

World Athletics World Race Walking Team Championships – 4 & 5 March 2022 Muscat, Oman

Selection policy – Published December 2021

Overview

The World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships is a high-quality competition and British Athletics intend to approach the 2022 Championships by selecting individual athletes as follows:

- Experienced athletes who have the potential to perform well at this competition;
- Developing athletes who may perform well at future Race Walking Team Championships and have the potential to be selected for future major championships.

The GB and NI team will travel to the Championships from the UK as a single team as arranged by British Athletics. For athletes who are not in the UK and choose to travel direct to Muscat, British Athletics will contribute the equivalent cost of a UK/competition venue return flight.

There will be no trial event for the 2022 World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships. Athletes seeking selection should submit an expression of interest (EOI) by **Sunday 6th February**. If no EOI is received by this date, the selection panel will not consider the individual for selection. An expression of interest form can be found [here](#).

The health and safety of all athletes and staff selected is of utmost importance and as such 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 plan travel arrangements to mitigate risk to COVID-19.

Final selection will be at the discretion of the Technical Director, Olympic Head Coach and Selectors. All questions related to the selection policy (including those relating to athletes based overseas) should be directed to Maddy Ibbett (mibbett@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. have achieved a relevant British Athletics qualification standard (over any of the applicable distances) within the qualification period; and
 - 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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 <http://www.uka.org.uk/performance/british-athletics-teams-information/>
 - d. be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 at least 14 days before arrival to Muscat (this has been communicated by World Athletics as a mandatory requirement to enter Oman). Vaccines approved by the Omani authorities are: AstraZeneca

(Vaxzevria), Covishield, Covaxin, Janssen, Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty), Sinopharm, Sinovac or Sputnik.

2. Junior (U20) athletes will be eligible for selection in this age group if they are born in either 2003, 2004, 2005 or 2006.

Qualification

3. Qualification performances for all events must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2021 and 23:59 (BST) 6 February 2022.
4. The British Athletics qualification standards are as follows;

Men	Event	Women
4:03:00 (50km) 2:43:00 (35km) 1:27:00 (20km)	Senior 35km	4:30:00 (50km) 2:59:00 (35km) 1:39:00 (20km)
4:00:00 (50km) 1:25:30 (20km) 41:20 (10km)	Senior 20km	4:25:00 (50km) 1:37:30 (20km) 47:16 (10km)
44:54 (10,000m/10km)	Junior 10km	50:31 (10,000m/10km)

Selection process

5. The team will be selected in one selection meeting on **Monday 7 February 2022.**
6. The team will be announced on Tuesday 8 February 2022.
7. As per World Athletics regulations, up to five athletes can be selected to walk in each of the men's and women's senior races, with three to score. Up to three athletes can be selected to walk in each of the junior races, with two to score.
8. Round 1 – eligible individual athletes:
 - a. The Selection Panel (“the Panel”) will select athletes as follows:
 - i. Athletes must have achieved relevant a relevant qualification standard in the qualification period;
 - ii. Athletes must be fit and not otherwise currently affected by a performance limiting factor;
 - iii. Athletes must demonstrate current form (at the point of selection);
 - b. If more athletes satisfy the criteria outlined in paragraph 9 (a) and (b) 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. The criteria below are not listed in any priority order:
 - i. Current form;
 - ii. Number of standards achieved;
 - iii. Future individual medal potential at major events;
 - iv. Head-to-heads;
 - v. Previous major competition history;
 - vi. Injury/illness status;
9. Round 2 – Selection panel discretion:

- a. Athletes may only be selected in this round if, subject to paragraph 7, places remain available. Athletes may not be selected at the expense on individuals already selected in Round 1.
- b. The Panel, at their discretion, may select additional athletes to the team who they believe fulfil either of the aims of this policy of performing well at the Championships or developing athletes who have the potential to compete in future championships, but who have not achieved a British Athletics qualification standard within the relevant qualification period.
- c. Athletes in this round will only be selected in exceptional circumstances as discussed and assessed by the panel (i.e. lack of competition opportunities due to the pandemic etc.)

Conditions

10. Qualification times must be completed on a World Athletics certified course.

Appeals

11. 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 and Nomination “Fast” Appeals Procedure do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2022 World Athletics World Race Walking Team Championships.

Amendments

12. 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.