



**Loughborough International
21 May 2023**

**Mannheim International
24-25 June 2023
Mannheim, Germany**

**2023 European U20 Championships
7-10 August
Jerusalem, Israel**

Selection Policy v5 – Updated May 2023

Overview

British Athletics provides the opportunity through age group championships for athletes and coaches to experience and learn the key skills, abilities and behaviours needed to progress through the pathway and on to the senior international stage. Athletes will be expected to compete within their respective age group to ensure appropriate age and stage development experience and process, with the aim of transitioning on to become successful at future senior international championships and ultimately the Olympic Games. In exceptional circumstances for u18, where there isn't an international opportunity available in the given season, British Athletics will consider selecting athletes for opportunities within the u20 age group champs programme aligned to the EA/World Athletics (WA) ruling.

The Selection Panel ("the Panel") therefore aim to select a competitive team and athletes who they believe have the potential to reach top 8 in their event at the European Juniors.

In line with the British Athletics Futures Academy relay programme, the U20 relays are seen as vital educational opportunities for ensuring future success on the senior stage. All U20 relay programme athletes will therefore be expected to make themselves available for the 4x100m or 4x400m relay squads throughout the year, culminating at the European U20 Championships.

The European U20 Championships Trials ("the Trials") for all events except combined events, will take place at the England Athletics U23/U20 Championships on **17-18 June 2023**.

Loughborough International - 21 May 2023

The Loughborough International match is the traditional season opener in the UK and is seen as a development opportunity for U20 athletes.

A full programme of events with junior implements and hurdles will be staged (the 110m hurdles race with junior height hurdles is not a match race). Endurance events will include 3000m and 3000m steeplechase for men and women.

The Loughborough International fulfils a key role in the British Athletics relay programme. As such, all eligible relay athletes should make themselves available for selection and participation in Loughborough (unless involved in senior British Athletics relay activities at the same time).

The team will be selected with 1 per event using the following criteria, which are not listed in any priority order.

- Performances achieved from 1st January 2023.
- Head-to-head performance record from 1st January 2023.
- Performances from 2022 outdoor season (where performances demonstrate clear medal potential at the 2023 Euro U20 Championships).
- Previous age-group competition history.
- Current form and fitness.

Selection will take place on **Monday 15 May 2023**. The voting panel members will be made up of representatives of each event group as nominated by the Pathway Manager, based on their knowledge and expertise. The panel will also include a non-voting independent observer and a member of the Athlete's Commission.

Additional guest slots may also be allocated to additional U20 athletes (i.e. those not already selected for the GB & NI team) aiming to secure selection for the European U20 Championships. These will be allocated using the criteria above.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mannheim International</u> <u>24-25 June 2023</u></p>

The Mannheim International is one of the highest junior level competitions outside the World or European Junior Championships each year. Given the historical level of performance at this meeting and its importance in preparing the 4x100m and 4 x 400m relay teams for the European U20 Championships, it is British Athletics' intention to select men's and women's 4x100m and 4 x 400m relay teams as well as a number of individual athletes to compete in Mannheim as part of another opportunity for developing pathway athletes.

The team will be selected using the following criteria:

- The 4x100m relay teams take priority over any of the individual events in Mannheim. Any athlete who wishes to be selected in the individual 100m or 200m must make themselves available for the relay teams in Mannheim or they will not be selected for an individual event.
- The number of athletes selected for each relay will be at the discretion of the Panel. Athletes will be selected based on the Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria (which are not listed in priority order), as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant:
 - Full commitment, engagement and relay progress with the British Athletics Futures Academy Relay Programme.
 - Current form (Performances from 1st January 2023).
 - Head-to-heads in 2023.
 - Previous major age-group competition history.
 - Injury status.
- Due to the provision of high-level competition opportunities for many disciplines in the UK, such as the BMC events and the British Athletics Championships, any remaining places (subject to the team size allocated by event organiser) will be filled in the following priority order:
 1. Highly European ranked individual athletes in the throws, jumps, hurdles and combined events.
 2. Any individual athlete who, in the panel's opinion, are Medal contenders for the 2023 European Junior Championships; and
 3. Any other individual athletes.

Selection will take place on **Monday 19 June 2023**

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Trials

The European U20 Championships Trials (“the Trials”) for all events except the 10,000 Walk and combined events will take place on **17-18 June at the England Athletics u20/23 Championships in Chelmsford.**

There is the opportunity for the events not staged on the 17 & 18 June as follows:

- Combined events – **27-28 May – (Manchester)**. This is the England Athletics Senior/U20/U23 Outdoor Combined Events Championships. As such, athletes wishing to compete should enter online at the England Athletics website (www.englandathletics.org).
- 10,000 Walk – **10 June - British Grand Prix of Race Walking**

In the case of an injury, athletes will be required to provide a medical report to the British Athletics U20 Team Doctor, please contact agegroupchampsinfo@britishathletics.org.uk.

