

World Para Athletics Grand Prix Italian Open 2022 Selection Policy **Jesolo, Venice from 6-8 May 2022**

The World Para Athletics Grand Prix series offers a high level of international competition which can provide developing para-athletes valuable experience of competing overseas within a team environment.

British Athletics intend to select a small number of junior athletes to compete at the 2022 WPA Italian Grand Prix as an elite competition opportunity for development para-athletes whose performances demonstrate they are on track to win international medals in the future.

This competition opportunity replaces the cancellation of the 2021 WPA World Junior Championships and the 2022 Manchester International and will be reviewed annually dependent upon other international competition opportunities for junior para-athletes.

Eligibility

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) be born in 2003, 2004, 2005 or 2006 and competing in the U20 or U17 age groups. Except for the following:
 - i. In exceptional circumstances athletes who compete in the U15 age group and are 15 years old at 31 December 2022 (i.e. born in 2007), may be considered for discretionary selections by the Pathway Manager.
- c) Hold a British Athletics National Classification
- d) Hold an active World Para Athletics License, valid for the 2022 calendar year
- e) 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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/>.

Selection will take place on **Wednesday 6th April 2022**. The voting panel members will be made up of representatives of each event group as nominated by the Paralympic Pathway Manager, based on their knowledge and expertise. The panel will also include a non-voting independent observer and a member of the Athlete's Commission.

Selection criteria:

The team will be selected using the following criteria, which are not listed in any priority order:

- a) Highly World ranked individual athletes across all Paris 2024 Paralympic Games medal events
- b) Athletes who are displaying year-on-year progression and tracking towards selection for Paralympic Futures or senior GB&NI teams within the next 2 years
- c) Performances achieved from 1st January 2022
- d) Performances from 2021 outdoor season
- e) Current form and fitness

There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the British Athletics Team made by the Selection Panel. British Athletics reserves the right to amend this policy at its sole discretion.