



# **WORLD CLASS PROGRAMME ATHLETE INVESTMENT GUIDELINES & SELECTION POLICY**

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# **INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD CLASS PROGRAMME**

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## 1. OVERVIEW

- 1.1. The World Class Programme (“WCP”) is a UK Sport National Lottery & Exchequer-invested initiative which aims to identify, develop and support talented athletes towards global medal success at the 2028 LA Paralympic Games and beyond.
- 1.2. UK Athletics receives a finite investment award to deliver the WCP which it allocates at its discretion to maximise the potential of athletes most likely to fulfil the aims of the programme.
- 1.3. This document explains the purpose of the WCP, what it means to be a member and sets out the policy for athlete selection.
- 1.4. UK Athletics must be confident that any athlete selected has the realistic potential to make the progress that is required to achieve a medal in the 2028 LA Paralympic Games or 2032 Brisbane Paralympic Games.
- 1.5. Membership of the WCP provides access to a range of performance support and services that add value to athletes’ progress and performance. Athletes are also eligible to receive a financial contribution (Athlete Personal Award or ‘APA’) directly from UK Sport to support towards the living/training costs associated with being a high-performance athlete. The value of APAs is tiered, based on level of programme membership.

## 2. PROGRAMME PLACES

- 2.1. 45 places are allocated to the Athletics Paralympic World Class Programme.
- 2.2. There is no obligation to fill every available place on the WCP, nor to select athletes for every event or classification in the athletics programme.
- 2.3. UK Athletics may prioritise athletes/events based on realistic potential to make the progress needed to achieve medal success in the 2028 LA Paralympic Games. There may also be more athletes who fulfil all eligibility and selection criteria than there are places on the WCP. Thus, even if an athlete fulfils all eligibility and selection criteria, that athlete may not achieve a WCP place.
- 2.4. All selections for the WCP are subject to ratification by UK Sport.

## 3. WCP INVESTMENT – TIERED FRAMEWORK

- 3.1. The Podium tier supports medallists at the World Para Athletics Championships<sup>1</sup> and/or Paralympic Games whose profile indicates they have strong potential to deliver a medal winning performance(s) at the LA Paralympic Games. Paris 2024 Paralympic Gold medallists and Silver/Bronze medallists can, in principle, remain eligible to receive a Podium A or Podium B grade respectively for up to a maximum of four years until the end of the cycle, providing their performance profile remains on track to medal at the 2028 Paralympic Games. Athletes on Podium grade by virtue of a performance at the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships can remain eligible for a maximum of two years, providing their performance profile demonstrates a trajectory to medal success at the 2028 Paralympic Games.

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<sup>1</sup> All references herein to World Para Athletics Championships are to Senior Para World Athletics Championships unless stated otherwise.



- 3.2. The Podium Potential tier supports athletes identified as having the potential to medal at future Paralympic Games. Athletes at this tier may already be competing at senior international level, including at the World Para Athletics Championships and/or the Paralympic Games, or may be progressing towards that level. This tier is designed to help these athletes continue to develop and lay the foundation for future Paralympic podium success.
- 3.3. The Confirmation tier supports athletes in developing the necessary attributes for progression to Podium Potential within 1-2 years, aiming for future medal success at World Para Athletics Championships and the Paralympic Games. It is a focused programme for athletes showing potential, confirming their capabilities to ultimately reach the Podium tier.
- 3.4. More detailed information on the programme tiers and relevant performance criteria can be found in the Selection Criteria & Performance Standards section.

#### **4. WCP INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES**

- 4.1. Any athlete considered for investment will have demonstrated they are either capable of bridging the gap to future medal success or are on a continued trajectory if they have already medalled at the Paralympic Games or World Para Athletics Championships.
- 4.2. Inclusion in the programme requires a commitment to relevant WCP activity and regular engagement between the athlete, their coach and WCP staff and Engagement Leads. Athletes must agree with all terms in the Athlete Agreement and any other specific conditions outlined in their WCP offer letter. If athletes require explanation or clarification on any of the terms in the Athlete Agreement, they should contact Tina Ryan, Deputy Performance Director - Operations ([tryan@uka.org.uk](mailto:tryan@uka.org.uk)).
- 4.3. The WCP Selection Panel may set conditions and targets for an athlete on the WCP. In such cases, they will be set out in the athlete offer letter. In some circumstances, conditions may need to be met by a particular point during the season in order for membership to continue for the remainder of the current WCP year. If a WCP athlete had conditions for the 2025/26 season, they must be met in order to be considered for 2026/27 programme retention in line with these Investment Guidelines.
- 4.4. Athletes selected for the WCP will be required to complete the medical health questionnaire and a cardiac screen as a condition of membership. Failure to complete either of these assessments may result in an athlete's offer of WCP membership being withdrawn or their continued membership being reviewed.
- 4.5. Athletes who receive an offer letter are not obliged to accept WCP membership. For athletes who accept or who are considering accepting an offer of WCP membership, UK Athletics will provide an induction covering what WCP membership involves, how the WCP works with the athlete and their coach, and the shared expectations that come with being part of the WCP. At this time, athletes should consider whether they wish to fully commit to the programme. If an athlete declines WCP membership, it will not affect their ability or eligibility to be selected for future World Class Programmes or international championships.
- 4.6. Podium Potential and Confirmation athletes will be required to attend event-group engagement and monitoring days at agreed time points throughout the programme year. These days are designed to provide athletes and coaches with relevant insight into their individual plans and their technical and physical goals. Athletes and their coaches will have the opportunity to meet