The GB and NI team will travel to the Championships as a single team. All questions related to the selection policy or trial races should be directed to agegroupchampsinfo@britishathletics.org.uk

Eligibility

1. To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following:
 - a. be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder);
 - b. be born in 2004 and 2005. Except for the following
 - i. In exceptional circumstances athletes who are 17 years at 31 December 2023 (i.e. born in 2006), may be considered for discretionary selections by the Performance Pathway Manager.
 - ii. To be eligible, these athletes must have demonstrated a consistent level of performance, as well as previous experience, at a major GB & NI age group international championship, which suggests that selection for the competition is appropriate for their long-term development.
 - c. Compete in the Trials in the event in which they wish to be selected.
 - d. have achieved a relevant British Athletics qualification standard within the relevant period (individual events only); and
 - e. sign the British 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/>. and

Note 1: u18 Athletes born in 2006 who are selected for the Commonwealth Youth games should prioritise that event and will not be considered for selection.

Note 2: For athletes aiming for selection as described in paragraph C take note that they are mandated to compete at any of the designated trials events.

Note 3: To ensure the Panel have an accurate picture of an athlete’s fitness ahead of the selection meeting, those who are unable to compete at the England Athletics U23/U20 Championships due to injury but still wish to be considered for selection MUST either have been reviewed in person by the British Athletics medical team in the week prior to the England Athletics U23/U20 Championships OR they must attend the England Athletics U23/U20 Championships (regardless of home location) to be

examined by one of the British Athletics Age Group Team Doctors, or the Event Doctor. Athletes who fail to satisfy either provision will not be considered for selection.

Note 4: Athletes who are competing in the NCAA finals on 7-10 June 2023 will be exempt from competing at the trials, however they cannot be considered in Round 1 of the selection policy. They must also notify the Pathway team via agegroupchampsinfo@britishathletics.org.uk.

For the avoidance of doubt athletes seeking selection for the relay must compete in their usual relevant individual event at the Trials.

Qualification

2. To be considered as part of the selection process qualification performances must be achieved from 1st January 2023 and 23:59 (BST) on 9th July 2023
3. The British Athletics qualification standards are based on a predicted Top 8 finish:

European u20 Standards

Men	Event	Women
10.50	100m	11.65
21.20	200m	23.80
47.00	400m	54.20
1:49.0	800m	2:06.0
3:45.0	1500m	4:22.0
8:15.0	3000m	9:30.0
14:20.0	5000m	16:50.0
9:05.0	3000m S/C	10:30.0
44:00.0	10,000m Walk	50:00.0
13.80	110m H	13.70
51.80	400m H	59.00
2.12	High Jump	1.81
5.10	Pole Vault	4.10
7.50	Long Jump	6.25
15.30	Triple Jump	12.90
18.40	Shot	14.80
55.00	Discus	49.00
70.00	Hammer	59.00
69.00	Javelin	50.00
7250	Decathlon/Heptathlon	5400

Selection Process

4. Round 1 of the European U20 team will be selected on 19 June 2023 with final selections 10 July 2023
5. A maximum of three athletes may be selected in each individual event. Up to 6 athletes may be selected for each relay event. The composition of those relay athletes must include the athletes who are selected in the relevant individual event. Any other athlete who is selected in any other event may then be able to participate in the relay event.
6. British Athletics will select qualifying athletes up to a maximum team size of 57.

7. Round 1 – automatic selections:

- a. The winner of each individual Trials events (refer to the overview for details on all Trials events) will automatically be selected for the same event at the European U20 Championships provided they are eligible for selection (see paragraph 1) and provided the relevant British Athletics qualification standard has been achieved by that athlete during the relevant qualification period. Should any of the automatic selections from the relevant Trials event be unable or unwilling to take up their places(s), their Round 1 place(s) will not be offered by default to the next best placed eligible athlete(s) from the relevant Trial;

8. Round 2 – all remaining eligible individual athletes:

- a. In this round the Panel will consider athletes that have:
 - i. Achieved at minimum one qualification standard by the end of the qualification period.
 - ii. Demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Panel current form and fitness which suggests they can perform at a level equal to (or exceeding) the qualification standard.
- b. If more athletes satisfy all the criteria outlined in paragraph 7(a) above than there are places available, athletes will be selected based on the Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria (which are not listed in priority order) as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant:
 - i. Current form (Performances from 1st January 2023);
 - ii. Position at the trials.
 - iii. Future individual medal potential at indoor or outdoor major events.
 - iv. Finalist potential at the 2023 European U20 Championships.
 - v. Head-to-heads in 2023.
 - vi. Previous major age-group competition history.
 - vii. Ability to successfully double-up (i.e. compete in more than one event at the Championships);
 - viii. Contribution to relay teams (where relevant); and
 - ix. Injury status.

