

**2022 European 10,000m Cup – 28 May 2022
Pacé, France**

Selection Policy – Published January 2022

Overview

British Athletics intends to select full men’s and women’s teams for the 2022 European 10,000m Cup with the following two aims in mind:

- Select the best team possible to achieve the best GB & NI team result;
- Provide opportunities for athletes on the pathway to GB & NI representation at future major championships.

The Official Trial (“the Trial”), will take place at the Night of the 10,000m PB’s meeting at Parliament Hill on Saturday 14 May 2022. It is not mandatory to compete at the Trial, however athletes can only guarantee selection by competing. Athletes seeking selection but not competing at the Trials should submit an expression of interest by **Friday 13 May 2022**. An individual expression of interest form can be found [here](#).

British Athletics will plan travel arrangements to mitigate risk to COVID-19.

Final selection will be at the discretion of the Head of Performance, Olympic Head Coach and selectors. All questions related to the selection policy should be directed to Lorna Dwyer (ldwyer@britishathletics.org.uk).

Eligibility

1. 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. have achieved a relevant British Athletics qualification standard within the qualification period;
 - c. Hold a valid certificate for the European Athletics Anti-Doping Education Programme – ‘I Run Clean’; and
 - d. 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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/>

Qualification

2. The British Athletics qualification standards for athletes are as follows:

Men	Event	Women
13:45.00	5,000m	15:45:00
28:45.00	10,000m	32:45.00
1:02:00	Half Marathon	1:12:00
2:13:00	Marathon	2:32:00

3. Qualification performances must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2021 and 23:59 (BST) 15 May 2022*.

**For qualification performances achieved prior to 1 January 2022, demonstration of form and fitness will be required (to the reasonable satisfaction of the Team Leader and/or Head Coach.)*

***For the avoidance of doubt 5k & 10k road races will not be accepted as a qualification standard.*

Selection process

4. The team will be selected on **Monday 16 May 2022**.
5. The voting panel members will be comprised of the Team Leader, British Athletics Olympic Head Coach and Head of Performance. The Panel will also include an Athletes Commission member and/or a non-voting independent observer.
6. The final team will be announced on Tuesday 17 May 2022.
7. As per European Athletics regulations, up to six athletes can be selected in each of the men's and women's races, with three to score.
8. Round 1 – automatic selections
 - a. The first three placed athletes at the Trials will be automatically selected for each of the men's and women's events, provided they have achieved a British Athletics qualification standard during the qualification period.
 - b. Should any of the first three placed athletes at the Trials be ineligible and/or decline their selection, their automatic selection will be offered to the next best placed athlete(s) at the Trials (provided they have achieved a British Athletics qualification standard during the qualification period) until the 3 automatic spots per event are filled.
9. Round 2 – all remaining eligible athletes
 - a. The panel will aim to fill the remaining 3 places in each team by selecting all eligible athletes who satisfy the following:
 - i. Achieved a British Athletics qualification standard during the qualification period;
 - ii. Demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Panel, current form which indicates they are capable of performing at the 2022 European 10,000m Cup at a level which satisfies the aims of this policy.
 - b. If more athletes achieve a BA qualification standard during the qualification period 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. Current form and fitness (2022 performances);
 - ii. Number of standards achieved within the qualification period;
 - iii. 2022 UK ranking (where relevant); and
 - iv. Competition history up to and including 15 May 2022.
 - v. Head to heads within the qualification period.

10. The Panel may select and enter two additional non-travelling reserve athletes for each team using the criteria which are outlined in paragraph 9.

Conditions

11. Half marathon and marathon qualification times must be achieved on a World Athletics certified course.
12. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants held solely in a stadium will not be accepted.

Appeals

13. There will be no right of appeal to the selection of the GB&NI Team made by the Selection Panel. The provisions of the “British Athletics Selection Appeals Policy” does not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2021 European Cup 10,000m.

Amendment

14. 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

15. 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 European Athletics in order to compete.
16. Considering the global pandemic, British Athletics can amend this policy at its discretion as per clause 14. and will endeavour to select the strongest team possible based on the information available.