



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

### Track & Field Events Selection Policy – updated March 2023

#### **OVERVIEW**

This selection policy (“the Policy”) sets out the selection process for the team to represent Great Britain & Northern Ireland at the 2023 World Athletics Championships in track & field. Athletes wishing to be selected for Road 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 12 - 15 below). Please refer to the [UKA Selection Process Summary](#) for further details.

#### **TRIALS**

1. The **UK Athletics Championships** (“the Trials”) will take place on **8 & 9 July** and will be the track and field trial for the 2023 World Athletics Championships for all events other than the 10,000m. Please note combined events athletes must compete in at least one event at the Trials.
2. **10,000m** – the official Trial will be the A races at the UK Athletics 10,000m Championships at Highgate, London on 20 May 2023. For details contact [championships@britishathletics.org.uk](mailto:championships@britishathletics.org.uk).

Attendance at the Trials is compulsory (please see appendix 1 for full details). In the event of illness/injury meaning they are unable to compete at the Trials, athletes should carefully note the provisions in Appendix 1. If these provisions are not complied with, an exemption for non-attendance at Trials will not be granted. The Technical Director, in his absolute discretion, may grant an athlete permission to compete in a different discipline at the Trials to that in which they wish to be selected.

#### **SELECTION MEETINGS**

3. The selection meetings will take place on **10 July 2023** (rounds 1 & 2) & **24 July 2023** (rounds 3, 4 & 5).
4. Selections will be based on the aim of the policy and subject to the maximum number of entries permitted by WA, as follows:

- a. A maximum of three (3) athletes can compete in individual events;
  - b. In the 4 x 100m relay and 4 x 400m relay, up to six (6) athletes may be selected, which must include athletes selected for the individual 100m and 400m. This does not apply to the Mixed 4 x 400m relay.
  - c. 2022 World Athletics Champions and 2022 Diamond League Champions will be invited to participate as a Wildcard, in the same event at the 2023 World Athletics Championships, in addition to the maximum of three (3) athletes per event. For clarification, Great Britain and Northern Ireland has a 2022 World Athletics Champion in the men's 1500m, therefore, UK Athletics are able to enter this athlete as a Wildcard, in addition to the three (3) athletes per event.
5. Relay teams can qualify for the 2023 World Athletics Championships in one of two ways:
- a. Placing in the first 8 teams at the 2022 World Athletics Championships; and
  - b. World Athletics top list rankings.

Following the 2022 World Athletics Championships, UK Athletics have qualified the below relay teams:

- Women's 4 x 100m
- Men's 4 x 100m
- Women's 4 x 400m

World Athletics will identify the teams qualified by virtue of their position in the World Athletics Top Lists, according to the best performances in the whole qualification period. For clarity, the above applies to the qualification of relay teams, not individuals for those teams. Individuals for the relay teams will be selected by the Selection Panel.

## **SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY FOR CONSIDERATION FOR SELECTION**

6. 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.
Requirement 2 (Qualification Standard for individual events)	<p>A. Achieve a World Athletics Qualification Standard in the correct period (as set out in paragraph 8 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 8 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 12 - 15 below.

### **Requirement 1: Eligibility Criteria**

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

### **Requirement 2: Qualification Standard**

8. The World Athletics Qualification Standards and UK Athletics Selection Standards must be achieved in the following period:
- a. For the 10,000m and Combined Events: between 00:00 (GMT) 31 January 2022 and 23:59 (BST) 23 July 2023.
  - b. For all other events; between 00:00 (GMT) 31 July 2022 and 23:59 (BST) 23 July 2023.
9. 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**

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

Men	Event	Women
10.00	100m	11.08
20.16	200m	22.60
45.00	400m	51.00
1:44.70	800m	1:59.80
3:34.20 (3:51:00)	1500m (mile standard)	4:03.50 (4:22:00)
13:07.00 / 13:07	5000m / 5km road	14:57.00 / 14:57
27:10.00 / 27:10	10,000m / 10km road	30:40.00 / 30:40
8:15.00	3,000m SC	9:23.00
13.28	110/100mH	12.78
48.70	400mH	54.90
2.32	HJ	1.97
5.81	PV	4.71
8.25	LJ	6.85
17.20	TJ	14.52
21.40	SP	18.80
67.00	DT	64.20
78.00	HT	73.60
85.20	JT	63.80
8460	CE	6480

