British passport);
- b. Not currently serving a period of ineligibility or a provisional or permanent suspension for a doping violation or for any other reason of misconduct;
- c. Meets the standards and behaviour expected by British Athletics, as published from time to time;
- d. Be registered as a member with the relevant Home Country Athletics Federation (HCAF), directly or through a club;
- e. Be 18 years or older at 31 December 2022 (i.e. born in 2004 or earlier), with the exception of the following:

- i. In exceptional circumstances athletes who are 16 years or older at 31 December 2022 (i.e. born in 2005 or 2006), may be considered for **discretionary** selections by the Olympic Head Coach. In order to be eligible, these athletes must have demonstrated a consistent level of performance, as well as previous experience at major international competition, which suggests that selection for senior competition is appropriate for their long-term development.
 - ii. athletes must be 20 years or older at 31 December 2022 (i.e. born in 2002 or earlier) to be considered for nomination in the marathon; and
 - iii. athletes must be 18 years or older at 31 December 2022 (i.e. born in 2004 or earlier) to be considered for nomination in the men's shot put, and men's hammer.
- f. have achieved at least one European Athletics qualification standard in accordance with paragraphs 2.2-2.3, or qualified via European Ranking position.
 - g. 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 TMA for the 2021/22 season will be published in due course.
 - h. Complete European Athletics 'I Run Clean' certificate.

Selection meetings and process

- 1.3 The selection meeting for marathon athletes take place on **6 April 2022**.
- 1.4 The selection meeting for the remaining team will be selected on **1 August 2022**
- 1.5 The Selection Panel ("the Panel") shall comprise as follows:
 - a. Voting members for the selection meeting:
 - i. British Athletics' Olympic Head Coach;
 - ii. British Athletics' Head of Performance and;
 - iii. Named event group representatives as nominated by the Olympic Head Coach
 - b. Non-voting members for both selection meetings:
 - i. Chairperson;
 - ii. At least one independent observer;
 - iii. UK Athletics Athletes Commission Representative;
 - iv. Medical representative;
 - v. Note-takers etc. as required; and
 - vi. Others as considered necessary by the Chairperson on recommendation of the Team Leader, which may include a statistician and media representative.
- 1.6 Selections will be subject to the maximum entries as permitted by European Athletics. A maximum of 3 athletes can compete per event with the following exceptions:
 - a. Marathon – up to 6 athletes may be entered into each team (a minimum of 3 is needed to score for the team event);

- b. Relay teams – up to 8 relay athletes may be entered into each relay team. Any other athlete who is selected in any event may then be able to participate in the relay event in addition to the 8 entered;
- c. European Champions - the current reigning European Outdoor Champion will also be invited to participate as a Wildcard, in the same event at the 2022 European Athletics Championships.

Note 1: For clarification, in the events where Great Britain and Northern Ireland has a reigning European Outdoor Champion (W100m, M100m, W 200m, M 400m and W1500m) British Athletics are able to enter these athletes as a Wildcard, subject to the athletes meeting the requirements as detailed in paragraph 1.1, in addition to the 3 athletes per event.

Round 1 – Marathon:

- 1.7 The first two eligible British athletes at the 2022 Manchester Marathon will automatically be selected for the Men’s and Women’s race, provided these athletes have achieved a European Athletics qualification standard during the qualification period.
 - a. For the avoidance of doubt, if any of the top two British athletes at the 2022 Manchester Marathon decline selection (through injury or other reason) their automatic selection will be offered to the next eligible athlete at the trial.
 - b. Athletes who have accepted a place in the marathon team for the 2022 World Athletics Championships or 2022 Commonwealth Games **will not** be eligible for selection.
- 1.8 The Panel will then select all remaining eligible athletes who satisfy the following:
 - a. Achieving at least one qualification standard during the qualification period; and
 - b. Demonstrating, to the satisfaction of the Panel, current form (1 October 2021 – 3 April 2022) which suggests they are capable of performing at a level equal to (or exceeding) the European Athletics qualification standard.
- 1.9 If more athletes satisfy the criteria outlined in paragraph 1.8 above than there are places available, athletes will be selected to meet the aims of the policy, 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. The achievement of qualification standards in accordance with paragraphs 2.2 to 2.14 of this policy;
 - ii. 2022 European ranking;
 - iii. Current form (1st January – 3rd April 2022);
 - iv. Future individual medal potential at major events;
 - v. Head-to-heads within the qualification period;
 - vi. Previous major competition history; and
 - vii. Injury/illness status.

