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Overview

This selection policy (“the Policy”) outlines the selection process for the team to represent Great Britain & NI at the 2022 World Athletics Championships.

British Athletics’ objective for these championships is to optimise medal success and the percentage of athletes progressing through rounds to reach finals. Therefore, British Athletics intends to select a team for Oregon 2022 with the following aims (in priority order):

1. Maximise medal success at the 2022 World Athletics Championships;
2. To maximise individual top 8 placings at the 2022 World Athletics Championships;
3. To maximise the percentage of the team who progress through the rounds (or equivalent performance) at the 2022 World Championships.

The **British Athletics Championships** (“the Trials”) will take place on 25-26 June 2022 at Sportcity, Manchester and will be the track and field trial for the 2022 World Athletics Championships. Full details on all the other Trials events can be found in section 2 of this Policy (see paragraphs 2.1 to 2.5).

In this Selection Policy, the below terms have the following meanings:

“**World Athletics Qualification Standard**” means the relevant event standard set out at paragraph 2.7 below, which must be achieved within the period set out at 2.6 below and within the Performance Conditions set out at paragraphs 2.8 – 2.17 below.

SECTION 1: SELECTION PROCESS

Eligibility

- 1.1. To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following:
 - a. Compete in the event in which they wish to be selected at the Trials with the following exceptions:
 - i. Athletes in 10,000m, 20km RW, 35km RW and Marathon events; and
 - ii. Athletes who want to double up at the 2022 World Athletics Championships do not have to compete in their second event at the Trials. Athletes must inform British Athletics in writing prior to the day of the selection meeting of their desire to double up and in which events. British Athletics will consider any athlete’s second event as a discretionary selection in Round 2 as described in paragraph 1.20; and

- iii. Combined event athletes must compete in the Trials in at least one individual event if they do not compete in the Heptathlon/Decathlon, if such events are offered at Trials.

Note 1: There will be no 35km RW at the Trials. Athletes aiming for selection in the other events specified in paragraph 1.1(a)(i) (10,000m, 20km RW and Marathon) should note that they are not mandated to compete at the designated Trials events listed at paragraphs 2.2 – 2.5 in order to be eligible. However, athletes who choose not to compete in the relevant Trial event accept that they will not be considered for automatic selection at Round 1 (see paragraph 1.16 and 1.17, which provides the opportunity for selection of the first placed eligible athlete in the Marathon, and the first two placed eligible athletes in each individual Trials event). Their selection will therefore be considered at future selection Rounds in accordance with the criteria set out below.

Note 2: For the avoidance of doubt athletes seeking selection for the relay must compete at the Trials.

- 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 20 years or older at 31 December 2022 (i.e. born in 2002 or earlier) to be considered for nomination in the marathon; and
 - iii. 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, and men's hammer.
- g. have achieved at least one World Athletics Qualification Standard in accordance with paragraphs 2.6 – 2.7 or achieved a World Ranking position within the top 32 (top 27 for 10,000m and top 24 for combined events) of the [World Athletics qualification lists](#) in their event;
- 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 2021/22 season will be published in due course.

- 1.2 Subject to paragraphs 1.1(a)(i) and (ii), athletes who do not compete at the Trials will only be considered for selection in their chosen event if:
 - a. The Olympic Head Coach and British Athletics' Lead Doctor confirm in writing, that in their opinion, the athlete was prevented by injury or illness from competing; or
 - b. In the opinion of the Olympic Head Coach, there are exceptional circumstances which justify the athlete's failure to compete at the Trials.
- 1.3 To ensure 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 Lead Doctor (see contact details below) in the week prior to the Trials **OR** they must attend the Trials (regardless of home location) to be examined by the British Athletics Lead Doctor. Illness that occurs earlier than the day before the first day of the Trials must also be evidenced by a medical note from a GP, emergency doctor or British Athletics medical professional in order for that athlete to remain eligible for selection. Athletes who fail to satisfy either requirement will not be considered for selection (unless Note 4 applies).
- 1.4 Where athletes suffer illness the day before or on the day of the Trials, they must contact the Olympic Head Coach or the British Athletics Lead Doctor as soon as possible prior to the commencement of the relevant Trials event. The Olympic Head Coach and British Athletics Lead Doctor at their discretion will determine whether, on the basis of the evidence available to them and information provided by the athlete, to accept their non-attendance at the Trials (enabling them to remain eligible for selection).