## 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
10.02	100m	11.10
N/A	200m	N/A
N/A	400m	N/A
N/A	800m	N/A
N/A	1500m (mile standard)	N/A
N/A	5000m	N/A
27:20.00	10,000m	31:10.00
8:18.50	3,000m SC	N/A
13.31	110/100mH	12.80
N/A	400mH	N/A
2.29	HJ	1.94
5.74	PV	4.61
8.15	LJ	6.75
17.05	TJ	14.41
21.00	SP	18.67
65.81	DT	63.50
77.50	HT	72.36
83.79	JT	62.83
8284	CE	6260

### Requirement 3: Current Form

12. Other than 2022 World Championship and 2021 Olympic Games Medallists, all athletes must show current form in the period 1 May 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.
13. Current form will be determined by evaluating the athlete's performances from 1 May 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 believe that the athlete will be able to achieve the aims of the policy due to that injury.
14. Combined Events athletes current form will be assessed from 28 April 2023 until the relevant selection meeting and must be shown in at least two (2) individual disciplines (as decided by the Head of Field & Combined Events and the Technical Director).
15. 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**

16. 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 five (5) rounds at two (2) selection meetings. Rounds 1-4 apply to individual events only.

#### **10<sup>th</sup> July Selection Meeting: rounds 1 & 2**

##### **17. Round 1: top two (2) at the Trials**

- a. The top two athletes in each individual Trials event will be selected for the same event, provided that they are an Eligible Athlete with a World Athletics Qualification Standard.
- b. In the event of a dead heat or tie for first place at the Trials involving two Eligible Athletes with the World Athletics Qualification Standard, both will be selected.
- c. In the event of a dead heat or tie for first place at the Trials involving three or more Eligible Athletes with the World Athletics Qualification Standard, all athletes will be considered in Round 2.
- d. In the event of a dead heat or tie for second place at the Trials involving two Eligible Athletes with the World Athletics Qualification Standard, both athletes will be considered in round 2.
- e. Should either of the first two finishers 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.

##### **18. Round 2: 2022 World Championship and 2021 Olympic Games individual Medallists**

- a. 2022 World Championship and 2021 Olympic Games individual medallists will be selected in the corresponding event, provided that they are an Eligible Athlete with the World Athletics Qualification standard.
- b. The above medallists do not need to demonstrate Current Form.
- c. If there are more athletes than places remaining the Selection Panel will select at their discretion considering a combination of the criteria in paragraph 19.b.

## **24<sup>th</sup> July Selection Meeting: rounds 3, 4 & 5**

### **19. Round 3: Remaining Eligible Athletes with a World Athletics Qualification Standard**

- a. If there are places remaining, the Selection Panel will select Eligible Athletes with 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. Performance at the Trials;
  - ii. The number of World Athletics Qualification Standards achieved in accordance with Section 2 of this policy;
  - iii. Number of times World Athletics Qualification Standards achieved during the 2023 outdoor season;
  - iv. The number of times UKA Selection Standards achieved during the 2023 outdoor season;
  - v. 2023 Season's Best;
  - vi. 2023 World rankings;
  - vii. World Athletics season top lists (three per nation);
  - viii. Current form and performance consistency as outlined in Requirement 3 above;
  - ix. Head-to-heads within the qualification period;
  - x. Previous major championship history;
  - xi. Injury/illness status;
  - xii. Future individual medal potential at major championships;
  - xiii. Impact on medal winning potential in relay teams; and
  - xiv. 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.

### **20. Round 4: Qualification via UKA Selection Standard & World Ranking Invite**

Following the end of the World Athletics qualification period on 30 July 2023, World Athletics will publish a [list](#) of athletes who have not achieved a World Athletics Qualification Standard for the relevant event within the qualification period, but who will be eligible for consideration of selection by virtue of their World Ranking position.

- a. If places are still available after round 3, the Selection Panel will consider Eligible Athletes who have achieved the UKA Selection Standard and receive an invite by virtue of their 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 20.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 priority order, may be given unequal weight and/or may be disregarded:
  - i. The number of times UKA Selection Standards achieved in 2023 outdoor season;
  - ii. 2023 Season's Best;
  - iii. 2023 World rankings;
  - iv. World Athletics season top lists (three per nation);
  - v. Performance at the Trials;
  - vi. Current form and performance consistency;

- vii. Head-to-heads within the qualification period;
- viii. Previous major championship history;
- ix. Injury/illness status;
- x. Impact on medal winning potential in relay teams; and
- xi. Any other factors the Selection Panel deem relevant.

## 21. Round 5: Relays

This Round applies to relay events only.

