



2023 World Athletics Championships: 19 – 27 August 2023
Budapest, Hungary

Road Events Selection Policy – updated March 2023

OVERVIEW

This selection policy (“the Policy”) outlines the selection process for the team to represent Great Britain & Northern Ireland at the 2023 World Athletics Championships in road events. Athletes wishing to be selected for track and field events should see the separate selection policy.

AIM

UK Athletics’ aim for these championships is to optimise medal success and the number of top eight (8) placings.

In some events, UKA considers that the World Athletics qualification standards are higher than the standard required to achieve a top 8 placing. In those events, UKA has implemented a set of “**UKA Selection Standards**”. For the events in which UKA Selection Standards apply, athletes who have not achieved a World Athletics qualification standard but have achieved the UKA Selection Standard and receive an invite by virtue of a World ranking position will be eligible to be considered for selection, subject to meeting the Eligibility Criteria (see Appendix 1) and showing Current Form (see paragraphs 9 - 11 below). Please refer to the [UKA Selection Process Summary](#) for further details.

TRIALS

1. For the avoidance of doubt there will be no trial for the Marathon, 20km or 35km Race Walking events.

SELECTION MEETING

2. The selection meetings for road events will take place on the following:
 - a. **20 March 2023** (marathon round 1)
 - b. **24 April 2023** (marathon round 2 & 35km race walking event)
 - c. **24 July 2023** (20km race walking event).
3. Selections will be based on the aim of the policy and subject to a maximum of three (3) athletes in individual events, as permitted by World Athletics.

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.
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Requirement 2 (Qualification Standard):	<p>A. Achieve a World Athletics Qualification Standard in the correct period (as set out in paragraph 6 below).</p> <p>OR</p> <p>B. For events where UKA Selection Standards have been set, achieve the standard in the correct period (as set out in paragraph 6 below) and receive a World Athletics Invite by virtue of World Ranking.</p>
Requirement 3 (Current Form):	Show Current Form, as set out in paragraphs 9 - 11 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 Standards

6. The World Athletics Qualification Standards and UK Athletics Selection Standards must be achieved in the following period:
- For the Marathon (round 1) between 00:00 (GMT) 1 July 2022 and 23:59 (GMT) 19 March 2023.
 - Marathon (round 2) and 35km Race Walks between 00:00 (GMT) 1 July 2022 23:59 (BST) 23 April 2023.
 - For the 20km Race Walks between 00:00 (GMT) 1 July 2022 to 23:59 (BST) 23 July 2023.
7. The World Athletics Qualification Standards and UK Athletics Selection Standards must be achieved in accordance with the Performance Conditions outlined in Section 3 below.

A. World Athletics Qualification Standard

8. The World Athletics Standard for each event is as follows:

Men	Event	Women
2:09.40	Marathon	2:28.00
1:20.10	20km Race Walk	1:29.20
2:29.40	35km Race Walk	2:51.30

B. UKA Selection Standard and invite by virtue of World Ranking

11. In relation to athletes who do not achieve a World Athletics Standard but do achieve a UKA Selection Standard, they will be eligible for consideration for selection *if* they are allocated an invite by virtue of their World Ranking in their event. Where there is no UKA Selection Standard in the following table, invites will not be accepted in these events. The UKA Selection Standards are as follows:

Men	Event	Women
N/A	Marathon	N/A
1:20.30	20km Race Walk	1:29.40
N/A	35km Race Walk	N/A

Requirement 3: Current Form

9. Other than 2022 World Championship and 2021 Olympic Games Medallists, all athletes must show current form in the period 1 January 2023 until the relevant selection meeting to be eligible for selection. This is to ensure that athletes who have achieved a World Athletics Qualification Standard or UKA Selection Standard are still performing at or near to that level.
10. Current form will be determined by evaluating the athlete's performances and/or training data from 1 January 2023 until the relevant selection meeting and will take into consideration the gap to their best performances during the qualification period and the gap to the selection standards for the event. The Selection Panel may also, in its sole discretion consider factors such as consistency, competition performance, progression, performances in alternative relevant disciplines and current injury status. Injury status may be a reason not to select an athlete where the Selection Panel does not consider that the athlete will be able to achieve the aims of the policy due to that injury.
11. The Technical Director may exercise discretion for an athlete to be considered for selection who does not meet current form requirements but has demonstrated exceptional ability and potential to medal at the World Championships. The Technical Director will assess the athlete's readiness to perform at the world championships and their potential to contribute to the aims the policy.

