

# 2025 WORLD ATHLETICS INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: 21 – 23 MARCH 2025 NANJING, CHINA

# **SELECTION POLICY - published December 2024**

This Selection Policy ("the Policy") set outs the selection process for the team to represent Great Britain & Northern Ireland at the 2025 World Indoor Athletics Championships ("the Championships") in track & field.

## AIMS

- To maximise medal success and top 8 placings at the 2025 World Indoor Championships
- To support preparation towards medal success at the 2025 World Championships

# **TRIALS**

There will be no designated competition as the trials for the Championships for any events.

#### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Athletes wishing to be considered for selection must complete and return an expression of interest form before the **28 February 2025**. The expression of interest form can be found here.

## **IMPORTANT NOTE FOR COMBINED EVENTS ATHLETES**

Combined Events are invitation only from World Athletics. Athletes must email the Head Coach (pdunn@britishathletics.org.uk) and Sharon Morris (smorris@britishathletics.org.uk) no later than 20 December 2024 if they wish to compete in order to comply with World Athletics rules.

# **RELAY TEAMS**

There will be no relay team selection for the World Indoor Championships as the priority is to qualify relay teams for the 2025 World Championships in September. Therefore, the focus is on preparation for the World Relay Championships in Guangzhou, China in May.

# **SELECTION MEETING**

- 1. The selection meeting will take place on 10 March 2025.
- 2. The team will be announced on 11 March 2025.
- 3. Selections will be based on the aims of the policy and subject to the maximum number of entries permitted by World Athletics ("WA") (see the WA website for details), as follows:

# a. All Individual Events

A maximum of two (2) athletes can compete in individual events.

## b. Wild Cards

2025 World Indoor Tour Champions will be invited to participate as a Wild Card, in the same event, in addition to the maximum of two (2) athletes per event.

# **SECTION ONE: ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION**

4. To be <u>eligible for consideration for selection</u>, athletes must comply with Requirements One and Two as set out below.





5. For the avoidance of doubt, compliance with Requirements One and Two does not guarantee selection.

# REQUIREMENT ONE: GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

6. To be considered for selection, all athletes, including any Wild Card selections must satisfy the General Eligibility Criteria set out in Appendix 1.

# **REQUIREMENT TWO: QUALIFICATION**

- 7. Athletes must qualify by one of the following four routes:
  - a. Achieve a World Athletics Entry Standard as set out in paragraph 8 below within the qualification period 1 September 2024 to 9 March 2025.
  - b. Be in the following placed positions on World Athletics Top Performance List (Road to Nanjing) on the date of the Selection meeting: **Monday 10 March 2025 at 3pm**.
    - i. For Field Events Top Sixteen (16)
    - ii. For Track Events Top Twenty (20)1

**NOTE**: Where WA field sizes (see paragraph 10 below) are smaller than placed positions outlined in paragraph 7b above (High Jump, Pole Vault & 3000m), an athlete's selection is contingent on them becoming a 'WA qualified athlete' as of 12 March 2025 based on their WA Top Performance List placing (Road to Nanjing).

- c. For Combined Events, be in the Fourteen (14) athletes who receive an invitation from World Athletics based on the World Rankings published or receive a Combined Events discretionary invitation from World Athletics following athlete expression of interest.
- d. Be a 2025 World Indoor Tour Champion who has been given a 'Wild Card' entry by World Athletics
- 8. The World Athletics Qualification Standard for each event is set out in the table below.

