



**World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships – 21 April 2024, Antalya, Turkey.**

## **SELECTION POLICY – February 2024**

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) sets out the selection process for the team to represent Great Britain & Northern Ireland at the 2024 World Race Walking Team Championships.

UK Athletics considers the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships as a stepping-stone towards success at World and Olympic Championships.

### **AIMS**

- To support athletes who have the potential to finish in the top 12.
- To support developing athletes who may perform well at future Race Walking Team Championships and have the potential to be selected for future major championships.

### **TRIALS**

There will be no trial event for the 2024 World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships.

### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Athletes seeking selection should submit an expression of interest (EOI) by **23:59 (GMT) Saturday 30th March**. If no EOI is received by this date, the selection panel will not consider the individual for selection. An expression of interest form can be found [here](#).

### **SELECTION MEETING**

The selection meeting will take place on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**.

UK Athletics will select up to two (2) athletes for each male and female junior team, three (3) athletes for each male and female senior team and up to four (4) athletes for the marathon mixed relay.

### **SECTION ONE: ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION REQUIREMENTS**

1. To be eligible for consideration for selection, athletes must comply with Requirements 1, 2 and 3 set out below. Athletes who do not comply with both Requirements shall not be eligible for selection.

#### **REQUIREMENT 1: GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

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

## REQUIREMENT 2: QUALIFICATION STANDARD

3. In order to **be considered** for selection, athletes must achieve the UKA qualification standard.

**UKA Qualification Standards by event are:**

Men	Event	Women
1:23:30 (20km)	<b>Senior 20km</b>	1:35:30 (20km)
44:54 (10,000m/10km)	<b>Junior 10km</b>	50:31 (10,000m/10km)
41:20 (10km)	<b>Marathon Mixed Relay</b>	47:30 (10km)

4. The UKA Qualification Standards must be achieved in the following period:  
00:00 (GMT) 1 April 2023 and 23:59 (GMT) 30 March 2024.
5. The UKA Qualification Standards must be achieved in accordance with the Performance Conditions outlined in Appendix 2 – Performance Conditions.

## REQUIREMENT 3: CURRENT FORM

6. All athletes must show current form in the period 1 September 2023 – 23:59 (GMT) 30 March 2024 to be eligible for selection. This is to ensure that athletes who have achieved a UKA Qualification Standard are still performing at or near to that level.
7. The current form standards are as follows:

Men	Event	Women
1:25:30 (20km) 41:20 (10km)	<b>Senior 20km</b>	1:37:30 (20km) 47:30 (10km)
44:54 (10,000m/10km)	<b>Junior 10km</b>	50:31 (10,000m/10km)
41:20 (10km)	<b>Marathon Mixed Relay</b>	47:30 (10km)

## SECTION TWO: SELECTION PROCESS

8. The Selection Panel will only consider athletes who meet Requirements 1 - 3 set out in Section One. Selections will be made successively by event:
- i. Women's Senior 20 km
  - ii. Men's Senior 20 km
  - iii. Men's Junior 10 km
  - iv. Women's Junior 10 km
  - v. Mixed Marathon Relay

Using the process outlined in paragraph 9 below:

- a. The Selection Panel is not obliged to fill all places.
9. If, in each event, more athletes satisfy the requirements outlined in paragraph 1 than there are places available, athletes will be selected based on the Selection Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria, to select athletes most likely available to achieve the aims of the policy. 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 were achieved in 2024 outdoor season;
  - ii. 2023 Season's Best;
  - iii. 2023 World Rankings;
  - iv. Current form (considering factors such as consistency, competition performance, progression, performances in alternative relevant disciplines);
  - v. Head-to-heads within the qualification period;
  - vi. Recent, previous major championship history;
  - vii. Injury/illness status;
  - viii. Any other factors the Selection Panel deems relevant.
10. 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.