Selection meetings and process

- 1.5 The selection meeting for marathon athletes will take place on **7 March 2022**.
- 1.6 The selection meeting for 35km Race Walk athletes will take place on **1 June 2022**.
- 1.7 The selection meeting for the remaining team will take place on **27 June 2022**.
- 1.8 The athletes selected will be announced as soon as possible after the relevant selection meeting.
- 1.9 The Selection Panel ("the Panel") shall comprise as follows:
 - a. Voting members for all selection meetings:
 - i. British Athletics' Olympic Head Coach;
 - ii. British Athletics Olympic Team Leader
 - iii. British Athletics' Head of Performance; and
 - iv. Named 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. British Athletics Athletes' Commission Representative (if available);
- iv. Medical representative;
- v. Note-takers etc. as required; and
- vi. Others as considered necessary by the Chairperson on recommendation of the Head of Performance, which may include a statistician and media representative.

1.10 Decisions of the Selection Panel shall be based on a simple majority.

1.11 In the event of an actual, potential or possible conflict relating to any selector, the actual, potential or possible conflict shall be reported to the Chairperson of the selection meeting who shall determine whether the selector in question should be permitted to take part in relation to any selection decision(s). The Chairperson may appoint an alternative selector if necessary.

1.12 Selections will be subject to the maximum entries as permitted by World Athletics. A maximum of 3 athletes can compete per event with the following exceptions:

- a. Relay teams – up to 6 relay athletes (including selected individual 100m and 400m athletes) may be entered into each relay team. Any other athlete who is selected in any event may then be able to participate in the relay event in addition to the 6 entered;
- b. 2019 World Athletics Champions and 2021 Diamond League Champions will be invited to participate as a Wildcard, in the same event at the 2022 World Athletics Championships, in addition to the maximum of 3 athletes per event.

1.13 For clarification, in the events where Great Britain and Northern Ireland has a 2019 World Athletics Champion (W 200m & W Heptathlon) or 2021 Diamond League Champion (W 800m), British Athletics are able to enter these athletes as a Wildcard, in addition to the 3 athletes per event.

1.14 Relay teams can qualify for the 2022 World Athletics Championships in one of two ways:

- a. Placing in the first 10 (12 in the mixed relay) teams at the 2021 World Relays; and
- b. The top 6 (4 in the mixed relay) best ranked relay teams at the end of the qualification period will fill the remaining places.

World Athletics will identify the teams qualified by virtue of their position in the World Athletics Top Lists, according to the best performances in the whole qualification period.

Round 1 – Individual automatic selections:

This Selection Round applies to all events where Trials have taken place or where there are reigning 2021 Diamond League Champions or 2019 World Athletics Champions. This round does not apply to the 35km RW, Heptathlon or Decathlon.

- 1.15 Athletes who are 2019 World Athletics Champions or 2021 Diamond League Champions will be automatically selected for the event in which they are the reigning Champion.
- 1.16 The winner of the Marathon Trial will automatically be selected for the marathon, provided that the athlete has achieved **at least one World Athletics Qualification Standard**.
- 1.17 The first two placed eligible athletes in all other individual Trial events will be automatically selected for the same event, provided that the athlete has achieved **at least one World Athletics Qualification Standard**.
- 1.18 In the event of a dead-heat or tie at any of the Trial events (resulting in more than 2 athletes 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, achieved within the qualification periods set out in paragraph 2.6 below and within the Performance Conditions set out in paragraphs 2.8-2.17 below, will gain the automatic selection.
 - b. In field events, a jump/throw-off will be arranged (either at the Trials or on a later date, decided by the Head of Performance/Head Coach following consultation 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 who did not refuse.
- 1.19 Should any of the athletes automatically selected from the relevant Trials events be unable or unwilling to take up their place(s), their round 1 place(s) will not be offered by default to the next best placed eligible athlete(s) from the relevant Trials event.

Round 2 – Remaining eligible individual selections via World Athletics Qualification Standard:

This round applies to all remaining athletes for individual events who have achieved a World Athletics Qualification Standard.

- 1.20 During the selection meetings, the Panel will select all eligible athletes who satisfy the following:
- a. Achieving at least one World Athletics Qualification Standard by the end of the qualification period; and
 - b. Demonstrating, to the satisfaction of the Panel, current form which indicates they are capable of performing at the 2022 World Championships, at a level which satisfies the aims of the policy.
- 1.21 If more athletes satisfy the criteria outlined in paragraph 1.20 above than there are places available, athletes will be selected at the discretion of the Panel based on the Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria, as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant. The criteria below are not listed in any priority order:
- i. The number of World Athletics Qualification Standards achieved in accordance with Section 2 of this policy;
 - ii. 2022 Season's Best;

- iii. 2022 World ranking;
- iv. Performance at the Trials;
- v. Current form and performance consistency;
- vi. Future individual medal potential at major events;
- vii. Head-to-heads within the qualification period;
- viii. Previous major competition history;
- ix. Injury/illness status; and
- x. Impact on medal winning potential in relay teams.

1.22 The Panel may choose to select an athlete in an individual event to improve chances of success in the relevant relay team.