with their Event or Engagement Leads to discuss their plans, access biomechanical and performance analysis, and receive additional support where appropriate, such as strength diagnostics, medical and health assessments and screening, nutrition, physiology, performance lifestyle and psychology.

- 4.7. The 2026/27 WCP Induction process will be held during the window 23 November and 4 December 2026 at Loughborough University. Those athletes new to the WCP, who have been on the programme for less than two years at Podium Potential or Confirmation level, or who have moved up a level, must attend the induction. By exception, if an athlete is unable to attend, they must get prior written agreement from the WCP. The athlete will then need to go through key areas with their Engagement Lead and may be required to attend Loughborough University on another date to complete other areas of the induction process.
- 4.8. An athlete's inclusion in the WCP and their APA level will be reviewed annually in line with the terms of the WCP selection policy. Membership of the WCP in one year does not guarantee membership or an APA in subsequent years.
- 4.9. Nominations for membership where an athlete has been identified as being part of a relay team will be conditional on the athlete and their coach having fully committed to the training and competition schedule by signing the UK Athletics Relay Plan.
- 4.10. UK Athletics may decline to select an athlete or remove an athlete from the WCP if the athlete associates with a coach or other support personnel who UK Athletics, in its sole discretion, considers does not meet the standards or behaviour and ethics required or if association will or has the potential to bring UK Athletics and/or the athlete into disrepute.

A low-angle, close-up photograph of a person's legs and feet. The person is wearing white athletic sneakers with orange accents. They are standing on a light-colored, textured pavement. A long, dark shadow of the person's legs and feet is cast onto the pavement, extending towards the bottom left. The overall lighting is dim, suggesting dusk or dawn, with a blueish tint. The image is framed by a white border.

## **SUPPORT & BENEFITS**

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## 5. WCP SUPPORT SERVICES

- 5.1. Inclusion in the WCP requires a commitment to relevant WCP activity and regular engagement with WCP Engagement Leads and other WCP staff. Performance and process goals, training focus, priorities and plans will be discussed as part of Individual Athlete Planning (IAP). This process enables athletes/coaches and the WCP to identify where support can add value to individual progression. Athletes will have access to the support areas detailed below, as agreed with the WCP and aligned to their IAP. Support will be aligned to the level of WCP membership, individual requirements identified in collaboration with WCP staff, performance priorities and training location:
- a. Training and competition support based on IAP and objectives agreed between the athlete and WCP staff.
  - b. Performance monitoring (to include testing and screening), based on WCP level (bespoke for Podium and structured set days that are strongly advised for Podium Potential and Confirmation).
  - c. Performance support services. Provision is tiered and identified based on individual requirements, event group and WCP tier. The range of performance support that the WCP may provide includes athlete medical and therapy services, nutrition, strength & conditioning, biomechanics, physiology, performance analysis, performance psychology.
  - d. Performance Lifestyle Support, which includes education and career development guidance, financial advice, wellbeing support and specific lifestyle coaching and mentoring.
  - e. The UK Sport Athlete Medical Scheme. Medical insurance provision that ensures access to physical and mental health medical specialists, investigations and treatment. Referral is via UK Athletics WCP medical staff.
  - f. Eligibility to apply for a Personal Development Award, designed to support an athlete's future transition to a career beyond sport.
  - g. A designated WCP Engagement Lead.
  - h. An Athlete Performance Award (APA) aligned to the WCP tiered framework. APAs are administered by UK Sport and are subject to UK Sport means testing – further details can be found in section 6 below.
- 5.2. All support offered to athletes as part of membership of the WCP is subject to change at the discretion of UK Athletics.
- 5.3. Not all support outlined in paragraph 5.1 will be available to those athletes on the WCP who choose to train abroad.
- 5.4. For 5.1.e, the UK Sport Athlete Medical Scheme (AMS), provided through BUPA, covers injury and illness within the United Kingdom only and does not extend to medical treatment required overseas. Athletes who are resident outside of the United Kingdom, or who train or compete overseas, must arrange their own comprehensive international medical insurance for the duration of such periods. Such cover must be sufficient to provide access to the standard of medical treatment and diagnostic services commensurate with elite athlete requirements,



including but not limited to MRI scanning and specialist medical intervention. UK Athletics shall bear no responsibility for medical costs incurred outside the scope of the AMS.