## **11. Reserves**

The Selection Panel will, at its discretion select one non-travelling reserve for each event should selected athletes be unable to travel. These places will be selected at the Selection Meeting, based on the criteria listed above (9i – 9ix). Selected reserve athletes will be added to the final entry and will be called upon to compete at the discretion of the Team Leader and if logistically possible.

## **SECTION 4: SELECTION PANEL**

11. The Selection Panel shall comprise the following Voting and Non-Voting Members stated below. A substitute may be nominated at any time by the Chairperson if a member is unavailable:
- a. Voting Members:
    - i. UKA Endurance Strategy Manager
    - ii. WCP Endurance Performance Manager.
    - iii. An event group representative at the discretion as nominated by the Chairperson
  - b. Non-voting members:
    - i. Chairperson;
    - ii. British Elite Athletes Association Member subject to availability;
    - iii. Note taker(s); and
    - iv. An independent observer shall be invited at the discretion of the Chairperson
    - v. Any other person invited by the Chairperson.

12. 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.
13. Voting of the Selection Panel shall be by simple majority. The Endurance Strategy Manager shall have a casting vote, if required.
14. The Selection Panel may make any selection subject to the athlete completing a performance requirement or test set by the Selection Panel.
15. The team will be announced on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024**.

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

16. Following selection, an athlete may be de-selected by the Selection Panel or UK Athletics in the event of:
  - a. any anti-doping rule violation or provisional suspension;
  - b. any serious misconduct or suspension due to misconduct;
  - c. the athlete ceasing to comply with the eligibility criteria set out in this Selection Policy, or other strategy document communicated by UK Athletics;
  - d. failure to sign the World Class Programme Athlete Agreement or Team Member Agreement;
  - e. application of the Medical De-Selection Protocol set out in the Team Member Agreement;
  - f. a breach of any UK Athletics policy;
  - g. UK Athletics reasonably considers 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.
  - h. failure to opt-in to team training or events.

In the event of de-selection, the UKA Endurance Strategy Manager and the WCP Endurance Performance Manager and Chairperson will meet again to decide whether to include the relevant non-travelling reserve. In the event of disagreement, the Endurance Strategy Manager shall have the casting vote.

## **SECTION 6: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Appeals**

17. There shall be no right of appeal for the selection of the Team. The provisions of the UK Athletics Selection and Nomination "Fast" Appeals Procedure do not apply to the team selection for the 2024 World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships.

### **Amendment**

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

### **Governing law**

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

### **Jurisdiction**

20. 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  
21.

### **Contact Details**

Questions related to the selection policy (including those relating to athletes based overseas) and the expression of interest should be directed to Laura Burke ([lburke@britishathletics.org.uk](mailto:lburke@britishathletics.org.uk)).

## APPENDIX 1 – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Athletes must:

- a. Be eligible to compete for Great Britain & Northern Ireland (i.e. full British passport holder);
- b. Not currently serving a period of ineligibility or a provisional or permanent suspension for a doping violation or for any other reason of misconduct;
- c. Meet the standards and behaviour expected by UK Athletics, as published from time to time, including in the International Athletes Code of Conduct;
- d. Be registered as a member with the relevant Home Country Athletics Federation (HCAF), directly or through a club;
- e. Be 18 or 19 years on 31 December 2024 (born in 2006 or 2005) may compete in any race.
- f. Be aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December 2024 (born in 2008 or 2007) may compete in the U20 race ONLY.
- g. In exceptional circumstances athletes who are 16 years or older on 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.
- h. 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
- i. Provide such performance, medical and training data requested by UK Athletics from time to time whether before or after selection.

## APPENDIX 2 - PERFORMANCE CONDITIONS

The UK Athletics Selection Standards must be achieved in accordance with the Performance Conditions as set out below.

1. Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by 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.
2. UK domestic track and field performances will only be certified by UK Athletics if they are achieved in a UK Athletics Level 2 Permit competition or higher, or in an Area or County Championship (see <https://www.uka.org.uk/competitions/track-field-licensing/> for details on the UK Athletics competition permits).
3. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants shall not be accepted.