Men	Event	Women
6.55	60m	7.15
9.92 (100m)		10.90 (100m)
45.20	400m	51.00
1:45.00	800m	2:00.00
3:33.50	1500m	4:03.00
3:50.50 (Mile)		4:22.50 (Mile)
7:31.00	3000m	8:33.00
12:45.00 (5000m)		14:25.00 (5000m)
7.57	60mH	7.94
2.34	High Jump	1.97
5.85	Pole Vault	4.75
8.26	Long Jump	6.90
17.40	Triple Jump	14.60

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The variation in Top placed position across events correlates to the WA field sizes and is aligned to the aims of the policy





22.00	Shot Put	19.50
No standard	Combined Events	No standard

- 9. The World Athletics Qualification Standards must be achieved in competitions that comply with the Performance Conditions outlined in Appendix 2.
- 10. The World Athletics Field Sizes for each event is set out in the table below

Event	Target Number
60m	56
400m	30
800m	30
1500m	30
3000m	15
60mH	48
High Jump	12
Pole Vault	12
Long Jump	16
Triple Jump	16
Shot Put	16
Combined Event	14
Relays	N/A

# **SECTION TWO: SELECTION PROCESS**

The Selection Panel ("The Panel") will only select from athletes who meet **both Performance Requirements One and Two** as set out in Section One above ("Eligible Athletes").

Selection will be made in two (2) rounds using the stages and process outlined below.

## 11. Round 1

Eligible Athletes who meet the criteria below will be selected in the following priority order:

- a. 2025 World Indoor Tour winners who have been given a 'Wild Card' by WA will be selected in the corresponding event.
- b. 2024 Olympic Games individual medallists will be selected in the corresponding event for which they have medalled in (listed in Appendix 3 for reference).
- c. 2024 World Indoor Championships individual medallists will be selected in the corresponding event for which they have medalled in (listed in Appendix 3 for reference).
- d. Combined Event athletes who receive an invitation from World Athletics will be selected.

Selection is contingent on an athlete's injury and health status ensuring they are fit to compete based on the assessment of the Panel, who may require the athlete to undergo a fitness test or otherwise prove fitness as a condition of selection.





12. In the cases of 11b and c, if athletes wish to be considered for selection in an alternative event they must make a written request in advance of the selection meeting to the Head Coach <a href="mailto:pdunn@uka.org.uk">pdunn@uka.org.uk</a>. The Head Coach shall have discretion to grant the request; and, in making her evaluation, will consider the athlete's competitiveness in that event in line with the overall aim to maximise medals and top 8 placings. The athlete must also be an Eligible Athlete for their alternative event.

#### 13. Round 2

- a. Where places remain by event, following Round 1, all other Eligible Athletes will be considered.
- b. If there are a number of athletes competing for event places, the athlete ranked higher in the Top Performance List (Road to Nanjing) for the respective event as of 3pm on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 will be selected.

#### 14. Reserves

a. The Panel may nominate one additional Eligible Athlete as non-travelling reserve for any event. If more athletes satisfy the criteria than there are places available, the athlete ranked higher in the Top Performance List (Road to Nanjing) as of 3pm on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 will be selected as reserve.

## **SECTION THREE: SELECTION PANEL**

- 15. The Panel shall comprise the Voting and Non-Voting Members stated below. A substitute may be nominated at any time by the Head Coach if a member (including the Head Coach) is unavailable:
  - a. Voting Members:
    - i. Head Coach;
    - ii. Representatives from each of the Endurance, Sprints and Field & Combined event groups who will each vote on all athlete selections.
  - b. Non-Voting Members:
    - i. Chairperson;
    - ii. Event specialist(s), as nominated by the Head Coach if considered necessary;
    - iii. British Elite Athletes Association observer (if available);
    - iv. UK Athletics Medical representative (as required);
    - v. Media representative (if available);
    - vi. Note taker(s), and;
    - vii. Any other person invited by the Chairperson.
- 16. In the event of an actual, potential, or possible conflict relating to any voting member of the Panel, it should be reported to the Chairperson of the selection meeting who shall determine whether the voting member in question should be permitted to take part in relation to any selection decision(s). The Chairperson may appoint an alternative selector if necessary.
- 17. Voting of the Panel shall be by simple majority. The Head Coach shall have a casting vote, if required. If the Head Coach is unable to vote due to a conflict, the event group lead shall have a casting vote if required.
- 18. The Panel may make any selection subject to the athlete completing a performance requirement or test set by the Panel.