1.23 Current form will be indicated by performances between 1 May 2022 – 26 June 2022 for all events with the exception of the Marathon, 20km Race Walk and 35km Race Walk events, which will take into account performances from 1 October 2021 until the relevant selection meeting for each event.

1.24 In making its selection decisions, the Panel may give what they consider to be appropriate weight to any of the factors in paragraph 1.21 above.

Round 3 – Qualification via World Ranking:

1.25 Following the end of the World Athletics qualification period on 26 June 2022, in order to fill any remaining quota places in each event, World Athletics will publish a [list](#) of athletes who have not achieved a World Athletics Qualification Standard for the relevant event within the qualification period, but who will be eligible for entry as a result of their World Ranking.

1.26 British Athletics will select athletes in this round in the events where athletes hold a World Ranking position within the top 32 of the [World Athletics qualification list](#) (top 27 for 10,000m and top 24 for combined events). Athletes who have a World Ranking position outside the top 32 on the World Athletics qualification list will not be selected. The Panel will aim to fill all remaining places on the team, subject to eligible athletes satisfying the following:

- a. Achieving a World Ranking position within the top 32 (top 27 for 10,000m and top 24 for combined events) of the [World Athletics qualification lists](#) in their event; and
- b. Demonstrating, to the satisfaction of the Panel, current form (1 May 2022 – 26 June 2022) which suggests they are capable of performing at the 2022 World Championships, at a level which satisfies the aims of the policy.

1.27 If more athletes satisfy the criteria outlined in paragraph 1.26 above than there are places available, athletes will be selected based on the Panel's discretion following consideration of any combination of the following criteria, as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant. The criteria below are not listed in any priority order:

- i. 2022 Season's Best;
- ii. 2022 World ranking;
- iii. Performance at the trials;
- iv. Current form (as defined in 1.23) and performance consistency;
- v. Future individual medal potential at major events;
- vi. Head-to-heads within the qualification period;
- vii. Previous major competition history; and
- viii. Injury/illness status.

1.28 In making its selection decisions, the Panel may give what they consider to be appropriate weight to any of the factors in paragraph 1.27 above.

Round 4 – Relays:

This Round applies to relay events only.

1.29 A team will be selected for each relay team (men's 4x100m, women's 4x100m, men's 4x400m, women's 4x400m and mixed 4x400m) subject to the following:

- a. Each relay team must qualify for the 2022 World Athletics Championships in accordance with World Athletics entry rules outlined in paragraph 1.14 above;
- b. Each relay team must, in the Panel's opinion, have the genuine potential to achieve a medal at the 2022 World Athletics Championships (taking into account the event timetable, athletes selected in individual events and/or other relay events). For clarification, the Panel may choose to prioritise one relay team over another i.e. the mixed relay team above the men's or women's 4x400m relay team, to maximise the chance of medal success at the 2022 World Athletics Championships. Athletes will be selected in this round based on the discretion of the Panel following the Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria, as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant. The criteria below are not listed in any priority order:
 - i. Engagement with the British Athletics relay programme(s) in 2021 and 2022;
 - ii. Current form (1st May 2022 – 26th June July 2022);
 - iii. Technical relay skills;
 - iv. Head-to-heads within the qualification period;
 - v. Previous major competition history;
 - vi. Injury/illness status;

- vii. Impact of individual event selection on ability to perform optimally in the relay; and
- viii. Potential to become a key relay runner at future major global championships.

1.30 In making their selection decisions, the Panel may give what they consider to be appropriate weight to any of the factors in paragraph 1.29 above.

1.31 Athletes selected only for the relay do not need to have achieved an individual Qualification Standard.

Reserves

1.32 The Panel may select and enter one additional reserve for any event, at the end of Rounds 2, 3, and 4, provided any such reserve athletes have achieved the criteria outlined in each of these rounds. If more athletes satisfy the criteria than there are places available, reserve athletes will be named based on the Panel's consideration of paragraphs 1.20, 1.27 or 1.29.

SECTION 2: PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Trials

2.1 For the purposes of all events other than those specified in paragraphs 2.2 - 2.5 below, the use of the word "Trial" or "Trials" in this Policy shall mean the **British Athletics Championships**, which will take place on 25 – 26 June 2022.

2.2 **Marathon** – the official Trial will be The London Marathon on 3 October 2021.

2.3 **10,000m** – the official Trial will be the A races at the British Athletics 10,000m Championships at Highgate, London on 14 May 2022. For details contact championships@britishathletics.org.uk.

2.4 **20km Race Walk** – the official Trial will be at the British Athletics Championships in Leeds on 30th April. For further details contact Ian Richards i.richards@leedsbeckett.ac.uk.

