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Selection Policy – Published November 2021

Overview

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) outlines the process by which British Athletics will determine selection for the 2022 World Athletics Indoor Championship (‘the Championships’). The policy has been created in line with British Athletics’ strategic 2017-2024 competition philosophy.

The British Athletics Indoor Championships (“the Trials”) take place **26-27 February in Birmingham**.

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

Eligibility

1. To be considered for selection, athletes **must**:
 - a. Compete in the Trials in the event in which they wish to be considered for selection in Belgrade (with the exception of combined events, who do not need to compete in the Trials). Athletes aiming to gain selection for the 4x400m relay teams must also compete at the Trials. Permission to do otherwise will only be granted in the case of injury/illness – no other exceptions will be made (though the Head Coach, at his/her absolute discretion, may in advance of the Trials, grant an athlete permission to compete in a different discipline at the Trials to that in which they wish to be selected).
 - b. Be eligible to compete for Great Britain & Northern Ireland (including holding a full British passport);
 - c. Not currently serving a period of ineligibility or a provisional or permanent suspension for a doping violation or for any other reason of misconduct;
 - d. Meets the standards and behaviour expected by British Athletics, as published from time to time;
 - e. Be registered as a member with the relevant Home Country Athletics Federation (HCAF), directly or through a club;
 - f. 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 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.
- g. have achieved at least one World Athletics Qualification Standard in accordance with paragraphs 13-21;
- h. 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 2022 season will be published in due course.

Note 1: 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 Trials due to injury/illness 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 Trials OR they must attend the Trials (regardless of home location) to be examined by the British Athletics Lead Doctor. Athletes who fail to satisfy either provision will not be considered for selection (unless note 2 applies).

Note 2: Where athletes suffer illness the day before or the day of the Trials, they must contact the Olympic Head Coach/Lead Doctor as soon as possible prior to the commencement of the relevant Trial event. The Panel will make a common sense, judgement call based on the information and proof provided by the athlete in determining whether to accept their non-attendance at the trials (enabling them for consideration for selection). Illness that occurs earlier than the day before the first day of the Trials must be evidenced by a medical note from a GP in order for that athlete to remain eligible for selection. Failure to satisfy the above will result in the athlete not being considered for selection, and all athletes must be aware that failure to attend the trials, regardless of validity of excuse, will naturally and unavoidably place them at a disadvantage when being assessed for selection.

Qualification

- 2. Qualification performances must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2021 and 23:59 (GMT) 27 February 2022.
- 3. The World Athletics qualification standards are as follows:

Men		Event	Women	
Indoor	Outdoor		Indoor	Outdoor
6.63	10.10 (100m)	60m	7.30	11.15 (100m)
46.50	45.00	400m	52.90	51.00
01:46.70	01:44.00	800m	02:01.50	01:58.00
3:39.00 / 3:55.00 (mile)	03:33.00	1500m	4:09.00 / 4:28.50 (mile)	04:02.00
07:50.00	7:40.00 / 13:10.00 (5000m)	3000m	08:49.00	8:30.00 / 14:50.00 (5000m)
No Standard		4x400m	No Standard	
7.72	13.40 (110mh)	60m h	8.16	12.85 (100mh)
2.34		HJ	1.97	
5.81		PV	4.75	
8.22		LJ	6.80	
17.10		TJ	14.30	
21.10		SP	18.30	
No Standard		Hep/Pen	No Standard	

**Note 3 – athletes who qualify for selection by achieving a performance prior to 1 January 2022 (indoor or outdoor) will only be selected if they prove current form and fitness during the 2022 indoor season which suggests they are capable of performing at a level equal to the qualification standard.*

Selection meeting process

4. All qualified athletes will be considered for selection at one selection meeting on **Monday 28 February 2022**. Pursuant to paragraph 13, invited athletes will be considered on a case-by-case basis as and when invites are received.
5. The selection panel will comprise of;
 - a. Voting members;
 - i. British Athletics' Head of Performance;
 - ii. British Athletics' Olympic Head Coach;
 - iii. British Athletics' Olympic Team Leader
 - iv. Event group representatives as nominated by the Olympic Head Coach;
 - b. Non-voting members for all selection meetings:
 - i. Chairperson;
 - ii. At least one independent observer;
 - iii. UK Athletics' Athlete Commission Member;
 - iv. British Athletics' Lead Doctor;
 - v. Note-takers etc; and
 - vi. Others as considered necessary by the chairperson on recommendation of the Head of Performance, which may include a statistician and media representative.
6. The team will be announced on Tuesday 1 March 2022. Athletes selected via invite will be announced as/when invites are confirmed.
7. A maximum of two athletes (3 athletes where there are GB & NI 2021/2022 World Indoor Tour Winners) may be selected in each event. Up to six athletes (which must include any athletes entered in the 400m) may be selected for each relay event.
8. The Panel will select athletes using the process outlined in paragraphs 9 to 12 below.
9. Round 1 – automatic selections:
 - a. Winners of the 2021 & 2022 World Athletics Indoor Tour will be automatically selected as the World Athletics wildcard entry for the same event which they won the 2021/2022 World Athletics Indoor Tour.
 - b. The winner of each individual Trial event will be automatically selected for the same event, provided the relevant World Athletics qualification standard has been achieved by that athlete during the qualification period. Should the winner of the Trials not have achieved a qualification standard, or decline/be unavailable for selection, their place will not be automatically offered to the next best athlete.
 - c. For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete may achieve the qualification standard after the Trials but before the end of the relevant qualification period and still gain automatic selection.