- 5.5. Athletes selected for WCP membership will have access to the British Elite Athletes Association for independent guidance and support if required - <https://britisheliteathletes.org>

## **6. ATHLETE PERFORMANCE AWARDS (APAs)**

- 6.1. Athlete Performance Awards (APA) are a financial contribution administered by UK Sport to WCP athletes. They are a financial contribution designed to support living and sporting costs incurred whilst training and competing as an elite athlete. 2026/27 awards are offered for a maximum of 12 months and are subject to the UK Sport Athlete Performance Awards' Terms and Conditions.
- 6.2. General information about APAs is available on the UK Sport website – [<https://www.uk sport.gov.uk/our-work/investing-in-sport/how-uk-sport-funding-works>].
- 6.3. For events where a guide is required for a visually impaired athlete selected for the World Class Programme, the guide may be eligible to receive an APA. This will be considered on a case-by-case basis and at the sole discretion of the Panel, in conjunction with UK Sport. In these cases, the Panel will consider the commitment required to the high-performance programme and the cost of their involvement when making their decision.
- 6.4. The WCP will recommend to athletes who receive an APA that they use some of the award towards specific, optional WCP activities, support and services or recommended technology/equipment.
- 6.5. WCP warm weather training camp provision is available to athletes. The extent of any financial contribution required from the athlete will be determined by their programme level and individual circumstances as outlined below:
- a. Podium athletes can attend one UKA camp, fully funded by the WCP (the duration will be determined by the WCP).
  - b. Podium Potential athletes can attend one UKA camp, fully funded for up to 2 weeks. Athletes can extend their training time in camp by self-funding additional weeks, subject to agreement with the Head of Paralympic Performance.
  - c. Confirmation athletes will have the option to self-fund one WCP warm weather training camp.
- 6.6. Further details on any optional programme activities that might require an athlete self-funding or a contribution will be provided at the start of the programme year.

### **MEANS TESTING**

- 6.7. UK Sport administers all APAs centrally and applies means testing to ensure it only targets resources where there is evidence of financial need. Means testing will apply to athletes whose total income (including the APA) exceeds £65,000 per annum. Where this is the case, awards will be reduced pound (£) for pound (£) above the £65,000 threshold.
- 6.8. Where an athlete's income is declared as over £35,000 per annum (excluding the APA), they will be required to provide further evidence to UK Sport of this income.



- 6.9. It is the athlete's responsibility to provide UK Sport with accurate information on income. If inaccurate information is provided, it may lead to the APA being withdrawn.
- 6.10. Athletes are required to manage their personal taxation, national insurance and pension (if any) and it is recommended that athletes receiving APAs seek appropriate expert advice from an accountant or financial advisor. Further information and assistance can be accessed via the British Elite Athletes Association. <https://britisheliteathletes.org>
- 6.11. WCP Athletes who do not receive an APA following means testing are still required to sign the World Class Programme Athlete Agreement.

#### **STATE BENEFITS**

- 6.12. Podium level athletes in receipt of means-tested benefits from the Department of Work and Pensions will receive a reduced APA to enable them to continue receiving the benefits they are entitled to.
- 6.13. Athletes who are eligible for government benefits are encouraged to apply for these prior to completing the APA application form as this will help accurately reflect household income.

#### **ATHLETES UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE**

- 6.14. Athletes aged between 16 and 18 years old can decide whether their APA is paid into their own bank account or to a nominated individual (e.g. parent/guardian). Athletes under the age of 16 years old must have their APA paid into their parent/guardian's account.

A close-up photograph of a hand with a white bandage on the index finger, holding a black pen over a document. The image is dimly lit with a blue tint. The text 'SELECTION CRITERIA & PERFORMANCE STANDARDS' is overlaid in white, bold, uppercase letters, with a red underline under the word 'STANDARDS'.

# **SELECTION CRITERIA & PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

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## 7. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

- 7.1. All athletes (including 2025/26 WCP athletes) must comply with the Eligibility Criteria set out in Appendix 1 to be considered for selection.
- 7.2. Athletes currently on the 2025/26 World Class Programme will be considered first for selection for membership of the 2026/27 WCP.

