



## 2023 World Athletics Championships UK Athletics Selection Process Summary

UK Athletics' aim for the 2023 World Championships is to maximise medal success and achieve top 8 placings. To achieve, this UK Athletics (UKA) has established a selection policy which is based on the World Athletics Qualification System. This includes qualification through achieving World Athletics qualification standards, invites by World Athletics based on world rankings and wild cards.

To be eligible to be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following:

1. Fulfil the relevant Eligibility Criteria, including participation at Trials in track and field events.
2. Achieve a Qualification Standard by either:
  - a. Achieving a World Athletics Qualification standard in the relevant period; or
  - b. In events where UKA Selection Standards\* have been set, achieving that standard in the relevant period and also receiving a World Athletics invite by virtue of World Ranking.
3. Show current form

The selection panel will consider athletes in various rounds of the selection process, depending on the qualification standard they have achieved. Athletes with World Athletics standards who finish in the top two in an individual event at Trials will be selected in the first round. Thereafter, 2022 World Championship and 2021 Olympic Games individual medallists, if not already selected in round 1, will be selected in the corresponding event, provided that they are an Eligible Athlete with the World Athletics Qualification standard.

Remaining eligible athletes with a World Athletics Standard and then those with a UKA selection standard and World ranking invite can be selected in subsequent rounds.

In the relay events, team qualification is possible through placing in the top 8 teams at the 2022 World Championships or by ranking in the World Athletics top list. This qualifies the relay *team*, whilst individual athletes for the teams will be selected by the Selection Panel who will consider a number of selection criteria.

### \*Note on UKA Selection Standards and World Athletics Invites

It should be noted that UKA Selection Standards and World Athletics invites will not apply to all events. In events where the World Athletics Qualification Standards are higher than the standard required to achieve a top 8 placing, UKA has established a set of "UKA Selection Standards". These standards have been established based on insight from event group experts and an analysis of over 1.5 million performances from 2019 to the end of 2022. Athletes who meet the UKA Selection Standards and receive an invitation based on their World ranking position are eligible to be considered for selection in accordance with the Selection Policy.

Please note, this summary is not a part of the Selection Policy and for full details athletes should refer to the Selection Policy. In addition, UKA will be holding webinars for potential team members where any further queries and clarifications can be sought.

*For full details, please read the selection policies [here](#).*