Note 4: In the event of a dead-heat or tie at any of the Trial events (resulting in more than 1 athlete qualifying for automatic selection), the following steps will be taken:

- a. *In track/road events, the athlete with the best individual performance in the relevant event within the qualification period set out in paragraph 2 will gain automatic selection.*
- b. *In field events, a jump/throw-off will be arranged (either at the Trials or on a later date, in agreement with the affected athletes), with the winner gaining automatic selection. If an athlete/athlete(s) refuses to take part in a jump/throw-off, the automatic selection will be offered to the athlete(s) who did not refuse.*

10. Round 2 – remaining eligible individual athletes (excluding combined events):

- a. All remaining eligible athletes will be selected, provided they:
 - i. Have achieved the relevant British Athletics qualification standard during the qualification period; and
 - ii. Satisfy the Panel that they possess current form and fitness which suggests they are capable of performing at a level equal to (or exceeding) the qualification standard in Belgrade.
- b. If more athletes are eligible for selection than there are places available, athletes will be selected based on the overall competition philosophy for the Paris cycle (as outlined in the Overview of this Policy) and on the Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria (as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant):
 - i. Trials results;
 - ii. Current form (1st January – 27th February 2022);
 - iii. 2022 World Athletics top lists;
 - iv. Future individual medal potential at indoor or outdoor major events;
 - v. Head-to-heads within the qualification period;
 - vi. Previous major competition history; AND
 - vii. Injury status.
- c. The Panel may select non-travelling reserves for any event (except combined events), provided the athlete has achieved the relevant individual British Athletics qualification standard (except relays where no standard is required).

11. Round 3 – relays:

- a. A team of up to six athletes will be selected for each of the men's and women's 4x400m relays, if in the Panel's opinion, they have the genuine potential to achieve a medal at the 2022 World Indoor Championships (taking into account the 4x400m athletes available, event timetable and athletes selected in individual events).
- b. If the panel believe that a team possesses genuine medal potential at the 2022 World Indoor Championships then athletes will be selected based on a number of factors, including (but not limited to) the following:
 - i. Current form (1st January – 27th February 2022);
 - ii. Head-to-heads within the qualification period;
 - iii. Previous major competition history (in individual and relay events);
 - iv. Future individual or relay team potential;
 - v. Performance at the Trials;
 - vi. Injury status; AND
 - vii. Previous engagement with the British Athletics relay programme(s).

Note 5: Athletes selected for the relay do not need to have achieved a British Athletics qualification standard.

12. Round 4 - Combined events

- a. Combined events – entries for the men’s Heptathlon and the women’s Pentathlon will be via invite only. Invites will be issued by the World Athletics as per the following process:
 - i. Winner of the 2021 Combined Events Challenge;
 - ii. Top five from the 2021 outdoor performance lists (as at 31 December 2021);
 - iii. Top five from the 2022 indoor performance list (as at 1 March 2022);
AND
 - iv. One athlete who may be invited at the discretion of World Athletics.

13. Round 5 – World Ranking Invitations

- a. Where insufficient athletes are entered to meet the target for each event (12 for high jump and pole vault, 16 for all other field events, and various for track events), World Athletics will issue invites, based on the World Athletics ranking list issued on 9 March.
- b. These invites will be accepted provided the invited athlete(s), meet the eligibility criteria and to the satisfaction of the Panel, demonstrate current form and fitness in 2022 which suggests that they are capable of being competitive in Belgrade.

Conditions

14. Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or ratified by 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;
15. UK domestic track and field performances will only be certified by British Athletics if they are achieved in a UK Athletics Level 2 Licence competition, or at an Area or County Championship (see <https://www.uka.org.uk/competition/track-field/track-field-licensing/> for details on the UK Athletics competition licence).
16. Multiple performances achieved in the same individual event in a single day will only count as follows:
 - a. At an official Championship of UK national level or higher;
 - b. In a field event only the best mark in the final and best mark in the pool.
17. Performances otherwise achieved in the same individual event in a single day will count as follows:
 - a. In track events only the fastest legal result of the day;
 - b. In throwing events only the best trial of the first competition of the day;
 - c. In horizontal jumps only the best trial of the first competition of the day, unless every mark achieved by the athlete was windy in which case a second competition held under safer conditions will count.
18. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants held completely in a stadium shall not be accepted.
19. Wind-assisted performances (or performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available) will not be accepted.
20. Hand-timed performances in 60m, 100m, 400m, 60m Hurdles, and 100m/110m Hurdles will not be accepted;

21. For the running events of 400m and over, performances achieved on oversized tracks will NOT be accepted

De-selection

22. 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.
23. 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, Team Leader and Head of Performance, with the decision of the Head Coach being final in the event of disagreement.

Governing law

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

Jurisdiction

25. 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.

Appeals

26. Athletes who are eligible for selection may appeal their non-selection, but only after the final selection date and only according to the procedure laid out in the "British Athletics Selection Appeals Policy" which can be found on the British Athletics website.
27. Athletes wishing to seek advice regarding the appeals process (including the validity of any procedure itself) are advised to contact the British Athletes Commission (BAC) at www.britishathletes.org.

Amendment

28. 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

29. 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 World Athletics in order to compete.
30. Considering the global pandemic, British Athletics can amend this policy at its discretion as per clause 28 and will endeavour to select the strongest team possible based on the information available.