## 8. CLASSIFICATION

- 8.1. An athlete's inclusion on the WCP is subject to having, as a minimum, an IPC Review Level classification that is underpinned by a medically diagnosed impairment that causes permanent and verifiable activity limitation AND subject to the WCP Paralympic Lead Doctor (or designated medical representative) being satisfied with the medical diagnosis underpinning their classification (as described in Appendix 1 – 1e). This requirement applies to athletes with a physical, visual or intellectual impairment. The following provisions shall apply in any assessment of medical diagnosis:
  - a. It is the athlete's responsibility to obtain and provide documentary evidence of the diagnosis to show the athlete meets the requirement in paragraph 1e of Appendix 1.
  - b. The athlete may need to supply further evidence (at their own cost) if requested by the WCP Paralympic Lead Doctor.
  - c. All documentary evidence submitted in support of the medical diagnosis must be in English, dated and signed by the registered medical professional who provided the diagnosis.
- 8.2. If an athlete's classification is reviewed by an International Classification Panel and, they no longer satisfy the Eligibility Criteria, their WCP membership will no longer be valid. In these circumstances a one-month notice period will be given and conditions relating to transitional funding found in [Appendix 5](#) will apply.
- 8.3. If an athlete's classification is changed, their APA tier and continued WCP membership may need to be reviewed by the WCP Selection Panel. In these cases, following its assessment, the Selection Panel may recommend a change in funding level or cease programme membership, subject to UK Sport approval. In these circumstances a one-month notice period will be given and conditions relating to transitional funding found in [Appendix 5](#) will apply. The athlete shall have the right to appeal any such decision in accordance with the Appeals Procedure set out in [Appendix 2](#). Notwithstanding the standard timelines set out therein, revised timelines shall be determined on a case-by-case basis, ensuring fair and reasonable provision for all parties. For the avoidance of doubt, where an athlete's classification change is subject to appeal or contest with the International Classification Panel, the athlete may remain on the WCP pending a confirmed decision, subject to approval from the Selection Panel and UK Sport.

## 9. LA PARALYMPIC GAMES EVENT PROGRAMME

- 9.1. If an athlete's current event for which they are a member of the WCP does not feature on the LA 2028 Paralympic Games medal event programme they will be considered in alternative available events at the relevant time as decided by UK Athletics. They will be assessed against the Performance Requirements in section 12, 13, 14 and Selection Constraints in section 16, and may be retained on the WCP if the Selection Panel considers they have the ability to



successfully transfer to the new event with the potential to medal at future World Para Athletics Championships and Paralympic Games.

## **10. SELECTION CRITERIA – PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**

- 10.1. Athletes will be considered for selection based on the Performance Requirements set out in the relevant table. The WCP Selection Panel will decide in its discretion in which event group an athlete is considered for selection.
- 10.2. **The achievement of Performance Requirements does not automatically guarantee WCP membership.** The WCP Selection Panel comprises experts who have the discretion, based on their knowledge, expertise and experience within the sport, to select athletes who they consider have the greatest potential to meet the principles of the WCP.
- 10.3. The Selection Panel will use its expertise to determine the number and allocation of athlete places on programme.
- 10.4. Athletes may be offered membership at a lower WCP level than the specified WCP level/performance requirement achieved in competition. The athlete's profile will be considered as a whole, and it is the Panel's absolute discretion to offer membership at the level they feel most appropriate for the athlete's stage of development and performance profile.
- 10.5. Where the Performance Requirements refer to performance profiles, these are described in Section 15. An individual will be assessed for selection based on the expert view of the WCP Selection Panel following their review of the athlete's performance profile.



## 11. PERFORMANCE TABLES – GUIDANCE NOTES

Performance Tables are set out by categories as below:

**INDIVIDUAL EVENTS** go to [Section 12](#)

**T54 MARATHON EVENTS** go to [Section 13](#)

**RELAY ATHLETES** – go to [Section 14](#)

Each table is split as follows:

**RETENTION** – Performance Requirements information to be retained at the same level for 2025/26 current World Class Programme athletes.

**PROGRAMME ENTRY** – Performance Requirements for new athletes or Performance Requirements for 2025/26 World Class Programme athlete progression.