Eligible Athletes

12. 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 two (2) rounds for the marathon, one (1) round for 35km race walking and two (2) rounds for 20km race walking, at three selection meetings.

Marathon

20th March Selection Meeting: round 1

13. Round 1
 - a. A maximum of two (2) male and two (2) female Eligible Athletes will be selected for the marathon provided they have achieved at least one World Athletics Qualification Standard **AND** have demonstrated the ability to prepare effectively for a championship marathon. Factors the Selection Panel will consider include:
 - i. Climate specific preparation plans
 - ii. Engagement with UKA physiological support services to best prepare for potential environmental conditions in Budapest
 - iii. A demonstration of progression towards an optimum nutrition/fuelling strategy
 - iv. Previous major championship performances
 - v. Injury and health status
 - vi. Whether the World Championships is their main competition focus of 2023

- b. 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. 2022 & 2023 World rankings;
 - ii. World Athletics season top lists (three per nation);
 - iii. Current form and performance consistency;
 - iv. Head-to-heads within the qualification period;
 - v. Previous major competition history;
 - vi. Potential to achieve a top eight (8) finish in Paris 2024 Olympic Games;
 - vii. Injury/illness status;
 - viii. Future individual medal potential at major championships; and
 - ix. Any other factors the Selection Panel deem relevant.
- c. Athletes selected in the Round 1 selection meeting will be subject to demonstrating form and fitness to the World Class Programme Endurance Performance Manager and Technical Director ahead of the Championships. Athletes selected at the Round 1 selection meeting must also agree to provide access to training data and the appropriate event/performance(s) in which to demonstrate fitness and form prior to the World Championships.
- d. For the avoidance of doubt, UK Athletics is not required to select any athletes in round 1.

24th April Selection Meeting: round 2

14. Round 2 – Remaining Eligible Athletes with a World Athletics Qualification Standard

- a. The number of places available in this round will only be known after the completion of Round 1. Where places are available, marathon athletes will be selected in this round if they are an Eligible Athlete and have a World Athletics qualification standard.
- b. If more athletes satisfy the criteria above than there are places available, athletes will be selected based on the strategic aims for selection and consideration of a combination of the following criteria, which are not listed in priority order. Criteria may be given unequal weight and may be disregarded:
- i. 2022 & 2023 World rankings;
 - ii. World Athletics season top lists (three per nation);
 - iii. Current form and performance consistency;
 - iv. Future individual medal potential at major championships;
 - v. Head-to-heads;
 - vi. Previous major competition history;
 - vii. Injury/illness status;
 - viii. The number of places available; and
 - ix. Any other factor the Panel consider to be relevant.
- c. During this round, the Selection Panel may select non-travelling reserves, provided the athlete is an Eligible Athlete with a World Athletics Qualification Standard.

Note 1: *performances prior to 20 March 2023 may carry a greater performance weighting as it is deemed more likely to allow athletes adequate time to prepare and perform optimally at the 2023 World Athletics Championships.*

