



**2023 European 10,000m Cup: 03 June 2023
Pacé, France**

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OVERVIEW

This policy describes the process for the selection of team members to represent Great Britain & Northern Ireland (GB & NI) at the 2023 European 10,000m Cup in Pacé, France.

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UK Athletics (UKA) intends to select full men's and women's teams for the 2023 10,000m Cup with the following aims:

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

TRIALS

1. The official trials ("The Trials"), will take place at Night of the 10,000m on 20 May 2023. Competing at The Trials is not compulsory. Athletes seeking selection who are not competing at the Trials should submit an expression of interest by 19 May 2023. An individual expression of interest form can be found [here](#).

SELECTION MEETING

2. The selection meeting will take place on 22 May 2023.
3. Selection will be subject to the maximum entries
 - a. As per European Athletics regulations, up to five athletes can be selected in each of the men's and women's races, with three to score.
4. The team will be announced on 23 May 2023.

SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY FOR CONSIDERATION FOR SELECTION

5. To be eligible for consideration for selection, athletes must comply with requirements 1 and 2 below:

Requirement 1 (Eligibility Criteria):	Meet the Eligibility Criteria, as set out in Appendix 1 – Eligibility Criteria.
Requirement 2 (Qualification Standard):	Achieve the UKA qualification standard as set out in paragraphs 7-8

Requirement 1: Eligibility Criteria

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

Requirement 2: UKA Qualification Standard

7. The UKA qualification standards for athletes are as follows:

Men	Event	Women
13:35.00	5,000m	15:35.00
28:20.00	10,000m	32:30.00

- a. The UKA qualification standard must be achieved between 1 January 2022 and 23:59 on 21 May 2023.
8. The qualification standard must be achieved in accordance with the Performance Conditions at paragraphs 14 and 15.

Eligible Athletes

9. Athletes who achieve Requirements 1 and 2 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.

10. Round 1 – Automatic Selection

- 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 UKA qualification standard during the qualification period.
- Should any of the first three placed athletes 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. The place instead will be selected in round 2.

11. Round 2 – Remaining Eligible Athletes

- The panel will aim to fill the remaining places in each team by selecting Eligible Athletes who satisfy the following:
 - Achieved a UK Athletics qualification standard during the qualification period; and
 - Demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Panel, current form from 1st January 2023 which indicates they are at the required standard to compete at the 2023 European 10,000m Cup at a level which satisfies the aims of this policy.

- b. If more athletes achieve the UKA 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 (based on 2023 performances);
 - ii. Number of standards achieved within the qualification period;
 - iii. 2023 UK ranking (where relevant);
 - iv. Competition history up to and including 01 January 2022;
 - v. Injury/illness status;
 - vi. Head to heads within the qualification period; and
 - vii. Any other criteria the Selection Panel deem relevant.
- 12. Where an insufficient number of athletes have achieved UKA qualification standards, the Technical Director may exercise discretion for an athlete to be considered for selection who has not achieved a UKA qualification standard but has demonstrated exceptional ability and potential to add value to a competitive team at the championships.
- 13. The Panel may select and enter at their discretion one additional non-travelling reserve athlete for each team using the criteria which are outlined in paragraph 11.b.
- 14. In relation to selections for places where athletes are compared (see paragraph 11.b), 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 3: PERFORMANCE CONDITIONS

- 15. 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>).
- 16. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants held solely in a stadium will not be accepted.

SECTION 4: SELECTION PANEL

- 17. The Selection Panel shall comprise as follows:
 - a. Voting Members:
 - i. WCP Endurance Performance Manager (casting vote);
 - ii. UKA Endurance Strategy Manager; and
 - iii. Team Leader.
 - b. The Technical Director may (but is not obliged to) invite any other person to attend the selection meeting including:
 - i. Chairperson;
 - ii. UKA Athlete Commission Member (if available);
 - iii. UKA Medical representative;

iv. Note-takers.

18. 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.
19. The Selection Panel may make any selection subject to the athlete completing a performance requirement or test set by the Selection Panel.

SECTION 4: DE-SELECTION

20. Following selection, an athlete may be de-selected by the Selection Panel or UKA 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 UKA;
 - 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 Performance Manager, with the decision of the Technical Director being final in the event of disagreement.

SECTION 5: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Appeals

21. There will be no right of appeal to the selection of the GB & NI Team made by the Selection Panel. The provisions of the UK Athletics Fast Appeals Procedures do not apply to the GB & NI team selections for the 2023 European 10,000m Cup.

Amendment

22. 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

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

Jurisdiction

24. 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

25. At the time of publication, UK Athletics does not expect the European 10,000m Cup 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

26. For any queries please contact Ethan Walker: ewalker@britishathletics.org.uk.

APPENDIX 1 – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- a. Be eligible to compete for GB & NI (i.e full British passport holder);
- b. Not currently serving a period of ineligibility or a provisional or permanent suspension for a doping violation or for any other reason of misconduct;
- c. Meet the standards and behaviour expected by UK Athletics, as published from time to time, including in the International Athletes Code of Conduct;
- d. Be registered as a member with the relevant Home Country Athletics Federation (HCAF), directly or through a club;
- e. 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/>
- f. Complete European Athletics "[I Run Clean](#)" online anti-doping certification.