- 11.1. Athletes will only be considered for events confirmed within the LA 2028 Paralympic Games Medal Event Programme, as published by the IPC in June 2025. All references to events within this document relate exclusively to LA 2028 medal programme events and the eligible classes for each event.
- 11.2. Performances will only be considered where events are well represented, defined as a minimum of five athletes from at least three NPCs competing in the event. Where this standard is not met, performances will be assessed using a combination of performance relative to benchmark standards (time/distance) and the quality of opposition.
- 11.3. For the purposes of Podium B performance requirements, medals achieved at the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships in LA 2028 Paralympic Games Medal Events will be recognised as individual event medal performances, regardless of whether the event is a combined classification at the LA 2028 Games.
- 11.4. The bronze medal mark listed in Appendix 3 represents the highest bronze medal performance from either 2025 WPA Championships or 2024 Paralympic Games. For new LA 2028 medal programme events, the bronze medal mark refers to the 2025 WPA Championships only (identified with an asterisk (\*) in Appendix 3), For Marathon events, the bronze medal mark refers to the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games only.
- 11.5. For combined event classes, world rankings will be calculated with all eligible classes for that event on the basis of time or distance respectively. See Appendix 4 for further details.
- 11.6. T11 & T12 marathon athletes must comply with the performance requirements in the individual event tables ([Section 12](#))



## 12. INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

- 12.1. In the absence of a 2026 European Para Athletics Championships, only athletes with a medal achieved at the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships, in events confirmed within the LA 2028 medal programme, will be considered for entry or progression to Podium tier for individual events.
- 12.2. Championship performances in Endurance Events use adjusted world ranking positions for performances at WPA-endorsed events, based on 2026 season's best performances. This is to reflect tactical race dynamics in these events. 'Endurance Events' refers to the 800m, 1500m and 5000m track events. For clarity, in Appendix 3 a dagger (†) denotes events where world ranking position is applied as the performance benchmark.
- 12.3. The 2026 World Rankings that are referenced in the tables below will be taken as of **9am Monday 9 November 2026**.

**Note:** all references to World Para Championships are the World Para Athletics Senior World Championships that take place outdoors.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS		
	RETENTION <i>(Current 2025/26 WCP athletes to be retained at the same level for the 2026/27 season)</i>	NEW TO PROGRAMME/ CURRENT WCP ATHLETE PROGRESSION <i>(Athletes not on the 2025/26 WCP OR current 2025/26 WCP athletes' progression to different levels)</i>
<b>Podium A</b> <b>£29,000</b>	Athletes currently on WCP Podium A that continue to have a performance profile that demonstrates strong gold medal potential at the 2028 Paralympic Games will be considered to remain on Podium A for the 2026/27 season.	Not applicable.
<b>Podium B</b> <b>£24,000</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate through their individual performance profile that they remain on a trajectory towards medal success at the 2028 Paralympic Games <b>AND</b></li> <li>Achieved a medal at the 2024 Paralympic Games OR 2025 World Para Athletics Championships <b>OR</b> A performance in 2026 that exceeds the bronze medal mark for the individual event as identified in Appendix 3.</li> </ol> <p>Any athlete with Performance Conditions must meet these in addition to the requirements above.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate through their individual performance profile an upward trajectory towards medal success at the 2028 Paralympic Games <b>AND</b></li> <li>Achieved a medal at the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships. <b>AND</b></li> <li>For Endurance Events, a performance in 2026 that ranks within the Top 3 2026 world rankings for that event <b>OR</b> For all other Events, a performance in 2026 that exceeds the bronze medal mark for the individual event as identified in Appendix 3.</li> </ol>



<p><b>LA Potential</b> <b>£20,000</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>No 2025/26 WCP athletes currently on LA Potential level.</b></li> <li>• <b>WCP 2025/26 Podium A or B athletes only can be considered at this level</b> LA Potential only can be awarded by exception to current (2025/26) WCP Podium A or B athletes as a one-year award where there is an underperformance this year, but where there remains strong evidence that the athlete is capable of returning to Podium level performances and achieving medal success at the 2028 Paralympic Games. A competition performance that meets 2027/28 Podium A or B Performance Requirements will be required for consideration for future programme membership.</li> <li>• <b>LA Potential is not available to any other athletes.</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Podium Potential C</b> <b>£19,500</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate through their individual performance profile an upward trajectory indicating future medal potential at the 2028 Paralympic Games. <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. Competed at the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships <b>AND</b></li> <li>3. For Endurance Events, a performance in 2026 that ranks within the Top 6 2026 world rankings for that event <b>OR</b> For all other events, a performance in 2026 that is within 4% of the bronze medal mark for the individual event as identified in Appendix 3</li> </ol> <p>Any 2025/26 WCP athlete with Performance Conditions must meet these in addition to the requirements above.</p>	
<p><b>Podium Potential D</b> <b>£13,125</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate through their individual performance profile an upward trajectory indicating future medal potential at the 2028 or 2032 Paralympic Games. <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. For Endurance Events, a performance in 2026 that ranks within the Top 8 2026 world rankings for that event <b>OR</b> For all other Events, a performance in 2026 that is within 8% of the bronze medal mark for the individual event as identified in Appendix 3.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Confirmation E</b> <b>£7,875</b></p>	<p>Athletes currently on the Confirmation tier must continue to demonstrate the necessary attributes for progression to Podium Potential within the next year, with the objective of confirming their capabilities to ultimately reach the podium at future Paralympic Games.</p> <p>Athletes who have been on Confirmation level for two years may only be considered for Podium Potential D and above.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate through their individual performance profile that they have the necessary attributes for progression to Podium Potential within 1–2 years, with the objective of confirming their capability to achieve a medal in an individual event at future Paralympic Games. <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. For Endurance Events, a performance in 2026 that ranks within the Top 12 2026 world rankings for that event <b>OR</b> For all other Events, a performance in 2026 that is within 10% of the bronze medal mark for the individual event as identified in Appendix 3.</li> </ol>



