

2023 European U23 Championships
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ESPOO, FIN

Selection Policy – 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 become successful at future senior international championships and ultimately the Olympic Games.

British Athletics therefore intend to select a team for the European U23 Championships with the following aims:

1. Maximise top 5 placings at the European U23 Championships.
2. Provide a key experience for 4x100m and 4x400m relay runners in preparation for performance in senior major Championships relay teams.

This selection policy (“the Policy”) outlines the process by which athletes will be selected for the European U23 Championships. British Athletics is committed to supporting the age-group competition pathway organised and administered by the World Athletics and European Athletics.

Trials

The European U23 Championships Trials (“the Trials”) for all events except, 10,000m, combined events and 20km race-walk, will take place on **17 – 18 June at the England Athletics (EA) u20/u23 Championships** in Chelmsford.

The Trials for the events not staged in Chelmsford on 17 - 18 June will take place 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);
- U23 10000m trials to be held **22 April - Loughborough** Athletes wishing to compete should enter directly via the Loughborough University website.
- There will be no trial for the U23 20km race-walks – athletes will instead be expected to show form/fitness over the 10,000m race-walk at the U23 trials to be eligible for selection in round 2 of this policy.

In the case of an injury, athletes will be required to provide a medical report to the British Athletics U23 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 2001, 2002, 2003;
 - c. compete in the Trials in the event in which they wish to be selected with the following exceptions:
 - i. Athletes in the 10,000m and Combined Events;
 - ii. Athletes who may want to double up at the European U23 Championships do not have to compete in their second event at the Trials. Athletes must inform the Selection Panel ("the Panel") prior to the selection meeting of their desire to double up and in which events. The Panel will consider any athlete's second event as discretionary selection in round 2 (as described in paragraph 8).
 - d. 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 www.uka.org.uk/performance/british-athletics-teams-information/.
 - e. have completed the European Athletics 'I Run Clean™' anti-doping education programme via <https://www.irunclean.org/> and have a valid certificate number prior to the 2023 European Athletics U23 Championships selection meeting on 19 June 2023. Each certificate has a validity of two years.

Note 1: 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 2: Athletes who are competing in the NCAA finals on 7-10 June 2023 will be exempt from competing at the trials, however they can not be considered in Round 1 of the selection policy. They must also notify the Pathway team via agegroupchampsinfo@britishathletics.org.uk.

Note 3: Athletes that hold the current 2023 World Championships qualification standard in their given event may be granted for exemption for the trials as agreed by the Event Lead.

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 between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2023 and 23:59 (BST) 18 June 2023.
3. The British Athletics qualification standards are based on a predicted top 5 finish as at January 2023:

Men	Event	Women
10.30	100m	11.45
20.80	200m	23.30
46.30	400m	52.90
1'47.0	800m	2'03.0
3'39.50	1500m	4'14.0
13'50.0	5000m	16'00.0
29'20.00	10,000m	33'55.0
8'50.0	3000m S/C	10'05.0
01:29.0	20,000m Walk	01:43.0
13.90	110m H	13.25
50.80	400m H	57.50
2.19	High Jump	1.86
5.50	Pole Vault	4.25
7.70	Long Jump	6.45
16.00	Triple Jump	13.50
19.00	Shot	16.50
58.00	Discus	54.00
71.00	Hammer	66.00
76.00	Javelin	54.00
7700	Decathlon/Heptathlon	5800

Selection Process

4. The team will be selected on **19 June 2023.**
5. The team will be announced on Tuesday, 20 June 2023.
6. 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.
7. British Athletics will select qualifying athletes up to a maximum team size of 44.
8. **Round 1 – automatic selections**
 - a. The 1st place of the individual Trials event (refer to the overview for details on all Trials events) will be automatically selected for the same event at the European U23 Championships, provided the relevant British Athletics qualification standard has been achieved by the athletes during the relevant qualification period;

- b. Should the 1st of the trials not be eligible for (or decline) selection or have not achieved the relevant qualification standard, their automatic place will NOT be offered to the next best placed eligible athlete(s) from the relevant Trial;
- c. For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete may achieve the qualification standard after the trials but before the end of the qualification period and still gain automatic selection.

9. Round 2 – all remaining eligible individual athletes:

- a. In this round the Panel will consider athletes that have:
 - i. Achieved at least one qualification standard by the end of the qualification period;
 - ii. Demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Panel current form and fitness which suggests they are capable of performing at a level equal to (or exceeding) their qualification best or season's best (whichever is higher);
- b. If more athletes satisfy all of the criteria outlined in paragraph 8(a) above than there are places available (refer to paragraph 11 below), athletes will be selected based on the Panel's consideration or 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;
 - ii. Position at the Trials;
 - iii. Future individual medal potential at indoor or outdoor global events;
 - iv. Top 5 potential at the 2023 European U23 Championships;
 - v. Head-to-heads;
 - vi. Previous major age-group competition history;
 - vii. Injury status;
 - viii. Ability to successfully double-up (i.e. compete in more than one event at the Championships); and
 - ix. Relay contribution (sprints only).

10. Round 3 – Relays;

- a. Based on the athletes selected for individual sprint/hurdles events in rounds 1 and 2, the Panel, may choose to select a team for each of the men's and women's 4x100m and 4x400m relays (which must include athletes selected for individual 100m and 400m events respectively) provided the following is true:
 - i. they believe a sufficient number of athletes eligible for relay selection possess realistic potential to be key team members in future senior global medal winning relay teams.
- 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.
- 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;
 - ii. Head-to-heads;
 - iii. Previous major competition history (in individual and relay events);
 - iv. Relay skills;
 - v. Injury status; and
 - vi. Engagement with the British Athletics relay programme(s);
- d. 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.

2. Round 4

- a. The 'Panel' may select additional individual athletes to the team who have a realistic chance of being a Top 5 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. Head-to-heads in 2023.
 - v. Previous major age-group competition history.
 - vi. 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. Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the World Athletics, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised. Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the World Athletics, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations.
13. UK domestic competition performance will only be recognised if they are achieved in a UKA Level 2 Permit competition or higher see www.uka.org.uk/competitions/fixtures/ on the UKA competition permits.
14. The Race Walking performances achieved in road events must be achieved on World Athletics certified courses.
15. Performances achieved in the same individual event in a single day where that event is not an official Championship of UK national level or higher will only count as follows:
- a. In track events only the fastest legal result of the day;
 - b. In throwing events only the best performance of the first competition of the day;
 - c. In horizontal jumps only the best performance of the first competition of the day, unless every mark achieved by the athlete was wind-assisted in which case the best trial in a second competition held under non-wind-assisted conditions will count.
16. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants, held completely in a stadium, shall not be accepted.

17. 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 World Athletics rule book (at the time of selection), unless the relevant organising committee state otherwise.
18. Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 100m/110m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4 x100m relay will not be accepted.
19. Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m or longer will be accepted.
20. 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m hurdles and 400m hurdles performances at altitudes of above 950m will not be accepted.

Appeals

21. 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 2023 European U23 Championships.

Amendment

22. 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.britishathletics.org.uk.