



**2026 100km Road Running World Championships:  
Selection Policy  
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Santiago, Spain**

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This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) outlines the selection process for Great Britain & Northern Ireland team representation in the 100km event at the 2026 World 100km Championships. Participation as a member of the GB team for the World 100km 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.

**PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES**

UK Athletics (UKA) may 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 top 15 positions overall at the World 100km Running Championships.
- Contribute to maximising team medal success at the World 100km Running Championships.

**1. SELECTIONS**

- 1.1. Selections will take place across two rounds, the weeks of **23 March** (Round 1) and **1 June 2026** (Round 2).
- 1.2. The athletes selected for the teams will be announced on **30 March** (Round 1) and **8 June 2026** (Round 2).

**2. ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1. In addition to meeting the General Eligibility Requirements in Appendix 1, to be eligible for selection, athletes must comply with both Requirement One (Expression of Interest) and Requirement Two (Qualification). The relevant Qualification Standards are outlined in paragraph 4.
- 2.2. Athletes who meet the above criteria are Eligible Athletes
- 2.3. For the avoidance of doubt, complying with both requirements means an athlete can be considered in the Selection Process; it does not guarantee selection

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**3. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

- 3.1. All athletes who wish to be considered for selection in either Round must submit an expression of interest form (EOI).
- 3.2. For athletes wishing to be considered in Round 1 the deadline for expression of interest form is 23:59 (GMT) **22 March 2026**.
- 3.3. For athletes wishing to be considered in Round 2 the deadline for the expression of interest form is 23:59 (GMT) **31 May 2026**.
- 3.4. If no expression of interest is received by the relevant date for an athlete’s intended selection round, the Selection Panel will not consider an individual for selection in that round. If there are issues completing the form, please email [rbritton@uka.org.uk](mailto:rbritton@uka.org.uk)

**4. QUALIFICATION**

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

- 4.1. The UKA Qualification Standards are as follows:

Men	Event	Women
6:56:00	100km	8:06:00
OR other official race results of minimum 80k distance which, to the satisfaction of the selection panel, represent an equivalent performance to the 100k standard stated above.		

- 4.2. The UKA Qualification standard must be achieved in the period 00:00 (BST) **1 December 2024** to 23:59 (GMT) **31 May 2026**.
- 4.3. 100km 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.

**5. TRIAL**

- 5.1. The trial event for athletes wishing to be considered for selection in 100k Road Running World Championships is the British 100k Championships at the Anglo-Celtic Plate 100k in Limerick, Ireland on 21 March 2026 (‘The Trial’).

**6. SELECTION PROCESS**

The Selection Panel will select athletes in two rounds, in March and June 2026.

**Round 1 – Top two (2) at the Trial**

- 6.1. The first two eligible British Male athletes and the first two eligible British Female athletes at the Trial will be selected for the World 100k Championships if they have a qualifying standard within the qualification window. The athletes **MUST** have completed an EOI by the closing date of 23:59 on the **22 March 2026**.



- 6.2. Should either of the first two finishers at the Trial not be eligible for selection (or decline selection), their place will not be offered by default to the next best Eligible Athlete. Athletes selected in Round 1 will be notified after the selection meeting, which will take place in the week commencing **23 March 2026**.

**Round 2 – Remaining Eligible Athletes with Qualifying Standard**

- 6.3. In the week commencing 1 June 2026 the Selection Panel will consider selecting Eligible Athletes with a UKA Qualification Standard **and** demonstrating current form as outlined in paragraph 6.4 below. The athletes **MUST** have completed an EOI by the closing date of 23:59 on the **31 May 2026**.
- 6.4. 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 **1 of January 2026 to the 31 of May 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, trail and road ultra performances.
- 6.5. 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 2025 and 2026 British 100km Championships
  - ii. 2024, 2025 & 2026 Season's Best (100km)
  - 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
- 6.6. For the avoidance of doubt, the Selection Panel is neither obliged to select athletes, nor to fill all event places

**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.

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- 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**

- 8.1. The Selection Panel may in its discretion nominate two (2) additional athlete as a non-travelling reserve for any individual event. These athletes may be added to the final entry and may be called upon if logistically possible should any athlete withdraw. Non-travelling reserve places will be selected based on the performance criteria listed above.
- 8.2. There is no obligation on the Selection Panel to nominate reserves. In situations where an athlete has been de-selected, UKA will exercise its sole discretion in determining whether or not to call upon a reserve.

**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 2026 World 100km Championships.

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**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](http://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 [rbritton@uka.org](mailto:rbritton@uka.org)

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## **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. Not be under investigation, nor charged by UK Athletics, a Home Country Athletics Federation, or any other relevant organisation (including the police and CPS) for misconduct or any disciplinary, safeguarding or criminal offence.
- f. Be registered as a member with the relevant Home Country Athletics Federation (HCAF), directly or through a club. Exemption may be granted in exceptional circumstances only, where an athlete must be registered to a club in a foreign country due to local laws and regulations governing residency and training. In such cases, the athlete should seek written approval from the Performance Director in advance.
- g. Be 20 years or older on 31 December 2025 (i.e. born in 2005 or earlier).
- h. 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
- i. 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 100km 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 100km 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 2026 World 100km Championships has been estimated to be £350 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 2026 World 100km Championships. The assembly date will be 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2026, with the race

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expected to take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September. 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 100km Championships please contact [rbritton@uka.org.uk](mailto: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.

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