- a. A team will be selected for each relay team (men's 4x100m, women's 4x100m, men's 4x400m, women's 4x400m and mixed 4x400m) subject to the following:
  - i. Each relay team must qualify for the 2023 World Athletics Championships in accordance with World Athletics entry rules outlined in paragraph 5 above;
  - ii. Each relay team must, in the Selection Panel's opinion, have the genuine potential to achieve a medal at the 2023 World Athletics Championships (taking into account the event timetable, athletes selected in individual events and/or other relay events). For clarification, the Selection Panel may choose to prioritise one relay team over another i.e. the mixed relay team above the men's or women's 4x400m relay team, to maximise the chance of medal success at the 2023 World Athletics Championships. Athletes will be selected in this round based on the discretion of the Selection Panel following the Selection Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria. The criteria below are not listed in any priority order, may be given unequal weight and/or may be disregarded:
    - Engagement with the UK Athletics relay programme(s) in 2022 and 2023;
    - Current form (1st May 2023 – 23 July 2023);
    - Technical relay skills;
    - Head-to-heads within the qualification period;
    - Previous major competition history;
    - Injury/illness status;
    - Impact of individual event selection on ability to perform optimally in the relay;
    - Potential to become a key relay runner at future major global championships; and
    - Any other factors the Selection Panel deem relevant.
- b. In making their selection decisions, the Selection Panel may give what they consider to be appropriate weight to any of the factors in paragraph 21.a.ii above.
- c. Athletes selected only for the relay do not need to have achieved an individual Qualification Standard but must demonstrate current form.

## 22. Reserves

- a. The Selection Panel may select and enter one additional reserve for any event, at the end of the meeting, provided any such reserve athletes have achieved the criteria outlined in rounds 3, 4 or 5. If more athletes satisfy the criteria than there are places available, reserve athletes will be named based on the Selection Panel's consideration of paragraphs 19.b, 20.c and 21.a.ii.



### **SECTION 3: PERFORMANCE CONDITIONS**

23. 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>).
24. Events will only be listed on the World Athletics global calendar if they are licensed as a UK Athletics Level 2 competition or higher.
25. Multiple performances achieved in the same individual event in a single day will only count as follows:
- a. In a track event - at an official Championship of UK national level or higher; and
  - b. In a field event - only the best mark in the final and best mark in the pool.
26. Performances otherwise achieved in the same individual event in a single day will count as follows:
- a. In track events - only the fastest legal result of the day;
  - b. In throwing events - only the best trial of the first competition of the day; and
  - c. In horizontal jumps - only the best trial of the first competition of the day, unless every mark achieved by the athlete was in an illegal wind, in which case a second competition held with a legal wind reading will count.
27. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants shall not be accepted.
28. Wind-assisted performances (or performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available) for events held completely in a stadium will not be accepted. For combined events the conditions set in World Athletics rule 149.3 (or any revised or amended rule relating to wind readings in combined events in force at the time) will be applied for qualification purposes. This requires that at least one of these conditions be met:
- a. The wind velocity in any individual event shall not exceed plus 4 metres per second;
  - b. The average wind velocity (based on the algebraic sum of the wind velocities, as measured for each individual event, divided by the number of such events) shall not exceed plus 2 m/s.
29. Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 100m/110m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4 x 100m Relay will not be accepted.
30. Indoor performances for all field events and track events of 200m and longer will be accepted.
31. 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m hurdles and 400m hurdles performances at altitudes of above 950m will not be accepted.
32. For the running events of 400m and over, performances achieved on oversized tracks will NOT be accepted.



## **SECTION 4: SELECTION PANEL**

33. The Selection Panel shall comprise as follows:
- a. Voting members:
    - i. UK Athletics' Technical Director;
    - ii. The relevant UK Athletics' event group lead (the WCP Endurance Performance Manager; WCP Head of Sprints & Relays or WCP Head of Field and Combined Events), and;
    - iii. An event specialist as nominated by the Technical Director. Event specialists will include representatives in horizontal jumps, vertical jumps, throws, combined events, endurance, hurdles, sprints and relays.
  - b. The Technical Director may (but is not obliged to) invite any other person to attend the selection meeting including:
    - i. Chairperson;
    - ii. Independent observer;
    - iii. UKA Athlete Commission Member (if available);
    - iv. UKA Medical representative;
    - v. Legal counsel for UKA;
    - vi. Note-takers.
34. 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.
35. 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 event group lead shall have a casting vote, if required.
36. The Selection Panel may make any selection subject to the athlete completing a performance requirement or test set by the Selection Panel.
37. Athletes who want to double up at the 2023 World Athletics Championships do not have to compete in their second event at the Trials. In order to best fulfil the aims of the policy, the Selection Panel will decide, in its sole discretion, whether athletes may compete in more than one event in the Championships. Requests to double-up should be made to the Technical Director in advance of the Trials.