Race Walking

24th April Selection Meeting: 35km Race Walking

15. Round 1: Eligible Athletes with a World Athletics Qualification Standard

- a. The Selection Panel will select Eligible Athletes who have a World Athletics Qualification Standard.
- b. If there are more Eligible Athletes with a World Athletics Qualification Standard 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 priority order, may be given unequal weight and/or may be disregarded:
 - i. The number of World Athletics Qualification Standards achieved in accordance with Section 2 of this policy;
 - ii. The number of times the World Athletics Qualification Standard has been achieved in the qualification period;
 - iii. 2023 Season's Best;
 - iv. 2023 World rankings;
 - v. World Athletics season top lists (three per nation);
 - vi. Current form and performance consistency;
 - vii. Head-to-heads within the qualification period;
 - viii. Previous major competition history;
 - ix. Injury/illness status;
 - x. Future individual medal potential at outdoor major championships; and
 - xi. Any other factors the Selection Panel deem relevant.
- c. During this round, the Selection Panel may select non-travelling reserves for any event, provided the athlete is an Eligible Athlete with a World Athletics Qualification Standard.

24th July Selection Meeting: 20km Race Walking rounds 1 & 2

16. Round 1: Eligible Athletes with a World Athletics Qualification Standard

- a. The Selection Panel will select Eligible Athletes who have a World Athletics Qualification Standard.
- b. If there are more Eligible Athletes with a World Athletics Qualification Standard 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 priority order, may be given unequal weight and/or may be disregarded:
 - i. The number of World Athletics Qualification Standards achieved in accordance with Section 2 of this policy;
 - ii. Number of times World Athletics Qualification Standards achieved in the qualification period;
 - iii. Number of time UKA Selection Standards achieved in the qualification period;
 - iv. 2023 Season's Best;
 - v. 2023 World ranking;
 - vi. World Athletics season top lists (three per nation);
 - vii. Current form and performance consistency;
 - viii. Head-to-heads within the qualification period;
 - ix. Previous major competition history;
 - x. Injury/illness status;
 - xi. Future individual medal potential at outdoor major championships; and
 - xii. any other factors the Selection Panel deem relevant
- c. During this round, the Selection Panel may select non-travelling reserves for any event, provided the athlete is an Eligible Athlete with a World Athletics Qualification Standard.

17. Round 2: Qualification via UKA Selection Standard & World Ranking Invite

Following the end of the World Athletics qualification period on 30 July 2023, in order to fill any remaining quota places in 20km race walking event, World Athletics will publish a [list](#) of athletes who have not achieved a World Athletics Qualification Standard within the qualification period, but who will be eligible for entry by virtue of their World Ranking position.

- a. If places are still available, the Selection Panel will consider Eligible Athletes who have achieved the UKA Selection Standard and receive an invite by virtue of the World Ranking position.
- b. The Selection Panel are not obliged to fill all remaining places.
- c. If more athletes satisfy the criteria outlined in paragraph 17.a 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. The number of times the UKA Selection Standard has been achieved in the qualification period;
 - ii. 2023 Season's Best;
 - iii. 2023 World ranking;
 - iv. World Athletics season top lists (three per nation);
 - v. Current form and performance consistency;
 - vi. Head-to-heads within the qualification period;
 - vii. Previous major competition history;
 - viii. Injury/illness status;
 - ix. Future individual medal potential at outdoor major championships; and
 - x. Any other factors the 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 UKA Selection Standard and receive an invite by virtue of the World Ranking position.

SECTION 3: PERFORMANCE CONDITIONS

18. Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations, conducted in conformity with World Athletics Rules and as of 1 January 2023 must be published on the Global Calendar pages of the World Athletics website (<https://worldathletics.org/competition/calendar-results>).
19. Track events will only be listed on the World Athletics global calendar if they are licensed as a UK Athletics Level 2 competition or higher. Road events will only be listed if they are a label race.
20. Marathon and race walks qualification performances must be achieved on World Athletics accredited courses (as listed on the World Athletics website).
21. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants, held completely in a stadium, shall not be accepted.
22. For race walks, track performances (20,000m or 35,000m) will be accepted.