# **SECTION FOUR: DE-SELECTION**

- 19. Following selection, an athlete may be de-selected by the Panel or UK Athletics in the event of:
  - a. the athlete ceasing to comply with the eligibility criteria set out in Appendix 1 of this Selection Policy, or other strategy document or policy communicated by UK Athletics;
  - b. failure to sign the World Class Programme Athlete Agreement or Team Member Agreement;
  - c. application of the Medical De-Selection Protocol set out in the World Class Programme Athlete Agreement or Team Member Agreement;
  - d. any anti-doping rule violation or provisional suspension;
  - e. any serious misconduct or suspension due to misconduct;
  - f. a breach of any UK Athletics policy including but not limited to the Relay Plan;
  - g. UK Athletics reasonably considering 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, or;
  - h. failure to opt-in to team training or events.

## **SECTION FIVE: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

## **Appeals**

- 20. Athletes may appeal their non-selection, but only after the final selection publication on the UK Athletics website and in accordance with the procedure laid out in the "UK Athletics Selection Fast Appeals Procedure" which can be found on the <a href="UK Athletics website">UK Athletics website</a>, and which is subject to change. Athletes wishing to seek advice regarding the appeals process (including the validity of any procedure itself) may contact the British Elite Athletes Association via <a href="support@britisheliteathletes.org">support@britisheliteathletes.org</a> (WCP athletes only) or the UK Athletics Athletes' Commission at <a href="www.uka.org.uk/governance/uk-athletics-athletes-commission/">www.uka.org.uk/governance/uk-athletics-athletes-commission/</a>.
- 21. All athletes wishing to be selected pursuant to this Selection Policy agree, as a condition of consideration for selection, that the UK Athletics Selection Fast Appeals Procedure is to be treated as an arbitration procedure under Part 1 of the Arbitration Act 1996 (the "Act") and amounts to a binding arbitration agreement for the purposes of section 6 of the Act. The seat of the Arbitration shall be England, and the Procedure shall be governed by English law.
- 22. Athletes wishing to commence an appeal should be aware there is a £250 administration fee due upon notice of appeal. The fee is refundable if the appeal is upheld. The fee must be paid in conjunction with the Notice of Appeal, as per the timelines outlined below.
- 23. The Notice of Appeal will not be valid unless the athlete provides confirmation of payment of the administration fee at or before the time the Notice of Appeal is due.
- 24. Payment details for the administration fee are below. Transfers must be referenced PAD1094 [YOUR INITIALS]

Bank Details

Sort Code: 30-64-10





Account No: 31040560

Account Name: UK Athletics Ltd

25. The Relevant Timeline, as defined in the UK Athletics Selection Fast Appeals Procedure, is set out in the table below:

Action	Date & Time
Publication of selection list/selected athletes are notified	By 09:00 Tuesday 11 March
Athlete request notes from selection meeting	By 12:00 Tuesday 11 March
UK Athletics to supply notes	By 18:00 Tuesday 11 March
Athlete to submit Notice of Appeal	By 12:00 Wednesday 12 March
Evidence of administration fee payment	By 12:00 Wednesday 12 March
Third parties to submit additional documents. (if requested by the Appeal Panel)	By 14:00 Wednesday 12 March
UK Athletics to submit Chairperson's Statement	By 18:00 Wednesday 12 March
Appeal Panel Hearing	Thursday 13 March
Appeal Outcome	By 14:00 Thursday 13 March
Final entries deadline	23:00 Thursday 13 March

Please note that there is no obligation on UK Athletics to notify you of your non-selection.

If you have not been notified of your selection by the time stated above, you have not been selected. The deadlines set out above should be carefully noted in the event an appeal is being considered.

# **Amendment**

26. UK Athletics reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy at any time in its sole discretion and will make any amended version publicly available (including the date on which any amendment was made) ay <a href="https://www.britishathletics.org.uk">www.britishathletics.org.uk</a>

# **Governing law**

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

## Jurisdiction

28. 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.