### 13. T54 MARATHON EVENTS

13.1. The qualification period for achievement of the Abbott Series finishing places as referenced in the Performance Requirements below is **1 March 2026 to 2 November 2026**.

<b>T54 MARATHON</b>		
	<b>RETENTION</b> <i>(Current 2025/26 WCP athletes to be retained at the same level for the 2026/27 season)</i>	<b>NEW TO PROGRAMME/ CURRENT WCP ATHLETE PROGRESSION</b> <i>(Athletes not on the 2025/26 WCP OR current 2025/26 WCP athletes' progression to different levels)</i>
<b>Podium A</b> <b>£29,000</b>	No 2025/26 WCP athletes at Podium A.	Not applicable.
<b>Podium B</b> <b>£24,000</b>	No 2025/26 WCP athletes at Podium B.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate through their individual performance profile an upward trajectory towards medal success at the 2028 Paralympic Games.</li> <li><b>AND</b></li> <li>2. Achieve a Top 3 finish in two or more of the Abbott World Marathon Majors within the qualification period.</li> </ol>
<b>LA Potential</b> <b>£20,000</b>	Not applicable	
<b>Podium Potential C</b> <b>£19,500</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate through their individual performance profile an upward trajectory indicating future medal potential at the 2028 Paralympic Games.</li> <li><b>AND</b></li> <li>2. Achieve a Top 6 finish in two or more of the Abbott World Marathon Majors within the qualification period.</li> <li><b>AND</b></li> <li>3. A performance in 2026 that is within 4% of the bronze medal mark for the individual event as identified in Appendix 3.</li> </ol>	
<b>Podium Potential D</b> <b>£13,125</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate through their individual performance profile an upward trajectory indicating future medal potential at the 2028 or 2032 Paralympic Games.</li> <li>2. Achieve a Top 8 finish in two or more of the Abbott World Marathon Majors within the qualification period.</li> <li><b>AND</b></li> <li>3. A performance in 2026 that is within 8% of the bronze medal mark for the individual event as identified in Appendix 3.</li> </ol>	
<b>Confirmation E</b> <b>£7,875</b>	No 2025/26 WCP athletes at Confirmation.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Demonstrate through their individual performance profile that they have the necessary attributes for progression to Podium Potential</li> </ol>



		<p>within 1–2 years, with the objective of confirming their capability to achieve a medal in an individual event at future Paralympic Games.</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Achieve a Top 10 finish in one or more of the Abbott World Marathon Majors within the qualification period.</li></ol> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. A performance in 2026 that is within 10% of the bronze medal mark for the individual event as identified in Appendix 3.</li></ol>
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## 14. RELAY EVENTS

- 14.1. A limited number of relay-only WCP places may be available following the selection of individual and marathon athletes. The WCP Selection Panel will decide in its entire discretion the number of places awarded for Relay Athletes. There is no obligation to select athletes for WCP Relay places.
- 14.2. WCP Relay places are only available at Podium Potential C level.
- 14.3. The Selection Panel will determine whether an athlete is nominated for the WCP as an Individual or Relay Athlete.
- 14.4. Athlete Relay membership is reviewed annually and does not guarantee continued membership. For any athlete who has previously been in receipt of Individual WCP membership, the WCP Selection Panel will consider their time on programme as a whole (to include time as an Individual WCP Athlete). For the avoidance of doubt, this does not mean there is a maximum of 4 years at Podium Potential level for Relay Athletes' memberships. Athletes' participation and contribution to the relay in the WCP year will be an assessment criterion for 2027/28 membership.
- 14.5. Nomination for WCP membership as a Relay Athlete will require those athletes to prioritise the relay event. WCP Relay programme athletes will be expected to fully commit to all relay programme activity and compete when reasonably requested by UK Athletics.