Round 2 – Individual Automatic selections:

- 1.10 Athletes who are reigning European Outdoor Champions will be automatically selected for the event in which they are the reigning Champion, provided they have achieved a European Athletics qualification standard(s) in accordance with paragraphs 2.2 to 2.13 of this policy

1.11 Additional athletes will automatically be selected subject to satisfying the following criteria;

- a. Achieved a top 8 finish in their respective event at the 2022 World Championships; **and**
- b. Achieved the European Athletics qualification standard(s) during the qualification period in accordance with paragraphs 2.2 to 2.13 of this policy.

Round 3 – Remaining Individual selections:

1.12 During the selection meeting on 1 August 2022 the Panel will select all eligible athletes who satisfy the following:

- a. Achieved at least one European Athletics qualification standard during the qualification period; and
- b. Demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the Panel, current form (1st April – 26th July 2022) which indicates they are capable of being competitive at the European Championships.

1.13 If more athletes satisfy the criteria outlined in paragraph 1.12 above than there are places available, athletes will be selected 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. The number of European Athletics qualification standards achieved in accordance with paragraphs 2.2 to 2.13 of this policy;
- ii. 2022 Seasons Best;
- iii. 2022 European ranking;
- iv. Performance at 2022 British Outdoor Championships;
- v. Current form and performance consistency (1st April – 26th July 2022);
- vi. Future individual medal potential at major events;
- vii. Head-to-heads within the qualification period;
- viii. Previous major competition history;
- ix. Injury/illness status; and
- x. Impact on medal winning potential in relay teams – *note: the Panel may choose to select an athlete in an individual event to improve chances of success in the relevant relay team.*

Round 4 – Athletes who qualify via their European Ranking:

1.14 Remaining quota places: following the end of the European Athletics qualification period on 26 July 2022, European Athletics will publish a list of athletes who have not achieved a European Athletics qualification standard for the relevant event within the qualification period to fill the remaining quota places. These athletes will be eligible for entry as a result of their European Ranking.

1.15 The Panel will select all eligible athletes who satisfy the following:

- a. Achieved a European Ranking position to complete the target field size in their event; and
- b. Demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the Panel, current form (1st May – 26th July 2022) which suggests they are capable of being competitive at the European Championships.

1.16 If more athletes satisfy the criteria outlined in paragraph 1.15 above than there are places available, athletes will be selected to meet the aims of the policy 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. The number of British Athletics qualification standards achieved in accordance with paragraphs 2.2 to 2.13 of this policy;
- ii. 2022 Season's Best;
- iii. 2022 European ranking;
- iv. Performance at 2022 British Outdoor Championships;
- v. Current form and performance consistency (1st April – 26th July 2022);
- vi. Future individual medal potential at major events;
- vii. Head-to-heads within the qualification period;
- viii. Previous major competition history;
- ix. Injury/illness status.

Round 5 – relays:

1.17 A team will be selected for each of the men's and women's 4x100m and 4x400m relay teams in accordance with the European Athletics entry rules as outlined in 1.6 (b). The panel will consider 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 2021 and 2022;
- ii. Current form and performance consistency (1st April – 27th July 2022);
- iii. Technical relay skills;
- iv. Head-to-heads within the qualification period;
- v. Previous major competition history;
- vi. Injury/illness status;
- vii. Impact of individual event selection on ability to perform optimally in the relay; and
- viii. Potential to become a key relay runner at future major global championships

1.18 Athletes selected only for the relay do not need to have achieved an individual British Athletics qualification standard.

Reserves

1.19 The panel may select and enter two additional reserves for any event, at the end of each of rounds 1, 3, 4 and 5, provided any such reserve athletes has achieved the criteria outlined in for each of these rounds. If more athletes satisfy the criteria than there are places available, reserve athletes will be named based on the Panel's consideration of paragraphs 1.9, 1.13, 1.16 or 1.17, respective of which round they are being selected in.

SECTION 2: PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Trials

2.1 Except for the Marathon trial which takes place in Manchester on 3rd April 2022, there will be no trials for the 2022 European Championships.

Qualification Standards

2.2 All athletes must achieve a European Athletics qualification standard in the event for which they seek selection within the following qualification period:

- a. For Marathon - between 00:00 (GMT) 27 January 2021 and 23:59 (BST) 3 April 2022.
- b. For the 10,000m, 20km & 35km Race Walks and Combined Events: - between 00:00 (GMT) 27 January 2021 and 23:59 (BST) 26 July 2022
- c. For all other events – between 00:00 (GMT) 27 July 2021 and 23:59 (BST) 26 July 2022.

