



**2023 European Athletics Indoor Championships: 2 – 5 March 2023
Istanbul, Turkey**

Selection Policy – Published December 2022

OVERVIEW

This selection policy describes the process for the selection of team members to represent Great Britain & Northern Ireland at the 2023 European Indoor Championships.

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UK Athletics aims to maximise the number of medals won, whilst also providing a development opportunity for athletes capable of finishing in the top eight (8).

TRIALS

1. The **UK Athletics Indoor Championships** (“the Trials”) will take place on 18 – 19 February 2023 at the Utilita Arena, Birmingham and will be the indoor track and field trial for the 2023 European Athletics Indoor Championships. Attendance at Trials is compulsory for all athletes wishing to be considered for selection. In the event of illness/injury meaning they are unable to compete at Trials, athletes should carefully note the provisions in Appendix 1. If these provisions are not complied with, an exemption for non-attendance at Trials will not be granted.

SELECTION MEETING

2. The selection meeting will start on 18 February 2023 and conclude on the 19 February 2023.
3. Selection will be subject to the maximum entries as permitted by European Athletics (EA) as follows:
 - a. A maximum of three (3) athletes can compete in individual events:
 - b. In the 4 x 400m relay, up to six (6) athletes may be selected, which must include athletes selected for the individual 400m. Any other athlete who is selected in any event may then be able to participate in the relay event in addition to the six (6) entered.

SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY FOR CONSIDERATION FOR SELECTION

4. To be eligible for consideration for selection, athletes must comply with requirements 1-3 below:

Requirement 1 (Eligibility Criteria):	Meet the Eligibility Criteria, as set out in Appendix 1 – Eligibility Criteria, below.
Requirement 2 (Qualification Standard):	A. Achieve a European Athletics Qualification Standard in the correct period (as set out in paragraphs 6-8 below). OR B. Receive a European Athletics Invite by virtue of World Ranking <u>and</u> achieve a UKA Indoor Consideration Standard in the correct period (as set out in paragraphs 9-11 below).
Requirement 3 (Current Form):	Show Current Form, as set out in paragraphs 12-14 below.

Requirement 1: Eligibility Criteria

5. To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the Eligibility Criteria set out in Appendix 1 – Eligibility Criteria.

Requirement 2: Qualification Standard

A. European Athletics Qualification Standard

6. The European Athletics Standard for each event is as follows:

Men		Event	Women	
Indoor	Outdoor		Indoor	Outdoor
6.63	10.08	60m	7.24	11.10
46.35	45.15	400m	52.20	50.80
1:46.75	1:44.70	800m	2:02.20	1:59.00
3:37.40	3:32.80	1500m	4:09.00	4:02.50
7.64	13.30 – 110mH	60mH	8.03	12.90 – 100mH
7:44.00	7:37.00	3000m	8:48.00	8:39.00
Top 6 ranked team		4x400m	Top 6 ranked team	
2.30		HJ	1.96	
5.82		PV	4.70	
8.12		LJ	6.75	
17.02		TJ	14.32	
21.20		SP	18.60	
6140	8400	Hep/Pen	4580	6650

7. The European Athletics Qualification Standard must be achieved in the following period:
a. For Combined Events: 18 months from 20 August 2021 to midnight 19 February 2023.

- b. For all other events; 12 months from 20 February 2022 to midnight 19 February 2023
8. The European Athletics Qualification Standard must be achieved in accordance with the Performance Conditions at paragraphs 21-28.

B. Invite by virtue of World Ranking and achievement of a UKA Indoor Consideration Standard

9. In relation to athletes who receive a European Athletics Invite by virtue of World Ranking, they will be eligible for consideration for selection if they achieve a UKA Indoor Consideration Standard in their event. These are:

Men	Event	Women
6.63	60m	7.24
46.35	400m	52.20
1:46.75	800m	2:02.20
3:37.40	1500m	4:09.00
7.64	60mH	8.03
07:50.80	3000m	08:57.90
2.26	HJ	1.92
5.70	PV	4.55
7.91	LJ	6.62
16.67	TJ	13.97
20.58	SP	17.92
5945 (Outdoor: 7880)	Hep/Pen	4460 (Outdoor: 6150)

10. UKA Indoor Consideration Standards must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2023 and 17:30 (GMT) 19 February 2023. Combined Events athletes must achieve the UKA Indoor Consideration Standard in the period 20 February 2022 to 19 February 2023.
11. The UKA Indoor Consideration Standards must be achieved in accordance with the Performance Conditions at paragraphs 21-28.