### RELAY

<p><b>C</b> <b>£19,500</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A performance in 2026 in their individual event that is within 4% of the bronze medal mark as identified in Appendix 3. <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. Athletes must have signed and adhered to the 2026 WCP Relay Plan. <b>AND</b></li> <li>3. Have previously been a member of a Strike 4 relay team at a major international championship (World Championships, Paralympic Games, or European Championships) since 2021. <b>AND</b></li> <li>4. Have a relay performance profile, supported by monitored relay performance data, that shows a clear current ability to positively contribute to a Strike 4 medal-winning relay team at the 2028 Paralympic Games.</li> </ol>
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## 15. PERFORMANCE PROFILES

- 15.1. Performance profiles use a combination of objective and subjective data measures along with performance insights to assess an athlete's potential to either continue to be a global medallist medalling at World Para Athletics Championships/Paralympic Games or to close the gap to global medal success. As part of this assessment, an athlete's performances and progress are evaluated against world-class standards within programme timelines using insights from analysis of past medallists' performance. Key elements include:
- Performance progression and gap to medal-winning standard at the 2028 Paralympic Games: An assessment of the potential to reach medal-winning performance levels by 2028 or 2032 Paralympic Games
  - Rate of improvement relative to known event trajectory and past Championship and Games medal performances
  - Recent athlete performance history in major international championships
  - Consistency of performance
  - Gap to medal contention at the 2028 Paralympic Games
  - Event trends
  - Coaching and training environment
  - Previous engagement with the WCP.
- 15.2. Relay athlete performance profiles use additional objective and subjective data and insight specific to relay performance. These profiles assess an athlete's current performance record against the standard required for success in major international championships and indicate the potential of their continued contribution to future medal-winning relay teams. Key elements include:
- **Relay speed** – individual performance contribution in both competitions and training
  - **Relay specific skills** – both objective and subjective data measures, including interactions between incoming and outgoing athletes
  - Engagement and commitment to the relay programme
  - Recent athlete performance history as part of the relay in major championships
  - Individual athlete's profiles may additionally be used to inform consideration for selection as a relay athlete.
- 15.3. The Panel may consider some or all of the key elements outlined above, and they may be weighted as necessary to best evaluate an athlete's potential against the aims of the WCP. The criteria are not listed in order of priority.
- 15.4. The expert view of the Selection Panel will be applied in evaluating world trends and the athlete's individual performance profile in making its decision.

## 16. SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

- 16.1. Athletes who have previously received an award at Podium level will not be considered eligible for Podium Potential or Confirmation awards, other than in the circumstances detailed in paragraph 16.7 and 16.8 below.
- 16.2. 2026/27 LA Potential WCP level will be awarded together with a performance target that must be aligned to the Podium tier Performance Requirements in 2027.
- 16.3. Athletes who have previously received WCP investment at Podium Potential level will not be considered eligible for a Confirmation level award in the same individual event or classification.

- 16.4. Athletes will not be retained at Individual Podium Potential level for more than 4 years, unless exceptional circumstances exist either in accordance with paragraph 17 below OR only if they have been unable to progress to Podium this year due to no major Championships being held. In these cases, the athlete will need to demonstrate through their performance profile a strong trajectory towards medal success at the 2027 WPA Championships and beyond.
- 16.5. Athletes will not be retained at Confirmation level for more than 2 years, other than for the circumstances detailed in paragraph 16.7 or exceptional provisions in accordance with paragraph 17.
- 16.6. Athletes who were previous members of the WCP before the 2025/26 season and are not currently members of the WCP will only be considered for 2026/27 membership at or above the programme level they had achieved before their transition away from the WCP (other than for the circumstances detailed in paragraph 16.7).

### **ATHLETE CHANGE OF EVENT**

- 16.7. In circumstances where an athlete has changed to a different LA 2028 medal programme event *or* their event classification has changed, the WCP Selection Panel may, in its discretion, nominate the athlete for World Class Programme membership at any level. In order to make an assessment, the Panel will consider the athlete's Performance Profile, the gap to medal in their new event and their ability to successfully transition to the new event.

For the purposes of this policy, a different event as referred to above means any event in which the athlete has not previously competed at a major international championship level (World Para Athletics Championships, Paralympic Games) since the beginning of the Paris Paralympic Games cycle.

There is no obligation on the Panel to nominate such athlete for 2026/27 WCP membership following such assessment.