2.3 The European Athletics qualification standards are as follows:

Men	Event	Women
10.16	100m	11.24
20.43	200m	23.05
45.70	400m	51.70
1:45.90	800m	2:00.40
3:36.00	1500m	4:06.00
13:24.00	5000m	15:25.00
28:15.00	10,000m	32:20.00
8:30.00	3,000m SC	9:39.00
13.50	110/100mH	12.93
49.50	400mH	55.85
2:14.30	Marathon	2:32.00
1:22.10	20km Race Walk	1:32.15
2:35.30 3:54.00 (50km)	35km Race Walk	2:55.00 4:25.00 (50km)
2.30	HJ	1.95
5.75	PV	4.60
8.10	LJ	6.79
16.95	TJ	14.25
20.85	SP	18.20
65.20	DT	60.50
77.00	HT	71.80
84.00	JT	62.50
8100	CE	6250

Performance conditions relating to qualification standards

2.4 Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the World Athletics, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised.

- 2.5 UK domestic competition performances will only be recognised if they are achieved in a UKA Level 2 Licence competition (see www.uka.org.uk/competitions/fixtures/ for details on the UKA competition licences).
- 2.6 Marathon qualification performances must be achieved on World Athletics accredited courses (as listed on the World Athletics website).
- 2.7 Performances achieved in the same individual event in a single day where that event is not an official Championship of UK national level or higher will only count as follows:
 - a. In track events, only the fastest legal result of the day;
 - b. In throwing events, only the best performance of the first competition of the day;
 - c. In horizontal jumps, only the best performance of the first competition of the day, unless every mark achieved by the athlete was wind-assisted in which case the best trial in a second competition held under non-wind-assisted conditions will count.
- 2.8 Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants, held completely in a stadium, shall not be accepted.
- 2.9 Wind-assisted performances (or performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available) for events held completely in a stadium will not be accepted. For combined events the conditions set in World Athletics rule 149.3 (or any revised or amended rule relating to wind readings in combined events in force at the time) will be applied for qualification purposes. This requires that at least one of these conditions be met:
 - o The wind velocity in any individual event shall not exceed plus 4 metres per second;
 - o The average wind velocity (based on the algebraic sum of the wind velocities, as measured for each individual event, divided by the number of such events) shall not exceed plus 2 m/s.
- 2.10 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m hurdles and 400m hurdles performances at altitudes of above 950m will not be accepted.
- 2.11 Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110/100m hurdles, 400m hurdles and 4x100m relay will not be accepted.
- 2.12 Indoor performances for all field events and all track events of 400m and longer will be accepted.
- 2.13 For indoor track events, performances achieved on oversized tracks will not be accepted.

SECTION 3 – DE-SELECTION

- 3.1 Following selection, an athlete may be de-selected by the Panel or British Athletics in the event of:
 - a. the athlete ceasing to comply with the eligibility criteria set out in this Selection Policy, or other strategy document communicated by British Athletics;
 - b. following application of the Medical De-Selection Protocol set out in the Team Member Agreement;

- c. any anti-doping rule violation or provisional suspension;
 - d. any serious misconduct or suspension due to misconduct;
 - e. a breach of any British Athletics policy including but not limited to the Relay Plan; or
 - f. failure to opt-in to team training or events, including during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3.2 In the event of de-selection, the Panel will meet again to decide on a replacement athlete. In the event there is not time for the Panel to meet, the decision will be taken by the Head Coach and Performance Director, with the decision of the Head Coach being final in the event of disagreement.

SECTION 4: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Appeals

- 4.1 Athletes may appeal their non-selection, but only after the relevant final selection date and only according to the procedure laid out in the “British Athletics Selection Fast Appeals Policy” which can be found on the British Athletics website and which is subject to change. Athletes wishing to seek advice regarding the appeals process (including the validity of any procedure itself) are advised to contact the UK Athletics Athletes’ Commission at www.uka.org.uk/governance/uk-athletics-athletes-commission/.

Amendment

- 4.2 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.

Governing law

- 4.3 This Selection Policy shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of England and Wales.

Jurisdiction

- 4.4 Any dispute or claim (other than appeals) arising out of or in connection with this Selection Policy shall be submitted for determination exclusively to arbitration under the auspices of Sport Resolutions (UK) Limited and subject to the procedural control of the English Courts.

COVID-19

- 4.5 At the time of publication, the impact of COVID19 is unpredictable and unknown. We expect that the Championships will be run under Covid protocols, and all selected athletes will be required to comply with these protocols outlined by European Athletics in order to compete.
- 4.6 Considering the global pandemic, British Athletics can amend this policy at its discretion as per clause 4.2 and will endeavour to select the strongest team possible based on the information available.