

Selection policy – published March 2022

1. OVERVIEW

British Athletics continues to value the importance of the IAU 50km European Championships and the role it plays in the progression of British endurance athletes within the international competition pathway. However, British Athletics has to be realistic about the impact that British endurance athletes can have at this event when competing with the best in Europe.

British Athletics therefore intend to select athletes who the Selection Panel believes have the potential to finish at least in the top 10 in Avila, Spain. If the selectors feel that a team can realistically challenge for a podium position at the IAU 50km European Championships, a scoring team of at least three athletes may be selected providing they have met the standards and budgets allow.

The GB and NI team will travel to the Championships as a single team (exceptions to this will only be made at the discretion of the Team Leader and if budget allows). Domestic travel (within the UK) will operate under the terms and conditions of the British Athletics Domestic Assembly Policy.

Athletes not based in the UK will be required to cover the cost of their own travel to/from the UK (if travelling direct British Athletics will contribute the equivalent cost of a UK/to Avila, Spain return flight).

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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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 www.uka.org.uk/performance/british-athletics-teams-information/.

3. QUALIFICATION.

Selection will be based on performances between 1st January 2021 – 3rd April 2022.

Qualification Standards:

Individual Standards:

Men: Sub 2:54:00 for 50km./Sub 2:19:00 for the marathon.

Women: Sub 3:22:00 for 50km/ Sub 2:41:00 for the marathon.

Team Standards:

Men: Sub 3:00:00 for 50km./Sub 2:23:00 for the marathon

Women: Sub 3:35:00 for 50km/ Sub 2:45:00 for the marathon

Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAU, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations.

4. SELECTION PROCESS.

Round One

The first eligible British athlete at the 50k in Perth Scotland on the 3rd April 2022 will automatically be selected provided they have achieved the individual qualification standard at the 50km distance.

The first eligible British athlete at the Marathon in Manchester England on the 3rd April 2022 will automatically be selected provided they have achieved the individual qualification standard at the Marathon distance.

Round Two

All remaining eligible athletes.

The number of places available in this round will only be known after the completion of Round 1. Athletes will be selected in this round if they satisfy both of the following:

- Have achieved at least one qualification standard in the qualification window: 1st January 2021 – 3rd April 2022 and demonstrate current form and fitness.

If more athletes satisfy the criteria above than places available, athletes will be selected based on the UKA strategic aims for selection.

A combination of criteria will be considered (not listed in priority order):

- Current form;
- Past and future individual medal winning potential at major events.
- Head-to-heads, within the qualification period.
- Previous major competition history.
- Injury/illness status.
- Position and performance at the relevant Trials.
- The Panel reserves the right to take other factors into account,

All questions related to the selection policy (including those relating to athletes based overseas) should be directed to the Chair of Selectors, Walter Hill, at walterhelen@hotmail.co.uk

Selection will be made the week beginning **18th April 2022**.
The team will be announced on or soon after **25th April 2022**.

A maximum of 6 men and 6 women (three to score) may be selected if the budget allows.
Up to 2 non travelling reserves in training may also be selected.

Final selection of all athletes is subject to agreement of the athlete's racing programme between the date of selection and the IAU 50km European Championships.

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must ensure that they advise UK Athletics Chair of Selectors, Walter Hill by 13th April with their accompanying CV. All CV's will be acknowledged, if you have not received an acknowledgement within 3 working days please contact Hilary Walker at hilary.walker@virgin.net.

The Selection Panel is made up of the following:

- Walter Hill (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.

5. CONDITIONS.

The Panel reserve the right to:-

- Deselect athletes who become unfit to compete.
- Do not follow the conditions of selection or break any of rules of UK Athletics.

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6.APPEALS

There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the GB&NI Team made by the Selection 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 50km European Championships.

7. 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.