SECTION 4: SELECTION PANEL

23. The Selection Panel (“the Panel”) shall comprise as follows:
- a. Voting members for all selection meetings:
 - i. UK Athletics Technical Director;
 - ii. UK Athletics WCP Endurance Performance Manager; and
 - iii. An event specialist as nominated by the Technical Director.
 - b. Non-voting members for all selection meetings:
 - i. Chairperson;
 - ii. Independent observer;
 - iii. UK Athletics Athletes’ Commission Representative (if available);
 - iv. UK Athletics Medical representative;
 - v. Note-takers; and
 - vi. Any other person invited by the Technical Director.
24. Decisions of the Selection Panel shall be based on a simple majority.
25. 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.
26. Voting of the Selection Panel shall be by simple majority. The Technical Director shall have a casting vote, if required. If the Technical Director is unable to vote due to a conflict, the WCP Endurance Performance Manager shall have a casting vote, if required.
27. The Selection Panel may make any selection subject to the athlete completing a performance requirement or test set by the Selection Panel.

SECTION 5: DE-SELECTION

28. 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. 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
 - f. 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 WCP Endurance Manager, with the decision of the Technical Director being final in the event of disagreement.

SECTION 6: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Appeals

29. 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/ or WCP athletes can contact the British Elite Athletes Association via support@britisheliteathletes.org.
30. 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.
31. The Relevant Timeline (as defined in the UK Athletics Selection Fast Appeals Procedure) is:

Marathon & 35km Race Walking Events

<u>Action</u>	<u>Date & Time</u>
Athletes who are selected to be contacted regarding selection status	By 12 noon Tuesday 25 April
Athlete request notes from selection meeting	By 4pm Tuesday 25 April
UK Athletics to supply notes	As soon as possible, by 10am Wednesday 26 April
Athlete to submit Notice of Appeal	By 12 noon Wednesday 26 April
UK Athletics to submit Chairperson’s Statement	By 10am Thursday 27 April
Appeal Panel Hearing	Thursday 27 April
Outcome communication to Athlete & UK Athletics	As soon as possible Friday 29 April

20km Race Walking Events

<u>Action</u>	<u>Date & Time</u>
Athletes who are selected to be contacted regarding selection status	By 12 noon Tuesday 25 July
Athlete request notes from selection meeting	By 4pm Tuesday 25 July
UK Athletics to supply notes	As soon as possible, by 10am Wednesday 26 July
Athlete to submit notice of appeal	By 12 noon Wednesday 26 July
UK Athletics to submit Chairperson’s Statement	By 10am Thursday 27 July
Appeal Panel Hearing	Thursday 27 July
Outcome communication to Athlete & UK Athletics	As soon as possible on Friday 28 July

If you have not been notified of your selection by the time stated above, you have not been selected. Should you wish to appeal your non-selection, you should carefully note the deadlines set out above. There is no obligation on UK Athletics to notify you of your non-selection.

Amendment

32. 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

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

Jurisdiction

34. 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

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

Contact details are as follows;

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- If you have any other queries, please contact Amanda Evans aevans@britishathletics.org.uk.

APPENDIX 1 – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Athletes must:

1. Be eligible to compete for Great Britain & Northern Ireland (i.e. full British passport holder);
2. Not currently serving a period of ineligibility or a provisional or permanent suspension for a doping violation or for any other reason of misconduct;
3. Meet the standards and behaviour expected by UK Athletics, as published from time to time, including in the International Athletes Code of Conduct;
4. Be registered as a member with the relevant Home Country Athletics Federation (HCAF), directly or through a club;
5. Be 18 years or older at 31 December 2023 (i.e. born in 2005 or earlier), with the exception of the following:
 - i. In exceptional circumstances athletes who are 16 years or older at 31 December 2023 (i.e. born in 2006 or 2007), may be considered for **discretionary** selections by the Selection Panel. 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; and
 - ii. athletes must be 20 years or older at 31 December 2023 (i.e. born in 2003 or earlier) to be considered for nomination in the marathon.
6. 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 here <https://www.uka.org.uk/performance/british-athletics-teams-information/>; and
7. Provide such performance, medical and training data requested by UK Athletics from time to time whether before or after selection.