



UPDATE: 2025 50km Road Running World Championships Selection Policy
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New Delhi, India

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Policy Updated on 6 January 2026 following event postponement from 7th December 2025 to 14th March 2026.

NOTICE FOR ALL SELECTED ATHLETES AND ADDITIONAL ATHLETES WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION

- a. The team selected on 9th September 2025 in line with the initial [Selection Policy published 10th July 2025](#) remains unchanged, subject to the provisions set out in Section 9 Deselection below.
- b. A second round of selection for any remaining places will take place in the week commencing 19 January 2026 and will be announced on 26 January 2026.
- c. Athletes wishing to be considered for selection must complete an Expression of Interest by 23:59 GMT on 18 January 2026. Please see Section 4 for details.
- d. Any additional athletes will be selected following the conditions and processes set out in all the sections in the updated policy below.
- e. There is no obligation on UKA to select additional athletes.

1. OVERVIEW

This selection policy (“the Policy”) outlines the selection process for Great Britain & Northern Ireland team representation in the 50km event at the postponed 2025 World 50km Championships, now taking place **14th March 2026**.

Initial selections took place during the week of 8th September 2025 and the team was announced on 15th September 2025. Given the event postponement Eligible Athletes wishing to be considered for the 2 remaining places per team are invited to complete an expression of interest.

Participation as a member of the GB team for the World 50km Championships will require an Athlete Contribution. Details are provided in Appendix Two. Selection and participation in the event are conditional on the athlete agreeing to and making the Athlete Contribution.

2. AIM

UK Athletics (UKA) will select up to a maximum of 6 athletes per team (as per IAU Regulations) in order to fulfil the following aims:

- Contribute to maximising the number of individual medals overall at the World 50km Running Championships.
- Contribute to maximising team medal success at the World 50km Running Championships.

3. ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for selection, athletes must meet the following two criteria:

- a. Satisfy the criteria outlined in Appendix 1.
- b. Have achieved the UKA Qualification Standard as outlined in paragraph 5

Athletes who meet the above criteria will be “Eligible Athletes”.

4. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

All athletes who wish to be considered for selection in round two must submit an [expression of interest form](#), the deadline for expressions of interest is **23:59 (GMT) 18th January**.

If there are issues completing the form, please email rbritton@uka.org.uk

5. QUALIFICATION

All athletes must have the UKA Qualification Standard in order to be considered for selection.

5.1. The UKA Qualification Standards are as follows:

Men	Event	Women
02:21:00	Marathon	02:39:00
02:59:00	50km	03:30:00

5.2. The UKA Qualification standard must be achieved in the period 00:00 (BST) 1 December 2024 to 23:59 (GMT) 18th January 2026.

5.3. 50km performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAU, it's Area Associations, or it's National Member Federations. Marathon performances must be achieved on a World Athletics certificated course.

6. SELECTION MEETING

The Selection Panel may select additional athletes to those selected in the first round in September 2025 as places remain available in the team of six (plus up to two reserves) available.

Round 2:

6.1. As with Round 1 selections, in respect of Round 2 the Selection Panel will consider selecting Eligible Athletes with a UKA Qualification Standard **and** demonstrating current form as outlined in paragraph 6.2 below.

6.2. Selection is contingent on an athlete having current form. Current form is defined as an athlete's current performance potential and readiness to compete at a level that

satisfies the aims of the policy. This will be determined by evaluating the athlete's performances from 1st of September 2025 to the 18th of January 2026 and will take into consideration factors such as consistency, competition performance, progression and current injury status. Current form can be demonstrated in an alternative relevant discipline which includes half marathon, marathon and road ultra performances.

- 6.3. If there are more Eligible Athletes with a UKA Qualification Standard and current form than there are places available, athletes will be selected based on the Selection Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria. The criteria below are not listed in priority order, may be given unequal weight and/or may be disregarded:
- i. Performance at the 2024 and 2025 British 50km Championships
 - ii. 2024 & 2025 Season's Best (marathon + 50km).
 - iii. Head-to-heads within the qualification period.
 - iv. Previous major competition history.
 - v. Injury/illness status,
 - vi. Any other factors the Selection Panel deem relevant.

