

# Olympic Games Track & Field Selection Policy - A Quick Reference.



This infographic is designed to give athletes and coaches a simple overview to the selection process. It does not replace the need to carefully read the fully policy which can be found [here](#).

## Eligibility

Athletes aiming for selection in individual events must meet certain eligibility criteria:

- Attendance at relevant Trials and participation in the desired event, unless exceptions apply.
- Achievement of qualification standards and demonstration of current form.
- General eligibility as per BOA, WA, and UKA rules.
- Being an 'Eligible Athlete' **does not guarantee automatic selection**. Eligible athletes will undergo assessment and consideration through a rounds-based selection process.

## Qualification Standards

- **Main route:** Attain World Athletics Qualification Standard.
- **Secondary route for some events:** UKA-set standards combined with World Athletics World Ranking.
- Standards must be met between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024 (except for 10,000m and Combined Event athletes, whose window is December 31, 2023, to June 30, 2024).
- WA Qualification Standard takes priority over UKA standard in selection considerations.

## Current Form

- Athletes must demonstrate current form during the period from April 1 to June 30, 2024 and are expected to demonstrate their current performance level, indicating proximity to the qualification standards.

## Trials Participation

- Athletes aiming for multiple events must inform the Head Coach in writing.
- Non-participation due to illness or injury requires prior written notification and medical evidence.
- 'Budapest' World Medallists may compete in alternative events with prior approval.

## Selection Process - Individual Events

- **Round 1:** Top 2 finishes from Trials with WA qualification standards are automatically selected.
- **Round 2:** 2023 World Championships Medallists who meet eligibility criteria are automatically selected.
- **Round 3:** Remaining eligible athletes with WA qualification standard & using performance criteria to guide assessment.
- **Round 4:** Remaining eligible athletes with UK standards, subject to achieving WA World Ranking position & using performance criteria to guide assessment.

## Selection Process - Relays

- After individual rounds, relay athletes are selected.
- Athletes selected for individual 100m and 400m count in the 5 relay places available in the men's/women's events.
- Relay-only athletes are considered for remaining relay places based on eligibility and relay-specific criteria.

## Notifications & Appeals Process

- Athletes will be individually notified of their nomination for selection (subject to BOA ratification). Nomination notifications are sent by midday GMT on July 2.
- Team announcement is led by the BOA on July 5, after appeals.
- Appeals must be submitted by midday GMT on July 3, with decisions communicated by July 5.