2.5 For the avoidance of doubt there will be no trial for the 35km Race Walk or Heptathlon/Decathlon.

World Athletics Qualification Standards

2.6 Except for athletes who are under consideration for selection in Round 3 and 4 (see paragraphs 1.25 and 1.29), all athletes must achieve World Athletics Qualification Standard(s) for the event(s) which they seek selection within the following qualification periods:

- a. For Marathon - between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2021 and 23:59 (BST) 6 March 2022.
- b. For 35km Race Walks - between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2021 and 23:59 (BST) 29 May 2022.

- c. For 10,000m, 20km Race Walks and Combined Events - between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2021 and 23:59 (BST) 26 June 2022.
- d. For all other events – between 00:00 (GMT) 28 June 2021 and 23:59 (BST) 26 June 2022.

2.7 The World Athletics Qualification Standards are as follows:

Men	Event	Women
10.05	100m	11.15
20.24	200m	22.80
44.90	400m	51.35
1:45.20	800m	1:59.50
3:35.00	1500m	4:04.20
13:13.50	5000m	15:10.00
27:28.00	10,000m	31:25.00
8:22.00	3,000m SC	9:30.00
13.32	110/100mH	12.84
48.90	400mH	55.40
2:11.30	Marathon	2:29.30
1:21.00	20km Race Walk	1:32.15
2:33.00 3:50.00 (50km)	35km Race Walk	2:54.00 4:25.00 (50km)
2.33	HJ	1.96
5.80	PV	4.70
8.22	LJ	6.82
17.14	TJ	14.32
21.10	SP	18.50
66.00	DT	63.50
77.50	HT	72.50
85.00	JT	64.00
8350	CE	6420

Performance conditions relating to qualification standards

- 2.8 Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the 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.
- 2.9 UK domestic competition performances will only be recognised if they are achieved in a UKA Level 2 Licence competition (see www.uka.org.uk/competitions/fixtures/ for details on the UKA competition licences).
- 2.10 Marathon qualification performances must be achieved on World Athletics accredited courses (as listed on the World Athletics website).

- 2.11 Performances achieved in the same individual event in a single day where that event is not an official Championship of UK national level or higher will only count as follows:
- a. In track events, only the fastest legal result of the day;
 - b. In throwing events, only the best performance of the first competition of the day;
 - c. In horizontal jumps, only the best performance of the first competition of the day, unless every mark achieved by the athlete was wind-assisted in which case the best jump in a second competition held under non-wind-assisted conditions will count.
- 2.12 Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants, held completely in a stadium, shall not be accepted.
- 2.13 Wind-assisted performances (or performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available) for events held completely in a stadium will not be accepted. For combined events, the conditions set in World Athletics Rule 149.3 (or any revised or amended rule relating to wind readings in combined events in force at the time) will be applied for qualification purposes. This requires that at least one of these conditions be met:
- a. The wind velocity in any individual event shall not exceed plus 4 metres per second;
 - b. The average wind velocity (based on the algebraic sum of the wind velocities, as measured for each individual event, divided by the number of such events) shall not exceed plus 2 m/s.
- 2.14 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m hurdles and 400m hurdles performances at altitudes of above 950m will not be accepted.
- 2.15 Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110/100m hurdles, 400m hurdles and 4x100m relay will not be accepted.
- 2.16 Indoor performances for all field events and all track events of 400m and longer will be accepted.
- 2.17 For indoor track events, performances achieved on oversized tracks will not be accepted.

Section 3 – De-selection

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 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.

SECTION 4: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Appeals

- 4.1 Athletes may appeal their non-selection, but only after the relevant final selection date and only according to the procedure laid out in the “British Athletics Selection Fast Appeals Policy” which can be found on the British Athletics website and which is subject to change. Athletes wishing to seek advice regarding the appeals process (including the validity of any procedure itself) are advised to contact the UK Athletics Athletes’ Commission at www.uka.org.uk/governance/uk-athletics-athletes-commission/.

Amendment

- 4.2 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.

Governing law

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

Jurisdiction

- 4.4 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.

COVID-19

- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 Considering the global pandemic, British Athletics can amend this policy at its discretion as per clause 4.2 and will endeavour to select the strongest team possible based on the information available.

Contacts

- 4.7 Contact details are as follows;

- Any queries regarding the 10,000m and 20km Race Walk trial please contact championships@britishathletics.org.uk;
- For any Olympic Head Coach queries please contact Christian Malcolm cmalcolm@britishathletics.org.uk
- For any Olympic Team Leader queries please contact Paula Dunn pdunn@britishathletics.org.uk
- Any queries regarding fitness to compete at the Trials please contact British Athletics Lead Doctor Dr James Brown jbrown@britishathletics.org.uk;
- All other enquires can be sent Charlie Burn cburn@britishathletics.org.uk who will direct the query appropriately.