

**2022 European Throwing Cup
12-13 March 2022
Leiria, Portugal**

Selection Policy – published January 2022

Overview

British Athletics intends to support the European Throwing Cup as an opportunity for athletes to prepare and qualify for the upcoming 2022 European and World Championships, as well as to help developing throwers bridge the gap to world-class senior level, places permitting. The European Throwing Cup features competitions in the Senior and Under 23 Age Group only, using Senior implements. Places will be limited to a maximum of 12 athletes in total.

Selection for the 2022 European Throwing Cup GB&NI team will therefore prioritise athletes who have achieved 2022 World/European qualification standards and/or have demonstrated realistic progression towards selection for the 2022 European and/or World Championships.

To assist all long-throws athletes to show current form (i.e. performances in January/February 2022) ahead of selection, British Athletics, in conjunction with Loughborough University, have created a **British Winter Long Throws Championships**. This competition will take place on Sunday 27 February 2022, alongside the British Indoor Championships.

It is not a requirement for athletes to compete in the British Indoor Championships or British Winter Long Throws Championships, however all athletes who have not achieved a 2022 European or World Championship qualification standard (**must have competed between 1 January 2022 – 27 February 2022**) to prove form and fitness prior to 28th February to be considered for selection.

To express your interest in competing at the British Winter Long Throws Championships please contact David Turner: D.Turner@lboro.ac.uk. Please note that numbers are limited and priority given to senior and high ranked U20 athletes due to timetable constraints.

All athletes wishing to be selected for the 2022 European Throwing Cup must **express their interest** in competing by completing this [form](#) prior to the selection date. Any queries relating to the selection policy should be directed to Dan Bacon (dbacon@britishathletics.org.uk).

Eligibility

1. To be considered for selection, athletes **must**:
 - a. Be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder);
 - b. In the men's shot put and men's hammer athletes be aged at least 18 years old at 31 December 2022;
 - c. Competed between 1 January 2022 – 27 February 2022, with the exception of athletes who have already achieved a 2022 European or World Championships qualification standard;
 - 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/>.

- e. Complete European Athletics "I Run Clean" online anti-doping certification.

Selection process

2. The team will be selected on **28 February 2022**.
3. Selectors on the panel have been chosen based on their expertise and knowledge across the throwing events. The panel will also include a non-voting Athletes Commission member as an independent observer.
4. The final team will be announced on 1 March 2022.
5. A maximum team of 12 athletes may be selected, which may consist of a maximum of two (2) male and female athletes per senior event and one (1) male and female athlete per U23 event.

Note: Where the Panel may wish to select more than two (2) U23 athletes in a single event they may, at their absolute discretion, enter one or more athlete(s) into the senior event. For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete may only be entered in 1 age group of an event at the European Throwing Cup and he/she can only compete in the age group for which he/she was entered. An athlete can be entered in different age groups in different events but cannot compete in the same event in two age groups.

6. The Panel will select athletes in three rounds to fill the 12 available places on the team. The rounds which are listed in priority order, are as follows:
 - a. **Round 1** - Athletes who have achieved a qualification standard, within the relevant qualification period, for the 2022 European and/or World Championships **and** have identified the 2022 European Throws Cup as part of their preparation for these Championships.
 - b. **Round 2** - Athletes who the panel believe have the realistic potential to qualify for the 2022 European and/or World Championships. 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 2022);
 - ii. 2021 outdoor performances;
 - iii. World Athletics World Ranking position;
 - iv. Previous major competition history;
 - v. Head to heads in 2021 & 2022;
 - vi. Performance Trajectory.
 - c. **Round 3** - If places remain available then athletes who the panel believe demonstrate the potential to bridge the gap from competitive domestic or age-group (U20/U23) performances to at least qualifying for future senior major global championships will be considered. 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 2022);
- ii. 2021 outdoor performances;
- iii. Future individual medal potential at indoor or outdoor major events;
- iv. Previous major age-group competition history;
- v. Performance Trajectory.

Appeals

7. 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 Fast Appeals Policy" does not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2022 European Throwing Cup.

Amendment

8. 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

COVID-19

9. At the time of publication, the impact of COVID19 is unpredictable and unknown. We expect that the European Throws Cup 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.
10. Considering the global pandemic, British Athletics can amend this policy at its discretion as per clause 8 and will endeavour to select the strongest team possible based on the information available.