



**2024 European Athletics U18 Championships
Banska Bystrica (SVK)
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SELECTION POLICY – PUBLISHED MARCH 2024 v2

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) sets out the selection process for the team to represent Great Britain & Northern Ireland at the 2024 European U18 Championships in Track & Field

Overview

UK 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, UK Athletics will consider selecting athletes for opportunities within the U20 age group champs programme aligned to the EA/IAAF ruling.

The Selection Panel (“the Panel”) therefore aim to select a competitive team with athletes who they believe have the potential to reach top 5 in the track, and top 8 in the field events at the European U18 Championships.

Unlike the other age-group championships taking place this summer, there is NOT a trials event for the European U18 Championships.

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

Competition Opportunities

Due to the different implement weights, distances and hurdle heights used in this age-group, UK Athletics will liaise with competition providers to ensure there are competition opportunities to help athletes achieve qualification standards. To facilitate head-to-head performances, athletes will be encouraged to participate in competition opportunities against their peers. Athletes who choose not to compete in such competition opportunities may harm their chances of selection.

Athletes/Coaches/Parents wanting more information on these competition opportunities and/or those wishing to register their email address for updates should contact; **Pathway Statistician, Ian Hodge - IHodge@talentpathway.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 2007 or 2008; and
 - c. athletes must not be currently serving a period of ineligibility or a provisional or permanent suspension for a doping violation or for any other reason of misconduct.
 - d. 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/>
 - e. have received and hold a valid certification for having completed European Athletics Anti-Doping Education Programme – I Run Clean.

Qualification

2. Qualification performances must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1st January 2024 and 23:59 (BST) 23rd June 2024.
 - Hurdle Heights Men - 110m H 91cm; 400m H 84cm / Women - 100m H 76cm; 400m H 76cm
 - Women's/Men's – 3kg/5kg Shot, 1kg/1.5kg Discus, 3kg/5kg Hammer, 500g/700g Javelin
 - Steeplechase Barrier Height- Men 0.838/Women 0.762m
3. The UK Athletics qualification standards are based on a predicted Top 5 and Top 8 finish for Track and Field respectively:

Boys	Event	Girls
10.60	100m	11.75
21.45	200m	24.15
48.00	400m	54.50
1:51.00	800m	2:06.00
3:52.00	1500m	4:22.00
8:25.00	3,000m	9:35.00
5:52.00	2,000m SC	6:45.00
13.70	110m/100m H	13.50
52.50	400m H	59.50
22:40.00	5km RW	24:00.00
2.07	High Jump	1.79
4.85	Pole Vault	3.90
7.20	Long Jump	6.10
14.80	Triple Jump	12.70
18.10	Shot Put	15.60
54.50	Discus Throw	44.30
69.00	Hammer Throw	61.50
67.00	Javelin Throw	49.60
7000	Decathlon/Heptathlon	5300

Selection Process

4. The team will be selected in one selection meeting on **Monday 24th June 2024.**
5. The voting panel members will be made up of representatives of each event group as nominated by the Head of Performance Pathways, based on their knowledge and expertise. The panel will also include a non-voting independent observer and a member of the Athlete's Commission.
6. The team will be announced on Wednesday 26th June 2024.
7. UK Athletics will select qualifying athletes up to a maximum team size of 30*, which must consist of no more than 2 athletes for each individual event. Given this team size, the Selection Panel ("the Panel") will select the team in 3 rounds, outlined in paragraphs 8 to 10 below.

**Note – the GB and NI team size is subject to budgetary constraints and as such UK Athletics reserves the right to increase or decrease the maximum team size as necessary.*

8. Round 1 – clear Top 5 (track)/Top 8 (field) potential:

- a. Athletes will only be selected in this round if they are eligible for selection (see paragraph 1) and the Panel believe they have clear potential to place top 5 (track) and top 8 (field) in the final at the 2024 European Athletics U18 Championships.
- b. If more athletes satisfy all the criteria outlined 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 2024);
 - ii. 2024 Performance record and consistency.
 - iii. 2024 European u18 ranking
 - iv. Future individual medal potential at indoor or outdoor major events;
 - v. Contribution to relay teams (where relevant);
 - vi. Previous major age-group competition history;
 - vii. Head-to-heads within the qualification period; and
 - viii. Injury/illness status.

9. Round 2 – medley relay:

- a. A medley relay team will only be selected where places remain unfilled following completion of round 1 (one), and only if the Panel, in its absolute discretion, believes the team will be genuine medal contenders; in accordance with the European Athletics entry rules (503.7) as outlined in paragraph 5. The leg distances are 100m, 200m, 300m, 400m.
- b. A maximum of 6 (six) athletes may be selected for the medley relay, which can include those selected as individuals in the previous round. For the avoidance of doubt, the Panel may choose not to select any additional medley relay only athletes in this round, but still select a strike 4 (four), and enter a team from athletes selected for the individual events in the previous round.
- c. Athletes may be selected to the medley relay (as medley relay only athletes, or from previously selected individual athletes) 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;
 - ii. Head-to-heads;
 - iii. Previous major competition history;
 - iv. Relay experience
 - v. Competition timetable considerations: and
 - vi. Injury/illness status.
- d. Athletes selected for the medley relay only do not need to have achieved a UK Athletics qualification standard.

10. Round 3

- a. The 'Panel' may select additional individual athletes to the team who have a realistic chance of being a finalist at the Championships but who have not achieved a UK Athletics qualification standard within the relevant qualification period (provided they have achieved the European Athletics qualification standard in accordance with paragraphs 11 to 13 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. European U18 Rankings
 - iii. Finalist potential at the 2024 European U18 Championships based on event depth and what it takes to final.
 - iv. Head-to-heads in 2024.
 - v. Previous major age-group competition history.
 - vi. Injury status.
11. The total number of athletes selected in rounds 2 and 3 may be limited by regulations set by European Athletics, the Championship organisers, or by UK Athletics for logistical or budgetary reasons.
12. The Panel reserves the right to make value judgments on situations that they consider to be exceptional circumstances within the reference framework and the spirit of the general policy;
13. The maximum **team size is 30 athletes.**

Conditions

14. Qualifying standards can only be achieved at World Athletics permitted events.
15. Results of Competitions in GB&NI that have a level 1 License and those competitions that only have a level 2 domestic license **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** by European Athletics.
16. Wind-assisted performances (or OUTDOOR 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.

17. Performances achieved in mixed events held completely in a stadium will not be accepted.
18. Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 100m/110m Hurdles and 400m Hurdles will not be accepted;
19. Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m or longer will be accepted.

Appeals

20. There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the GB&NI Team made by the Panel. The provisions of the UK Athletics Selection and Nominations “Fast” Appeals Procedure do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2024 European Athletics U18 Championships.

Amendment

21. UK 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

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