



2024 WORLD ATHLETICS RELAYS
4 – 5 May 2024
NASSAU, BAHAMAS

SELECTION POLICY – February 2024

OVERVIEW

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) outlines UK Athletics' process for selecting athletes to represent Great Britain & Northern Ireland at the 2024 World Athletics Relay in the men’s and women’s 4x100m and 4x400m teams and the 4x400m mixed relay.

As per the World Class Programme (WCP) 4x100m/4x400m Relay Agreement, all WCP relay athletes are expected to make themselves available for selection and participation and attend all organised camps and sessions.

The 2024 World Athletics Relay Bahamas is a crucial qualifying event for the Paris Olympic Games.

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UK Athletics' objective for these championships is to qualify all relay teams for the Paris Olympic Games

SELECTION MEETINGS

1. The 4x100m relay teams will be selected and finalised by 19th February 2024
2. The 4x400m relay teams will be selected by 8th April 2024

SELECTION PANEL

3. The Selection Panel shall comprise the following Voting and Non-Voting Members. A substitute may be nominated at any time by the Head Coach if a member is unavailable.
 - a. Voting Members:
 - i. Head Coach (casting vote)
 - ii. Head of Sprints & Relay
 - iii. 4x100m Lead Coach (voting for 4x100m only)
 - iv. 4x400m Lead Coach (voting for 4x400m only)
 - b. Non-voting members:
 - i. Chairperson
 - ii. Note taker(s)
 - iii. Any other person invited by the Chairperson

CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION AND TEAM ENTRY CONDITIONS

4. A maximum of one team can be entered in each relay event
5. A team of up to 8 athletes will be selected for each of the men’s and women’s 4x100m, 4x400m and mixed relays.
6. All athletes must meet the eligibility criteria set out in Appendix 1

ATHLETE SELECTION DECISIONS

7. Athletes will be selected based on maximising the likelihood of teams qualifying for the 2024 Olympic Games at these championships, in alignment with the overarching aims of the Policy.
8. A number of factors will be considered in making a decision about which athletes will be selected, including:
 - i. Engagement with the UK Athletics relay programme in 2023 and 2024
 - ii. Performance and performance consistency during the 2023 outdoor and 2024 indoor seasons in individual and relay events
 - iii. Technical relay skills
 - iv. Evidence of form in training and competitions in 2024
 - v. Adaptability: the ability to run different legs as required
 - vi. Recent championship performance history (from 2022) in individual and relay events
 - vii. Impact on the Olympic qualification and Olympic medal-winning potential of the relay teams
 - viii. Injury and fitness status
9. All athletes selected must be able to attend the pre-championship camp from 18/04/24 to 30/04/24 IMG Academy, Florida and participate at full fitness in all relay practices. No dispensation will be made unless there are exceptional circumstances which are discussed and agreed in advance with the Head of Sprints and Relays.

DE-SELECTION

10. 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 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 including but not limited to the Relay Plan
 - 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

APPEALS

11. There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the GB&NI Team made by the Selection Panel. The provisions of the “British Athletics Selection Fast Appeals Procedures” do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2024 World Athletics Relay

APPENDIX 1 – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- a. Be eligible to compete for GB&NI (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 16 years or older on 31 December 2024 (i.e. born in 2008 or earlier)
- f. 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/>