Requirement 3: Current Form

12. Other than in relation to combined events, all athletes must additionally show current form by achieving the UKA Indoor Consideration Standard in the period 1 January 2023 to 19 February 2023.
13. In distance events the UKA Indoor Consideration Standard can be achieved in a relevant alternative discipline (as agreed by WCP Endurance Performance Manager and Technical Director)
14. Combined Events athletes must show current form (as decided by the Head of Field & Combined Events and Technical Director) in at least two (2) individual disciplines during the period from 1 January 2023 to 19 February 2023.

Eligible Athletes

15. Athletes who achieve Requirements 1, 2 and 3 will be eligible for consideration for selection (“Eligible Athletes”). Other athletes will not be eligible for consideration for selection.

SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS

Selection Rounds

The Selection Panel will select athletes in four (4) rounds. Rounds 1-3 apply to individual events only.

16. Round 1 – top two (2) at the Trials:

- a. The top two (2) athletes in each individual Trials event will be selected for the same event provided that they are Eligible Athletes with the European Athletics Qualification Standard.
- b. In the event of a dead heat or tie for first place at the Trials involving two Eligible Athletes with the European Athletics Qualification Standard, both will be selected.
- c. In the event of a dead heat or tie for first place involving three or more Eligible Athletes with the European Athletics Qualification Standard, all athletes will be considered in Round 2.
- d. In the event of a dead heat or tie for second place at the Trials involving two Eligible Athletes with the European Athletics Qualification Standard, both athletes will be considered in round 2.
- e. Should either of the first two finishers at the Trials not be eligible for selection (or decline selection), their place will not be offered by default to the next best Eligible Athlete.

17. Round 2 – Remaining Eligible Athletes with a European Athletics Qualification Standard

- a. 2022 World Championship and 2021 Olympic Games Individual Medallists who have included the European Indoor Championships as part of their 2023 competition plan will be selected provided that they are an Eligible Athlete with the European Athletics Qualification standard. If there are more athletes than places remaining the Selection Panel will select at their discretion considering a combination of the criteria in paragraph 17.c, which are not listed in priority order and may be given unequal weight and/or disregarded.
- b. If there are places remaining, the Selection Panel will select remaining Eligible Athletes who have a European Athletics Qualification Standard.
- c. If there are more Eligible Athletes with a European Athletics Qualification Standard than there are place available, athletes will be selected based on the Selection Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria. The criteria below are not listed in any priority order. Criteria may be given unequal weight and may be disregarded:
 - i. Performance at Trials;
 - ii. Current form;
 - iii. Future individual medal potential at major events;
 - iv. Head to heads, with the relevant qualification period;
 - v. Previous Championship performance history;
 - vi. Injury/illness status
 - vii. Position at the relevant Trials;
 - viii. Any other factors the Selection Panel deem relevant.
- d. During this round, the Selection Panel may select non-travelling reserves for any event, provided the athlete is an Eligible Athlete with a European Athletics Qualification Standard.

18. Round 3 – This round applies only to the 3000m, Field & Combined Events

- a. If places are still available after round 2 the Selection Panel will consider Eligible Athletes who have not achieved the European Athletics Qualification Standard but have achieved the UKA Indoor Consideration Standard and will receive an invite by virtue of the World Ranking position.
- b. Following the end of the European Athletics qualification period on 19 February, in order to fill any remaining quota places in each event, EA will publish a list of athletes who have not achieved an European Athletics Qualification Standard for the relevant event within the qualification period but who are eligible for an invite by virtue of their World Ranking position.
- c. UK Athletics will only consider selecting athletes in this round in the events where the target field size is 24 or less (3,000m, Field & Combined Events).
- d. The Selection Panel will aim to fill all remaining places with remaining Eligible Athletes.
- e. If more athletes satisfy the criteria above than there are places available, athletes will be selected based on the Selection Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria. The criteria below are not listed in any priority order. Criteria may be given unequal weight and may be disregarded:
 - i. Performance at Trials;
 - ii. Current form;
 - iii. Future individual medal potential at major events;
 - iv. Head to heads, with the relevant qualification period;
 - v. Previous Championship performance history;
 - vi. Injury/illness status
 - vii. Position at the relevant Trials;
 - viii. Any other factors the Selection Panel deem relevant.
- f. During this round, the Selection Panel may select non-travelling reserves for 3000m, field events and Combined Events provided the athlete is an Eligible Athlete.

