



**2023 World Athletics Road Running Championships:
30 September – 1 October 2023
Riga, Latvia**

Selection Policy – Published 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 Road Running Championships.

AIM

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

TRIALS

All athletes must compete at the trials, apart from those selected for the 2023 World Athletics Championships.

1. The trials will take place at the following events:
 - a. The Road Mile & 5k: 8th September at the Great North Run, Newcastle.
 - b. The Half Marathon Trials will take place on 3rd September at the Big Half, London.
2. If you’re interested in being selected for the World Road Running Championships, please complete the expression an interest form [here](#).
3. Entry details for the Trials events will be published in due course.

SELECTION MEETINGS

4. The selection meeting will take place on **9 September 2023**.
5. Selections will be based on the aim of the policy and subject to the maximum entries as permitted by World Athletics, as follows:
 - a. Road Mile: a maximum of two (2) athletes per gender can be selected;
 - b. 5k: a maximum of two (2) athletes per gender can be selected; and
 - c. Half Marathon: a maximum of four (4) athletes per gender can be selected.
6. The team will be announced on 11 September 2023.

SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY FOR CONSIDERATION FOR SELECTION

7. 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):	Achieve a UKA Selection Standard in the correct period (as set out in paragraph 11-13 below).
Requirement 3 (Current Form):	Show Current Form, as set out in paragraphs 14-16 below.

Requirement 1: Eligibility Criteria

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

Requirement 2: UKA Selection Standard

9. All athletes must achieve a UKA Selection Standard. The UKA Selection Standards are as follows:

Men	Event	Women
3:55:00 / 3:37:50	1 mile / 1500m	4:27:00 / 4:07:50
13:45 / 13:25	5k / 5000m	15:40 / 15:20
1:02:30	Half Marathon	1:11:30

10. The UKA Selection Standard must be achieved in the following period:
- 1 mile, 1500m, 5k and 5000m between 00:00 (BST) 1 April and 23:59 (BST) 8 September 2023; and
 - Half Marathon between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January and 23:59 (BST) 8 September 2023.
11. The UKA Selection Standard must be achieved in accordance with the Performance Conditions outlined in Section 3.

Requirement 3: Current Form

12. Current form is defined as an athlete's current performance potential and readiness to compete at a level that satisfies the aims of the policy.
13. This will be determined by evaluating the athlete's performances from 1 July – 8 September 2023 and will take into consideration factors such as consistency, competition performance, progression and current injury status.
14. Current form can be demonstrated in an alternative relevant discipline.

Eligible Athletes

15. 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 individual athletes in two (2) rounds.

16. Round 1: top finishers at the Trials

- a. The following athletes at each Trials event will be selected will be selected for the same event, provided that they are an Eligible Athlete with a UKA Selection Standard:
 - i. **Road Mile**: The first male and first female athlete in the road mile Trials events;
 - ii. **5k**: The first male and first female athlete in the 5k Trials events; and
 - iii. **Half Marathon**: The top three (3) male and top three (3) female athletes in each of the Half Marathon Trials events.
- b. In the event of a dead heat or tie for first place in the road mile or 5k or third place in the half marathon at the Trials, involving two Eligible Athletes with the UKA Qualification Standard, all athletes will be considered in Round 2.
- c. Should either of the automatic 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.

17. Round 2: Remaining Eligible Athletes with a UKA Qualification Standard

- a. The Selection Panel will consider selecting Eligible Athletes with a UKA Qualification Standard **and** current form.
- b. If there are more Eligible Athletes with a UKA 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. Performance at the 2023 World Athletics Championships (where relevant);
 - iii. The number of UKA Qualification Standards achieved in accordance with Section 2 of this policy;
 - iv. Number of times UKA Qualification Standards achieved within the relevant qualification period;
 - v. 2023 Season’s Best;
 - vi. 2023 World ranking;
 - vii. Current form as outlined in Requirement 3;
 - viii. Head-to-heads within the qualification period;
 - ix. Previous major competition history;
 - x. Injury/illness status;
 - xi. Future individual medal potential at major events; and
 - xii. any other factors the Selection Panel deem relevant.

18. Non-Travelling Reserves

- a. The Selection Panel may select and enter one additional non-travelling reserve for any event, at the end of the meeting, provided any such reserve athletes have achieved a UKA Selection Standard. If more athletes satisfy the criteria than there are places available, reserve athletes will be named based on the Selection Panel's consideration of paragraph 17.b.

SECTION 3: PERFORMANCE CONDITIONS

19. 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>).
20. 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.
21. Performances achieved in mixed track events between male and female participants shall not be accepted.
22. Hand-timed performances will be accepted.

SECTION 4: SELECTION PANEL

23. The Selection Panel shall comprise as follows:
 - a. Voting members:
 - i. UK Athletics' Technical Director;
 - ii. UK Athletics' WCP Endurance Performance Manager; and
 - iii. UKA Endurance Strategy Manager.
 - 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.
24. 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.

25. 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.
26. The Selection Panel may make any selection subject to the athlete completing a performance requirement or test set by the Selection Panel.
27. 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.

SECTION 4: 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. 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 Head of Performance, with the decision of the Technical Director being final in the event of disagreement.

SECTION 4: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Appeals

29. 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 Procedure does not apply to the GB & NI team selections for the 2023 World Athletics Road Running Championships.

Amendment

30. 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

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

Jurisdiction

32. 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

33. 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:

- Any queries regarding fitness to compete at the Trials please contact UK Athletics Lead Doctor Dr James Brown jbrown@britishathletics.org.uk;
- If you have any other queries, please contact Laura Burke lburke@britishathletics.org.uk.

APPENDIX 1 – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Athletes must:

- a. Compete in the Trials in the event in which they wish to be considered for selection at the 2022 World Athletics Road Running Championships. Athletes unable to compete at Trials should see notes 1-3 below. Athletes who are selected to compete at the 2023 World Athletics Championships are not required to compete in the Trials.
- b. Be eligible to compete for Great Britain & Northern Ireland (i.e. full British passport holder);
- c. Not currently serving a period of ineligibility or a provisional or permanent suspension for a doping violation or for any other reason of misconduct;
- d. Meet the standards and behaviour expected by UK Athletics, as published from time to time, including in the International Athletes Code of Conduct;
- e. Be registered as a member with the relevant Home Country Athletics Federation (HCAF), directly or through a club;
- f. 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 Technical Director. 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
- g. 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
- h. 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.

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 WCP Endurance Performance Manager 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.