7. SELECTION PANEL

- 7.1. The Selection Panel shall comprise a Chairperson and the following voting members:
- i. UKA Off-Track Endurance Lead
 - ii. Two members of the Ultra Running Advisory Group selected by UKA.
- 7.2. UKA may (but is not obliged to) invite any other person to attend the selection meeting not limited to:
- i. Independent observer.
 - ii. UKA Athlete Commission Member (if available).
 - iii. UKA Medical representative.
 - iv. Legal counsel for UKA.
 - v. Note-takers.
- 7.3. Athletes should keep the UK Athletics Off-Track Endurance Lead (rbritton@uka.org.uk) up to date about their availability for these championships.
- 7.4. In the event of an actual, potential, or possible conflict relating to any selector, the actual, potential or possible conflict shall be reported to the Chairperson of the selection meeting, who shall determine whether the selector in question should be permitted to take part in relation to any selection decision(s). The Chairperson may appoint an alternative selector if necessary.
- 7.5. Voting of the Selection Panel shall be by simple majority. The UKA Off-Track endurance lead shall have a casting vote, if required. In the event of a conflict, the Chairperson shall nominate the casting vote.

8. NON-TRAVELLING RESERVES

UK Athletics may select non-travelling reserves for each male and female team. These athletes will be added to the final entry and will be called upon if logistically possible should any athlete withdraw. Non-travelling reserve places will be selected based on the performance criteria listed above.

9. DE-SELECTION

Following selection, an athlete may be de-selected by the Selection Panel or UKA in the event of:

- a. The athlete ceasing to comply with the eligibility criteria set out in this Selection Policy, or other strategy document communicated by UKA
- b. Following application of the Medical De-Selection Protocol set out in the Team Member Agreement
- c. Any anti-doping rule violation or provisional suspension
- d. Any serious misconduct (past or present) or suspension due to misconduct
- e. 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
- f. Failure to follow conditions of selection

In the event of de-selection, the Selection Panel will meet again to decide on a replacement athlete. In the event there is not time for the Selection Panel to meet, the decision will be taken by the UKA Off-Track Endurance Lead.

10. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Appeals

There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the GB&NI Team made by the Selection Panel. The provisions of the UK Athletics Selection and Nomination "Fast" Appeals Procedure do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2025 World 50km Championships.

Amendment

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) at www.britishathletics.org.uk.

Governing law

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

Jurisdiction

Any dispute or claim 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

For any questions relating to the selection policy please contact the UKA Off-Track Endurance Lead britton@uka.org

APPENDIX 1 – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Athletes must:

- a. Be eligible to compete for Great Britain & Northern Ireland (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. Not have 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. Be registered as a member with the relevant Home Country Athletics Federation (HCAF), directly or through a club.
- f. Be 20 years or older on 31 December 2025 (i.e. born in 2005 or earlier).
- g. 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 here <https://www.uka.org.uk/performance/british-athletics-teams-information/>; and
- h. Provide such performance, medical and training data requested by UK Athletics from time to time whether before or after selection.

APPENDIX 2- ATHLETE CONTRIBUTIONS

The World 50km Championships 2025 is one of the off-track events that requires a joint funding approach in order to support the participation of GB teams. An Athlete Contribution will be required to support the costs associated with competing at the championships including, but not limited to transfers, accommodation, meals and kit and team staffing.

In the Expression of Interest for selection in the 50km event, athletes must agree to the principle of selection and participation being conditional on making the agreed financial participation – the 'Athlete Contribution'.

In order to help athletes plan, UKA has undertaken budget forward-planning to estimate a maximum anticipated per athlete cost contribution. The Athlete Contribution for the 2025 World 50km Championships has been estimated to be £350-500 per athlete. Once a team is selected the UKA team management and support staff will work to be as cost effective as possible, whilst still maintaining the ability to achieve the aims of the policy.

Athletes will be required to meet at the team assembly point two days before the 2025 World 50km Championships. The assembly date will be 12th of March 2026, with the race expected to take place on the 14th of March. Athletes will be sent further details on assembly point and team accommodation following their expression of interest submission.

At the time of selection, UKA will provide athletes with the current estimated figure for the athlete contribution and timeline for payment. Team membership will be conditional on agreeing the terms in the team members' agreement. Athletes will be required to pay a deposit on acceptance of their place on the team.

Once athletes have signed the agreed selection letter, they will receive all championship kit prior to the agreed assembly point.

If an athlete is concerned that the athlete contribution will prohibit them from applying for the World 50km Championships please contact rbritton@uka.org.uk for information around available grants and support.

Once the team has been selected, UKA team management and support staff will work with athletes and coaches to help maximise preparation for the above championships.