



Mannheim International: 13th and 14th June 2026
Mannheim, Germany

SELECTION POLICY – published December 2025
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Overview

UK Athletics provides the opportunity through age group championships for athletes and coaches to experience and learn the key skills, abilities and behaviours needed to progress through the pathway and on to the senior international stage.

The Selection Panel (“the Panel”) aims to select athletes with the potential to achieve a top eight placing at the World Athletics U20 Championships in August 2026. The Mannheim International is recognised as a key event on the pathway towards World Athletics U20 selection.

In line with the UK Athletics Futures Academy Relay Programme, U20 relay opportunities are viewed as vital to long term senior success. Athletes selected to the U20 relay programme will be expected to make themselves available for 4x100m and/or 4x400m relay squads throughout the season, culminating at the World Athletics U20 Championships.

Mannheim is fully funded by UKA.

The Mannheim International is one of the highest junior level competitions outside the World Athletics or World Athletics U20 Championships each year. Given the level of performance at this meeting and its importance in preparing the 4x100m and 4 x 400m relay teams for the World Athletics U20 Championships, it is UK Athletics' intention to select mixed relay, men's and women's 4x100m and 4 x 400m relay teams as well as a number of individual athletes to compete in Mannheim as part of another opportunity for developing pathway athletes.

The team will be selected using the following criteria:

- a) The 4x100m & 4x400m relay teams take priority over any of the individual events in Mannheim. Any athlete who wishes to be selected in the individual 100m, 200m or 400m must make themselves available for the relay teams in Mannheim.
- b) The number of athletes selected for each relay will be at the discretion of the Panel. Athletes will be selected based on the Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria (which are not listed in priority order), as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant:
 - a. Full commitment, engagement and relay progress with the UK Athletics Futures Academy Relay Programme.
 - b. Current form;
 - c. Head-to-heads;
 - d. Previous major competition history (in individual and relay events);
 - e. Relay skills;
 - f. Injury/illness status;
 - g. Any other criteria the Panel deems relevant.
- c) Due to the provision of high-level competition opportunities for many disciplines in the UK, such as the BMC events, any remaining places (subject to the team size allocated by event organiser) will be filled in the following priority order:
 - a. Highly World ranked athletes in the throws, jumps, hurdles and combined events.
 - b. Any individual athlete who, in the panel's expert assessment, are considered to be potential medal contenders for the 2026 World Athletics U20 Championships; and
 - c. Any other individual athletes.
- d) To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following:
 1. be eligible to compete for Great Britain & Northern Ireland (i.e. full British passport holder);
 2. be born in 2007, 2008, 2009, and exceptional 2010;

Selection will take place on **Thursday 21 May 2026**.

SELECTION PANEL

1. The Selection Panel shall comprise the Members stated below. A substitute may be nominated at any time by the Head of Performance Pathway and Programmes if a member is unavailable:
 - a. Voting Members:
 - i. Team Leader
 - ii. Two specialist sprints coaches
 - iii. Specialist coaches from jumps, hurdles and combined events where required.
 - b. Non-Voting Members:
 - i. Chairperson
 - ii. Event specialist(s), as nominated by the Head of Performance Pathways and Programmes if considered necessary
 - iii. UK Athletics Medical representative (as required)
 - iv. Note taker(s), and;
 - v. Any other person invited by the Chairperson
2. In the event of an actual, potential, or possible conflict relating to any voting member of the Selection 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). In any event including but not limited to conflict of interest or absence, the Chairperson may appoint an alternative voting member if necessary.
3. Voting of the Selection Panel shall be by simple majority. The Team Leader shall have the casting vote, if required. If the Team Leader is unable to vote due to a conflict the Chairperson shall nominate the panel member with the casting vote if required. For discretionary selections, if the Team Leader has a conflict, the Chairperson will decide on which voting member shall have casting vote.
4. The Selection Panel may make any selection subject to the athlete completing a performance requirement or test set by the Panel.

DE-SELECTION

5. Following selection, an athlete may be de-selected by the Selection Panel or UK Athletics in the event of:
 - a. The athlete ceasing to comply with the eligibility criteria set out in this Selection Policy, EA rules and regulations, UK Athletics strategy document or policy communicated by UK Athletics.
 - b. UK Athletics becoming aware that the athlete does not comply with the Eligibility Criteria set out in this Selection Policy, other strategy document, or policy communicated by UK Athletics.
 - c. Failure to sign the World Class Programme Athlete Agreement or Team Member Agreement.
 - d. Failure or partial failure to comply with any conditions or part of conditions of selection set by the Panel.
 - e. Application of the UK Athletics Team Medical Policy as set out in the World Class Programme Athlete Agreement or Team Member Agreement.
 - f. Any anti-doping rule violation or provisional suspension.
 - g. Any serious misconduct or suspension due to misconduct.
 - h. A breach of any UK Athletics policy.
 - i. 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:
 - j. Failure to opt-in to team training or events.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

a) Appeals

There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the Novuna GB&NI Team made by the Selection Panel.

b) Amendment

UK Athletics reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy at any time at its discretion and will make any amended version publicly available (including the date on which any amendment was made) at www.britishathletics.org.uk

c) Governing Law

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

d) Jurisdiction

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.