

IAU 24 Hour European Championships, Verona, Italy 17th & 18th September 2022

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1. Overview

The British Athletics policy for the **IAU 24 Hour European Championships** will focus on performances that will challenge for individual and/or team medals. British Athletics therefore intend to select athletes who the Selection Panel (“the Panel”) believe are demonstrating the potential to win individual medals in this or future Championships and/or to contribute to a team medal. Teams will only be selected if the panel believe they can realistically challenge for a medal.

The championships will be held in **Verona, Italy on the 17th & 18th September 2022**

The Great Britain and Northern Ireland (GB&NI) team will travel to the Championships as a single team (exceptions to this will be made at the discretion of the Team Leader). Travel arrangements from the UK to Italy will be booked and funded by British Athletics. The British Athletics Domestic Assembly Policy will apply for these Championships.

All questions related to the selection policy should be directed to the chair of selectors John Pares johnpares@gmail.com

2. Eligibility

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

- Be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder)
- Have achieved at least one qualification standard within the qualification window.
- Be 20 years or older at 31 December 2022 (i.e. born in 2002 or earlier).
- 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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/>

3. Qualification

- There will be no official trial for this event.
- Qualification performances must be achieved between 1st September 2019 and 10th April 2022 in IAU labelled races.
- Athletes must prove fitness (see section 5)
- The qualification standards are as follows:

	Individual Standard	Team Standard
Men	Over 245 kms in a qualifying 24-hour event	Over 230 kms in a qualifying 24-hour event
Women	Over 220 kms in a qualifying 24-hour event	Over 210 kms in a qualifying 24-hour event

4. Selection Process

- The team will be selected during the week of 18th April 2022.
- The team will be announced on or soon after 25th April 2022.

The following criteria will be considered to select those athletes who meet the qualification standard:

- Have shown consistency of performances in races of a similar distance, profile, and terrain during the qualification period.
- Demonstrated the potential to win individual medals in this or future championships.
- Where the Panel believe that a team can realistically challenge for medals a team **may** be selected subject to the above criteria.

The Selection Panel is made up of the following:

- John Pares (Chair)
- Members of URAG and additional event experts as appropriate
- An athlete's observer representative via the Athletes Commission
- A member of the UKA Endurance Advisory Panel.

Athletes should keep the chair of selectors John Pares johnpares@gmail.com up to date about their availability for these championships and of any relevant performances to be taken into account.

5. Proof of Fitness

Because of the pandemic and the lack of racing opportunities in 2020, the selection window is longer than normal. One consequence is that there will be more focus on proof of fitness. All athletes will have to prove fitness but those with qualifying performances prior to 2021 will need to demonstrate an equivalent level of fitness in a race* of 50 miles/ 6 hours or longer. (*track/ road races must be IAU labelled; trail races must be ITRA evaluated). Qualified athletes should discuss proof of fitness with team management for more information.

6. Conditions

The Panel reserve the right to deselect athletes who become unfit to compete (fitness tests may be requested), do not follow the conditions of selection or who break any of the rules of UK Athletics.

Final selection of all athletes is subject to agreement of the athlete's racing programme between the date of selection and the Championships.

7. Appeals

There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the GB&NI Team made by the Panel. The provisions of the UK Athletics Selection and Nomination "Fast" Appeals Procedure do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2022 IAU 24 Hour European Championships.

8. Amendment

British Athletics reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy at its sole discretion especially in the light of the ongoing current Covid19 situation - the status of the country for international travel and additional covid related costs which may affect team sizes. British Athletics will make any amended version publicly available (including the date on which any amendment was made) at www.uka.org.uk.