



2023 European Race Walking Team Championships: 21 May 2023 Poděbrady, Czech Republic

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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 Race Walking Team Championships in Poděbrady, Czech Republic.

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UK Athletics (UKA) intends to select individual athletes with the following aims:

- Experienced athletes who have the potential to achieve medals at major championships; and
- Provide opportunities for athletes with an ability to finish in the top eight (8) at the 2024 European Championships.

TRIALS

1. There will be no trial event for the 2023 European Race Walking Team Championships. Athletes seeking selection should submit an expression of interest (EOI) by 5 May 2023. If no EOI is received by this date, the selection panel will not consider the individual for selection. An expression of interest form can be found here <https://forms.office.com/e/CLdpGVKNaw>

SELECTION MEETING

2. The selection meeting will take place on 9 May 2023.
 - a. Selection will be subject to the maximum entries;
 - b. Up to the following number of athletes will be selected for each event:
 - i. Three (3) Senior Men 35km or 20km:
 - ii. Three (3) Senior Women 35km or 20km
 - iii. Two (2) Junior Men 10km:
 - iv. Two (2) Junior Women 10km:
3. The final team will be announced on 11 May 2023.

SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY FOR CONSIDERATION FOR SELECTION

4. 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.
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Requirement 2 (Qualification Standard):	Achieve the UKA qualification standard as set out in paragraphs 7-8
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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: UKA Qualification Standard

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

Men	Event	Women
45:30	U20 10k	51:30
1:24:45 (41:30 10k)	Senior 20k	1:34:30 (46:00)
2:35:50	Senior 35k	3:01:30

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

Eligible Athletes

8. 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.

9. Round 1 – Senior Athletes

- a. The panel will aim to select Eligible Athletes who satisfy the following:
 - i. Achieved a UK 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 2023 European Race Walking Team Championships at a level in line with the UKA Qualification Standards..

- 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; and
 - v. Head to heads within the qualification period.

10. Round 1 – Junior Athletes

- a. The panel will aim to select Eligible Athletes who satisfy the following:
 - i. Achieved a UK 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 2023 European Race Walking Team Championships at a level which satisfies the aims of this policy, based on performances achieved in the 2023 season.
- 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; and
 - v. Head to heads within the qualification period.

11. In relation to selections for places where athletes are compared (see paragraphs 9.b and 10.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.

12. Eligible junior athletes will only be selected to compete in the senior event at the discretion of the selection panel and only if the Panel deem it to be in the long term interests of the individual athlete (and provided they have met the relevant British Athletics qualification standard for the senior event).

Reserves

13. The Panel may select and enter at their discretion two additional non-travelling reserve athletes for each team using the criteria which are outlined in paragraph 1.

SECTION 3: PERFORMANCE CONDITIONS

14. 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>).
15. 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.
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 Race Walking Team Championships.

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 Race Walking Team 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

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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.