# **Contacts**

Contact details are as follows:

- Head Coach queries: Paula Dunn (<u>pdunn@britishathletics.org.uk</u>)
- Policy queries: Tina Ryan (<u>tryan@uka.org.uk</u>)
- Championships logistics: Sharon Morris (smorris@britishathletics.org.uk)





# **APPENDIX 1 - GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- a. Be eligible to compete for GB&NI and be the holder of a full and current British passport;
- b. Is not serving a period of ineligibility from the sport (as determined by UK Athletics or a Home Country Athletics Federation) or from any other sport. For example, due to misconduct and/or disciplinary reasons.
- c. Not under investigation or been charged by UK Athletics, a Home Country Athletics Federation, or any other relevant organisation (including the police and CPS) with misconduct or any disciplinary, safeguarding or criminal offence.
- d. Not committed a criminal, disciplinary or safeguarding offence that in the reasonable opinion of the Board of UK Athletics renders the athlete unsuitable for selection.
- e. Has not, whether by an act or omission, brought UK Athletics into disrepute.
- f. Meet the standards and behaviour expected by UK Athletics, as published from time to time, including in the International Athletes Code of Conduct;
- g. Be registered as a member with the relevant Home Country Athletics Federation (HCAF), directly or through a club;
- h. Be 16 years or older as of 31 December 2025 (i.e. born in 2009 or earlier), with the exception of men's shot put (see point i);
- i. Be 18 years or older as of 31 December 2025 (i.e. born in 2007 or earlier) to be considered for selection in the men's shot put;
- j. 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 <a href="https://www.uka.org.uk/performance/british-athletics-teams-information/">https://www.uka.org.uk/performance/british-athletics-teams-information/</a>

# **APPENDIX 2 - PERFORMANCE CONDITIONS**

The World Athletics Qualification 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 <a href="https://www.uka.org.uk/competitions/track-field-licensing/">https://www.uka.org.uk/competitions/track-field-licensing/</a> for details on the UK Athletics competition permits).
- 3. Multiple performances achieved in the same individual event in a single day will <u>only</u> count as follows:
  - a. In a track event at an official Championship of UK national level or higher and:
  - b. In a field event only the best mark in the final and best mark in the pool.
- 4. Performances otherwise achieved in the same individual event in a single day will count as follows:
  - a. In track events only the fastest legal result of the day;
  - b. In throwing events only the best trial of the first competition of the day; and
  - c. In horizontal jumps only the best trial of the first competition of the day, unless every mark achieved by the athlete was windy in which case a second competition held under safer conditions will count.
- 5. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants shall not be accepted.





- 6. Wind-assisted performances, or performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available, for events held completely in a stadium, will not be accepted. For combined events, the conditions set in World Athletics rule 149.3 (or any revised or amended rule relating to wind readings in combined events in force at the time) will be applied for qualification purposes. This requires that at least one of these conditions be met:
  - a. The wind velocity in any individual event shall not exceed plus 4 metres per second;
  - b. The average wind velocity (based on the algebraic sum of the wind velocities, as measured for each individual event, divided by the number of such events) shall not exceed plus 2 m/s.
- 7. Hand-timed performances in 60m, 100m, 400m, 60m Hurdles, and 100m/110m Hurdles will not be accepted.
- 8. For the running events of 400m and over, performances achieved on oversized tracks will NOT be accepted.

## APPENDIX 3 - 2024 WORLD INDOOR AND 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES INDIVIDUAL MEDALLISTS

Athlete	Event	Performance Requirement
Matthew Hudson-Smith	400m	2024 Olympic Games Medallist
Jemma Reekie	800m	2024 World Indoor Medallist
Keely Hodgkinson	800m	2024 Olympic Games Medallist
Georgia Bell	1500m	2024 Olympic Games Medallist
Josh Kerr	1500m	2024 Olympic Games Medallist
Josh Kerr	3000m	2024 World Indoor Medallist
Molly Caudery	Pole Vault	2024 World Indoor Medallist
Katarina Johnson-Thompson	Heptathlon	2024 Olympic Games Medallist