19. Round 4 – Relay

- a. Provided UK Athletics have qualified a team for a relay event, up to six (6) athletes will be selected for that relay event. In the men's and women's 4 x 400m relay the six (6) selected athletes must include those already selected in the individual 400m. Athletes will be selected based on a number factors, including (but not limited to) the following criteria which are not listed in any priority order. Criteria may be given unequal weight and may be disregarded:
 - i. Performance at Trials;
 - ii. Current form;
 - iii. Head-to-heads;
 - iv. Previous major competition history;
 - v. Injury/illness status;
 - vi. Previous engagement and Performance with the UK Athletics relay programme(s) in 2022 and 2023 and
 - vii. Future relay team potential;
 - viii. Technical relay skills; and
 - ix. Impact on the medal winning potential of the relay team.

- b. Athletes selected for the relay do not need to have achieved the UKA Indoor Consideration Standard but they must have competed at the Trials.
20. In relation to selections for places where athletes are compared (see paragraphs 17, 18 and 19), and athletes considered have suffered from illness/injury, the Selection Panel may take their injury/illness into account as a reason not to select the athlete and there is no obligation on the Selection Panel take into account illness/injury as an exemption from the requirement to perform in the case of an athlete whose performances may have suffered due to illness/injury.

SECTION 2: PERFORMANCE CONDITIONS

21. Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by 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.
22. UK domestic track and field performances will only be certified by UK Athletics if they are achieved in a UK Athletics Level 2 Permit competition or higher, or in an Area or County Championship (see <https://www.uka.org.uk/competitions/track-field-licensing/> for details on the UK Athletics competition permits).
23. Multiple performances achieved in the same individual event in a single day will only count as follows:
- In a track event - at an official Championship of UK national level or higher; and
 - In a field event - only the best mark in the final and best mark in the pool.
24. Performances otherwise achieved in the same individual event in a single day will count as follows:
- In track events - only the fastest legal result of the day;
 - In throwing events - only the best trial of the first competition of the day; and
 - In horizontal jumps - only the best trial of the first competition of the day, unless every mark achieved by the athlete was windy in which case a second competition held under safer conditions will count.
25. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants shall not be accepted.
26. 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:
- The wind velocity in any individual event shall not exceed plus 4 metres per second;
 - 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.

27. Hand-timed performances in 60m, 100m, 400m, 60m Hurdles, and 100m/110m Hurdles will not be accepted.
28. For the running events of 400m and over, performances achieved on oversized tracks will NOT be accepted.

SECTION 3: SELECTION PANEL

29. The Selection Panel shall comprise as follows:
- a. Voting Members:
 - i. Technical Director;
 - ii. The relevant event group lead (the WCP Endurance Performance Manager; Head of Sprints & Relays or WCP Head of Field and Combined Events), and;
 - iii. The specialist event coach for the athlete's event, as nominated by the Technical Director. Event coaches will include horizontal jumps, vertical jumps, throws, endurance, sprints and relays.
 - b. Non-voting members:
 - i. Chairperson;
 - ii. Independent Observer;
 - iii. UK Athletics Athlete Commission Member;
 - iv. UK Athletics Medical Representative;
 - v. Media representative;
 - vi. Note taker(s); and
 - vii. Any other person invited by the Technical Director.
30. The team will be announced on **Wednesday 22nd February 2023.**

SECTION 4: DE-SELECTION

31. Following selection, an athlete may be de-selected by the Selection Panel or UK 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 UK 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 UK Athletics policy including but not limited to the Relay Plan;
 - f. UK Athletics reasonably considering that the athlete will be unable to perform at the level required or expected due to any reason including loss of form or failure to recover fully or as expected from injury or illness; or
 - g. failure to opt-in to team training or events.

In the event of de-selection, the Selection Panel will meet again to decide on a replacement athlete. In the event there is not time for the Selection Panel to meet, the decision will be taken by the Technical Director and Head of Performance, with the decision of the Technical Director being final in the event of disagreement.

SECTION 5: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Appeals

32. Athletes may appeal their non-selection, but only after the relevant final selection date and according to the procedure laid out in the “UK Athletics Selection Fast Appeals Procedure” which can be found on the UK 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/.

