

2026 World Indoor Championships Selection



A Quick Reference.

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

Information on how to get the SRY Gene Test for **all** female athletes can be found [here](#)



Eligibility Requirements

Athletes aiming for selection must meet certain eligibility criteria.

- Attendance at UK Athletics Indoor Championships 14-15 February 2026, Birmingham – mandatory for all athletes (including Relay and Combined Events athletes) and must be in the event for which you're seeking selection.
- Achievement of Qualification Requirement.
- General eligibility as per WA and UKA rules.
- Meeting all eligibility criteria does not guarantee automatic selection.
- **FEMALE ATHLETES MUST HAVE AN SRY GENE TEST CERTIFICATE TO BE ELIGIBLE UNDER NEW WA RULES**



How do I qualify for Combined Events?

- Email Performance Director **before 20 December** (pdunn@britishathletics.org.uk) and Maddy Ibbett (mibbett@britishathletics.org.uk). All names will be submitted to World Athletics.
- Be in the Top 14 athletes placed athletes who receive an invitation from World Athletics based on WA World Rankings OR receive a discretionary WA invitation.



How do I achieve a Qualification Standard?

IMPORTANT: qualification window for WA Entry Standard is shorter than the World Athletics Window 01/11/2025 - 04/03/2026

You can qualify individually in one of three ways:

1. Be the **2026 World Indoor Tour Champion** – you will receive a wild card entry from WA
2. Achieve a **WA Entry Standard between 1 Nov 2025 and 4 March 2026**
3. Be in the **World Athletics Top Performance List*** either 'In Top List' or 'Next best by Top List' at the time of the selection meeting on **5 March 2026**.

*Athletes then selected by this route must be in a Top Performance List qualifying positions by 11 March 2026.

Note: Relay event only athletes do not need to have a qualification standard



Selection Process – Individual Events

There is a maximum of 2 places available per event (excl. Wildcards)

- **Round 1:** 2026 World Indoor Tour winners, 2025 World Indoor & World Senior Outdoor individual/Combined Event medalists
- **Round 2:** remaining athletes with WA entry standard – selection based on assessment of criteria
- **Round 3:** remaining athletes in WA Top List position – selection based on assessment of criteria



Selection Process – Relay Events

The Selection Panel must consider the relay team has genuine medal potential before selecting a team.

- **Round 4:** up to 4 athletes may be selected for relay events
- Selected athletes will be expected to compete in the Mixed 4 x 400m Relay
- Athletes are considered based on assessment of criteria



Notifications & Appeals Process

Athletes who wish to pursue an appeal should familiarise themselves with the process in the Policy

- Athletes will be individually notified of their selection by **1600 Thursday 5 March 2026**
- Consult the UKA Fast Appeals process on website for grounds for appeal
- Note deadlines in the selection policy
- There is a £250 administration fee due upon Notice of Appeal. Refundable if appeal is upheld.

This document is intended to help simplify the selection policy. Athletes/coaches/agents/representatives should always consult the policy or contact a member of the performance team for advice.

Where there is a perceived dispute between the content of this document and the policy, the policy itself will always be the final authority.