



2024 European Athletics Championships Selection Policy

GUIDANCE FOR ATHLETES

The information below sets out the key elements in the 2024 European Athletics Championships selection policy to help athletes and coaches to become familiar with how the selection process works. It does not replace the 2024 European Athletics Championships Selection Policy and athletes and coaches should read this document in parallel with the policy itself, the link for which is found at the end of this guidance.

TRIALS

There will be no designated competition as a trials for the 2024 European Athletics Championships for any events.

HOW ARE ATHLETES 'ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION?'

Athletes aiming for selection in individual events need to make sure that they fulfil **all** the 'eligibility' requirements before they can be considered for selection.

- 'Eligibility' requirements are:
 - **General eligibility** relating to UKA / European Athletics rules such as age, being a British Passport Holder and all elements relating to compliance as a team member. The full list can be found in Appendix 1 of the Selection Policy.
 - Athletes must have a **UKA qualification standard**.
 - In certain events (highlighted in the selection policy) UKA standards are lower than the European Athletics Entry Standard.
 - Athletes in these events must also achieve their qualification through the 'Road to Rome' qualification system or achieve the European Athletics Entry Standard.
- Being an 'Eligible Athlete' does not give you automatic selection. 'Eligible Athletes' will then be assessed and considered for selection in a rounds-based selection.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

- All athletes wishing to be considered for selection are should to complete the expression of interest form before the 3 May 2024. The form can be found [here](#).

HOW DO QUALIFICATION STANDARDS WORK?

- The main route to qualification is to achieve a UK Athletics (UKA) Qualification Standard in the event for which an athlete is seeking selection.
- For some events, where the UKA qualification standard is lower than the European Athletics Entry Standard athletes will need to also achieve their qualification through the European Athletics



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Ranking Qualification system or also achieve a European Athletics Entry Standards. Events which this applies to are: women's 100mH; men's pole vault; women's triple jump; men's discus throw; men's javelin throw; both combined events.

- For most events, the qualification standard must be achieved between 27 May 2023 – 26 May 2024. The 10,000m, Half Marathon, 20km Race Walks and Combined Events window is 27 November 2022 – 26 May 2024. The window applies to both UKA qualification and EA entry standards.

SELECTION PROCESS – INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

- Eligible Athletes only are taken to a rounds-based process and are assessed for selection. Athletes are considered for selection places in 2 rounds. Rounds take place in priority order.
- Round 1 selects 2022 Individual European Champions who are given a wild card in the corresponding event & 2023 World Athletics Championship individual medallists who will be selected in the corresponding event. For clarification these athletes are not exempt from the need to fulfil 'Eligibility'.
- Round 2 considers remaining Eligible Athletes (those who have achieved a UKA qualification standard).
- For Round 2, the panel will consider all eligible athletes based on UKA's performance objectives to maximise medals, support athletes' plans to achieve success at the Paris Olympics and to support preparation towards medal success at the 2025 World Championships. A range of criteria is used to assess this and to evaluate comparatively, where more than one athlete is in contention for a place. Details on the criteria used can be found in the policy but includes a range of performance data and insights. The criteria are used as a body of information to help guide the panel in its decision-making.
- For clarification, a UKA qualification standard, European Athletics entry standard and/or European Athletics ranking position does not guarantee selection.
- Athletes should note that there will be a maximum team size of 70 athletes. If more athletes are eligible for selection than place available, the panel will allocate places based on fulfilment of the policies aims using the criteria listed within Round 2 of the selection policy.

SELECTION PROCESS- RELAYS

- After the individual rounds, relay athletes are selected (Round 3). All athletes selected for individual 100m and 400m are automatically selected for the men and women's 4x100m and 4x400m relay events.
- Relay-only athletes do not need to achieve a qualification standard but must fulfil the other 'eligibility' requirements (i.e. other general criteria as described in the Eligibility section).
- Eligible relay athletes are considered for the remaining places in each relay event.



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- Athletes are considered using a similar range of criteria to the individual events and in addition some relay-specific criteria such as relay technical skills and tactical considerations.

NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION

- All athletes who have been selected will be contacted the day after selection, by midday GMT Tuesday 28 May.
- The Team will be publicly announced by UK Athletics at noon on Tuesday 28 May.
- Unfortunately, is not possible, given numbers and a tight timeframe, to contact all athletes who have not been selected. This means that if you have not been contacted by Tuesday 28 May, you have not been selected.

APPEALS PROCESS

- Athletes should carefully read the selection policy and the UKA Fast Appeals process [here](#) to be familiar with the timeline and grounds for appeal.
- Athletes can access support from the British Elite Athlete Association and the UKA Athlete Commission for guidance.
- 'Sports Resolutions' will convene an independent panel of legal experts to assess appeals.
- Key steps to note if you intend to appeal:
 - An appeal must be submitted by midday GMT Wednesday 29 May.
 - You may request your individual notes from the selection meeting. The deadline for your written request is Tuesday 28 May at 5pm and UKA will supply your notes by Wednesday 29 May at 10am.
 - The Appeals panel will convene on Thursday 30 May and will inform the athlete directly of the outcome of the appeal by 11am on Thursday 30 May.
- A fast appeals process is in place firstly to be as fair to all athletes as possible. The selection timeline for the European Athletics Championships is particularly tight as it needs to fit with the European Athletics final entry deadline (1pm GMT Thursday 30 May.)

The link to the 2024 European Athletics Championships Selection Policy can be found [here](#) .



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