9. Round 3 – Relays

- a. Based on the athletes selected for individual sprint/hurdles events in rounds 1 and 2, the Panel, in its absolute discretion, may choose to select a team for each of the men's and women's 4x100m and 4x400m relays. In accordance with the European Athletics entry rules as outlined in paragraph 5, provided they believe that the relevant relay team will be genuine medal contenders.
- b. The number of athletes selected for each relay will be at the discretion of the Panel, in accordance with the European Athletics entry rules outlined in paragraph 5. Athletes will be selected based on the Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria (which are not listed in priority order), as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant:
 - i. Full commitment and engagement with the British Athletics Futures Academy Relay Programme.
 - ii. Current form (Performances from 1st January 2023).
 - iii. Head-to-heads in 2023.
 - iv. Previous major age-group competition history.
 - v. Injury status.
- c. Athletes selected for the relay do not need to have achieved a British Athletics qualification standard but do need to have competed in the Trials.

Note: All athletes selected for the 4x100m and 4x400m relay teams, regardless of whether they are also selected in an individual event, will be expected to compete as part of the wider development of relays in the UK. As such all selected relay athletes will be expected to make themselves available for ALL rounds of the relevant relay (except in the case of genuine injury). Any athlete who fails to do so will not be considered (until such time as behaviours

demonstrably change) for support via British Athletics Futures Academy (or equivalent) or World Class Programmes.

10. Round 4

- a. The 'Panel' may select additional individual athletes to the team who have a realistic chance of being a finalist at the Europeans but who have not achieved a British Athletics qualification standard within the relevant qualification period (provided they have achieved the European Athletics qualification standard in accordance with paragraphs 11 to 16 below).
 - b. Athletes will only be selected in this round if places remain unfilled in the relevant individual event, and athletes may not be selected at the expense of individuals already selected in rounds 1 or 2.
 - c. Athletes will be selected based on the Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria (which are not listed in priority order) as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant:
 - i. Current form and consistency of performances
 - ii. Position at the trials.
 - iii. Future individual medal potential at indoor or outdoor major events.
 - iv. Finalist potential at the 2023 European U20 Championships based on event depth and what it takes to final.
 - v. Head-to-heads in 2023.
 - vi. Previous major age-group competition history.
 - vii. Injury status.
11. The total number of athletes selected in rounds 2, 3 and 4 may be limited by regulations set by European Athletics, the Championship organisers, or by British Athletics for logistical or budgetary reasons.

Conditions

12. Qualifying standards can only be achieved at WA permitted meets.
13. Competitions in GB that receive WA permits will only be the level 2 licensed meets.
14. Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the WA, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Domestic competitions will only be accepted if they are achieved in Permit Level 2 competition (or higher)
15. For the avoidance of doubt, any Permit Level 1 competitions not listed above will NOT be valid for qualification purposes. Any athlete/coach who is unsure as to which competitions will be acceptable for qualification purposes are advised to contact Pathway Statistician, Ian Hodge - IHodge@talentpathway.org.uk at the earliest opportunity.
16. Providing the sprints are timed using photo finish and that sprints and jumps all use a wind gauge.
17. Race walking performances achieved in road events must be achieved on WA certified courses.
18. Wind-assisted performances (or performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available) will not be accepted. The interpretation of a wind assisted Combined Events performance will be based on the most recent version of the WA rule book (at the time of selection), unless the relevant organising committee state otherwise.
19. Performances achieved in mixed events held completely in a stadium will not be accepted.

20. Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 100m/110m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4 x100m relay will not be accepted.
21. Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m or longer will be accepted.
22. 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m hurdles and 400m hurdles performances at altitudes of above 950m will not be accepted.

Appeals

18. There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the GB&NI Team made by the Panel. The provisions of the British Athletics Selection and Nomination “Fast” Appeals Procedure do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the European U20 Championships.

Amendments

19. British Athletics reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy at its sole discretion and will make any amended version publicly available (including the date on which any amendment was made) at www.uka.org.uk.