## **SECTION 5: DE-SELECTION**

38. 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. a breach of any UK Athletics policy including but not limited to the Relay Plan;

- f. 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
- g. 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 relevant Event Lead, with the decision of the Technical Director being final in the event of disagreement.

## **SECTION 6: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Appeals**

- 39. 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/](http://www.uka.org.uk/governance/uk-athletics-athletes-commission/) or WCP athletes can contact the British Elite Athletes Association via [support@britisheliteathletes.org](mailto:support@britisheliteathletes.org).
- 40. 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.
- 41. The Relevant Timeline (as defined in the UK Athletics Selection Fast Appeals Procedure) is:

<b><u>Action</u></b>	<b><u>Date &amp; Time</u></b>
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 appeal (“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**

42. 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](http://www.britishathletics.org.uk)

### **Governing law**

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

### **Jurisdiction**

44. 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**

45. 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:

- For any Team Leader queries please contact Stephen Maguire [smaquire@britishathletics.org.uk](mailto:smaquire@britishathletics.org.uk);
- Any queries regarding fitness to compete at the Trials please contact UK Athletics Lead Doctor Dr James Brown [jbrown@britishathletics.org.uk](mailto:jbrown@britishathletics.org.uk);
- Any queries regarding the 10,000m trial please contact [championships@britishathletics.org.uk](mailto:championships@britishathletics.org.uk);
- If you have any other queries, please contact Amanda Evans [aevens@britishathletics.org.uk](mailto:aevens@britishathletics.org.uk).

## APPENDIX 1 – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Athletes must:

1. Compete in the Trials in the event in which they wish to be considered for selection at the 2022 World Athletics Championships (except for combined events, 2022 World Championship individual medallists and 2021 Olympic Games medallists who must compete in a relevant individual event at the trials). Athletes aiming to gain selection for the relay teams must also compete at the Trials in a relevant event. Athletes unable to compete at Trials should see notes 1-3 below. The Technical Director, in his absolute discretion, may grant an athlete permission to compete in a different discipline at the Trials to that in which they wish to be selected.
2. Be eligible to compete for Great Britain & Northern Ireland (i.e. full British passport holder);
3. Not currently serving a period of ineligibility or a provisional or permanent suspension for a doping violation or for any other reason of misconduct;
4. Meet the standards and behaviour expected by UK Athletics, as published from time to time, including in the International Athletes Code of Conduct;
5. Be registered as a member with the relevant Home Country Athletics Federation (HCAF), directly or through a club;
6. 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.
  - 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; and
  - iii. athletes must be 18 years or older at 31 December 2023 (i.e. born in 2005 or earlier) to be considered for nomination in the men's shot put, and men's hammer.
7. 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
8. Provide such performance, medical and training data requested by UK Athletics from time to time whether before or after selection.

*Note 1: Permission not to compete at the Trials will only be granted in the case of injury/illness – no other exceptions will be made.*

*Note 2: To ensure the Selection Panel have an accurate picture of an athlete's fitness ahead of the selection meeting, those who are unable to compete at the Trials due to injury/illness but still wish to be considered for selection MUST either have been reviewed in person by the UK Athletics Medical team in the week prior to Trials OR they must attend the Trials (regardless of home location) to be examined by the UKA Lead Doctor. Athletes who fail to satisfy either provision will not be considered for selection (unless note 3 applies).*

*Note 3: Where an athlete suffers illness the day before or the day of the Trials, they must contact the Technical Director or UKA Lead Doctor as soon as possible prior to the commencement of the relevant Trial event. A common sense, judgement call based on the information and proof provided by the athlete will be used in determining whether to accept their non-attendance at the trials (enabling them for consideration for selection). Illness that occurs earlier than the day before the first day of the Trials must be evidenced by a medical note from a GP, emergency doctor or consultation with a UKA doctor for that athlete to remain eligible for selection. The Technical Director and UKA's Lead Doctor will at their discretion determine whether, on the basis of the evidence available to them and information provided by the athlete to accept their non-attendance at the Trials. Failure to satisfy the above will result in the athlete not being considered for selection. All athletes must be aware that failure to attend the trials, regardless of validity of excuse, will naturally and unavoidably place them at a disadvantage when being assessed for selection.*

*Note 4: Athletes who are defending World Champions from 2022 must compete in the Trials in at least one event. This event does not have to be the event in which they are in receipt of a wildcard entry, but must be approved by the Technical Director.*