33. All athletes wishing to be selected pursuant to this Selection Policy agree, as a condition of consideration for selection, that the UK Athletics Selection Fast Appeals Procedure is to be treated as an arbitration procedure under Part 1 of the Arbitration Act 1996 (the “Act”) and amounts to a binding arbitration agreement for the purposes of section 6 of the Act. The seat of the Arbitration shall be England and the Procedure shall be governed by English law.

34. The Relevant Timeline (as defined in the UK Athletics Selection Fast Appeals Procedure) is:

Action	Date & Time
Eligible Athletes to be contacted regarding selection status	By 9am Monday 20 February
Athlete request notes from selection meeting	By 11am Monday 20 February
UK Athletics to supply notes	As soon as possible, before 1pm, 20 February
Athlete to submit Notice of Appeal	By 5pm Monday 20 February
Third parties to submit additional documents (only if requested by the Appeal Panel)	By 12 noon Tuesday 21 February
UK Athletics to submit Chairperson’s Statement	By 12 noon Tuesday 21 February
Appeal Panel Hearing	Tuesday 21 February
Outcome communication to Athlete & UK Athletics	As soon as possible on Tuesday 21 February
Entry Deadline	Wednesday 22 February

Amendment

35. UK Athletics reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy at any time in 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

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

Jurisdiction

37. 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 Sports Resolutions (UK) Limited and subject to the procedural control of the English Courts

COVID-19

38. At the time of publication, UK Athletics does not expect the Championships to be run under Covid protocols.

39. Considering the global pandemic, if the situation changes, UK Athletics can amend this policy at its discretion and will endeavour to select the strongest team possible based on the information available.

Contacts

40. Contact details are as follows:

- For any Team Leader queries please contact Stephen Maguire smaguire@britishathletics.org.uk;
- Any queries regarding fitness to compete at the Trials please contact UK Athletics Lead Doctor Dr James Brown jbrown@britishathletics.org.uk;
- If you have any other queries, please contact Lorna Dwyer ldwyer@britishathletics.org.uk.

APPENDIX 1 – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- a. Compete in the Trials in the event in which they wish to be considered for selection at the 2023 European Athletics Indoor Championships (except for combined events and 2022 World Championships medallists who can compete in a relevant event to the event they wish to be selected for). Athletes aiming to gain selection for the 4x400m relay teams must also compete at the Trials. Athletes unable to compete at Trials should see notes 1-3 below. The Technical Director, in his absolute discretion, may grant an athlete permission to compete in a different discipline at the Trials to that in which they wish to be selected).
- b. Be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder);
- 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. Meet the standards and behaviour expected by UK Athletics, as published from time to time, including in the International Athletes Code of Conduct;
- e. Be registered as a member with the relevant Home Country Athletics Federation (HCAF), directly or through a club;
- f. Be 16 years or older at 31 December 2023 (i.e. born in 2007 or earlier), with the exception of men's shot put (see point 1.g.);
- g. Be 18 years or older at 31 December 2023 (i.e. born in 2005 or earlier) to be considered for selection in the men's shot put; and
- h. Sign the UK 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/>

Note 1: Permission not to compete at the Trials will only be granted in the case of injury/illness – no other exceptions will be made.

Note 2: To ensure the Selection Panel have 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 UK Athletics Medical team in the week prior to Trials OR they must attend the Trials (regardless of home location) to be examined by the UKA Lead Doctor. Athletes who fail to satisfy either provision will not be considered for selection (unless note 3 applies).

Note 3: Where an athlete suffers illness the day before or the day of the Trials, they must contact the Technical Director or UKA Lead Doctor as soon as possible prior to the commencement of the relevant Trial event. A common sense, judgement call based on the information and proof provided by the athlete will be used in determining whether to accept their non-attendance at the trials (enabling them for consideration for selection). Illness that occurs earlier than the day before the first day of the Trials must be evidenced by a medical note from a GP, emergency doctor or consultation with a UKA doctor for that athlete to remain eligible for selection. The Technical Director and UKA's Lead Doctor will at their discretion 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. Failure to satisfy the above will result in the athlete not being considered for selection. All athletes must be aware that failure to attend the trials, regardless of validity of excuse, will naturally and unavoidably place them at a disadvantage when being assessed for selection.