



WORLD INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025, NANJING SELECTION POLICY FAQs

The FAQs below are designed to support athletes and coaches in understanding the selection process for the World Indoor Championships. FAQs cannot replace the World Indoor Selection Policy, which takes precedence in the event of a conflict with this document. Athletes and coaches should consult the FAQs where needed, in parallel with reading the policy itself. The link to the selection policy can be found [here](#).

Is the UK Athletics Indoor Championships the Trials for the World Indoor Championships?

No, the UK Indoor Championships will only be the Trials for the European Indoor Championships.

Why is there an Expression of Interest?

UKA asks athletes to complete an Expression of Interest so that the Selection Panel knows those eligible athletes who do/do not wish to participate. This is particularly important as there is a tight timeline between confirming selection with athletes individually and final entries.

Why are the Performance aims focused on maximising medals and top 8 finishes?

The Performance objectives for the World Indoor Championships are part of the wider World Class Programme strategy to ultimately maximise medals at the Olympics and World Championships. This strategy (which aligns to UK Sport investment objectives) is reflected across major international championships by setting standards that are commensurate with medal winning success and to support athletes with a high performing environment towards future Olympic and World outdoor medals.

How are athletes eligible to be considered for selection?

You must fulfil the General Eligibility criteria in order to become an Eligible Athlete and be considered for selection.

Then, you can qualify for selection consideration in the event for which you wish to be selected via one of the following routes:

- Achieve the World Athletics Qualification Standard in the period **1 September 2024 - 9 March 2025**. The standards are set out in the Policy (they can also be found on the World Athletics Qualification website or the 'Road to Nanjing').
- Place in the Top 20 (for track events) or Top 16 (for field events) on the World Athletics 'Top Performance List ('Road to Nanjing') at the time of the selection meeting: **Monday 10 March 2025**.

Combined events athlete selection is via World Athletics invitation only. Athletes must notify UKA of their wish to be considered for selection by **20 December**. World Athletics will invite the Top 14 based on World Rankings and may make discretionary invitations based on expression of interest.

2025 World Indoor Tour Champions will receive a World Athletics Wild Card invitation.

How many places are available by event?

WA rules offer two places by event. World Indoor Tour Wild Cards count as an additional place.



How are selections made?

Selections take place over two rounds. All 2025 World Indoor Tour Winners (Wild Cards), 2024 Olympic Games individual medallists and 2024 World Indoor individual medallists who have expressed interest and are eligible (see above) are selected first. In the second round, all other Eligible Athletes are considered. Where there are more athletes than places, the athlete ranked higher in the World Athletics Top Performance List will be selected.

Why is there no Current Form consideration as in other selection policies?

As World Athletics will use a Performance Top List as part of its qualification route for these championships, the need for a Current Form window is removed.

Why are Top 20/Top 16 Top Performance List cut-offs used for selection?

Top 20 (track events) and Top 16 (field events) on the World Athletics Top Performance list at the time of the selection meeting align to the performance objectives of maximising medals/top 8, when assessed alongside WA published field sizes and WA qualification standards

Performance standards align with World Class Programme objectives, which are underpinned by UK Sport investment.

Why does UKA use Top 20/Top 16 at the time of the Selection Meeting and not the final Top List, once federations have submitted entries?

By using Top 20/Top 16, UKA already takes into account a wider margin, aligned to selected athletes with the potential to medal/finish in the Top 8. Additionally, the timeline post Selection, taking in an appeals process make it logistically impossible.

Will there be Relay Selections?

No relay teams will be selected to compete at the World Indoor Championships. The focus is on preparation for the World Relay Championships in May (also in China), which is the qualification event for the World Championships. Relay teams will be fielded for the European Indoor Championships.

Appeals Process

In the event an athlete considers there is reason to appeal a non-selection, check the UKA Fast Appeals process [here](#) for grounds for appeal and information about the process, timeline and admin fee. Athletes can access support from the British Elite Athlete Association and UKA Athletes' Commission

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