- 16.8. Where an athlete has not met the criteria to be retained at Podium funding for an individual event, but they have been part of a medal winning relay team and can contribute to future medals within the relay, consideration may be made to nominate them for Podium Potential C level relay funding. Their continued ability to maximise the potential of the medal-winning relay team will be assessed on an annual basis. If the athlete is not demonstrating a performance profile capable of making a positive impact on a medal-winning team, they may not be selected for the WCP. The athlete's performance profile will be considered as a whole when making such assessments and it is the panel's absolute discretion as to whether membership to the WCP is offered.

### **PREGNANCY**

- 16.9. Athletes who are pregnant and currently in receipt of APA funding will remain eligible to access their full APA for the duration of the pregnancy at the WCP level they were on at the time of becoming pregnant and for up to nine months post childbirth.
- 16.10. Continued access to the APA post childbirth will be dependent on:
  - a. The athlete's intention to return to the sport and the programme being discussed and confirmed no later than 6 months post childbirth.
  - b. At the point where the intention of the athlete is clear, forming a mutually agreed plan/timetable for return to training and competition. This plan should acknowledge the athlete's experience of pregnancy, the impact on them physically and mentally, and the nature of the event they are returning to.
  - c. Monitoring, reviewing and confirming that the athlete has made the necessary commitment to this plan and is on track to return.

- 16.11. If the level of commitment and/or progress against this plan are not demonstrated following monitoring and review, the athlete will be given notice and offered a period of transition before the APA funding stops.
- 16.12. An athlete who announces their retirement during pregnancy or in the initial 6 months post childbirth, will not be given a further period of notice before the APA terminates.

## PROGRAMME BREAKS

- 16.13. WCP-funded programme breaks are not available for the WCP 2026/27 year.

## 17. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- 17.1. Existing WCP athletes who are unable to satisfy the Performance Requirements in the selection process or have been unable to progress within the timelines due to significant injury/illness or other exceptional considerations in the current or previous year may be considered for continued WCP membership if:
  - a. The WCP Selection Panel has confidence that the athlete can close the potentially widened gap to medalling (notwithstanding the injury/illness) by the 2028 Paralympic Games. The WCP Selection Panel must be satisfied that the athlete can make the necessary progress to achieve medal success, despite the time lost to injury/illness. The assessment must account for the impact of the injury/illness on the athlete's performance level, acknowledging and addressing the gap to medal; and
  - b. The injury/illness history of the athlete indicates they can handle the necessary training and competition required to make the progress needed to have realistic potential to medal at the 2028 or 2032 Paralympic Games in accordance with the relevant performance requirements in section 12,13 and 14 above.
- 17.2. In order to be considered under paragraph 16.1, athletes must provide written details to the Head of Paralympic Performance ([kjones@britishathletics.org.uk](mailto:kjones@britishathletics.org.uk)) with any relevant accompanying medical evidence to the Head of Therapy & Medicine ([gpolglass@britishathletics.org.uk](mailto:gpolglass@britishathletics.org.uk)) **by 3 November 2026**. In its assessment of extenuating circumstances, the WCP Selection Panel will consider the following:
  - a. The prognosis of the injury/illness
  - b. The number, type and relationships of occurring injuries/illnesses in the 2025/26 year and previous years
  - c. The athlete's individual injury/illness history
  - d. The athlete's adherence to medical advice and their (own or support team's) willingness to share details on injury/illness (where athletes have not accessed the WCP medical team)
  - e. Nature and impact of other exceptional circumstances.
- 17.3. Athletes who are not currently on the WCP at the time of the selection meeting will not be eligible for consideration under extenuating circumstances as described above in paragraph 17.1.
- 17.4. There is no obligation for the WCP Selection Panel to retain an athlete for continued WCP membership under extenuating circumstances. Each individual case will be discussed during the Selection Meeting, and it will be at the Panel's discretion as to whether they consider the athlete to have the ability to return to a medal winning trajectory.
- 17.5. Athletes retained for the 2026/27 season on exceptional circumstance grounds will be subject to a mid-year review to assess progress towards returning to a performance profile commensurate with their funding level. Where an athlete is considered unlikely to return to that level, notice will be given and transitional funding will be applied in line with Appendix 5.



# SELECTION MEETING

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## 18. SELECTION PANEL

- 18.1. A WCP Selection Panel appointed by UK Athletics will consider athletes for WCP membership based on the performance requirements outlined. The Panel shall comprise the following individuals.
- a. Voting members:
    - a. Head of Paralympic Performance
    - b. Deputy Performance Director – Performance
    - c. Event group specialists (for Sprints; Wheelchair racing; Jumps; Throws; Frame Running; and Endurance) who will each vote on all athletes
  - b. Non-Voting members:
    - i. Chairperson
    - ii. Event technical specialists, if required in the discretion of the Head of Paralympic Performance
    - iii. Independent Observer (who may be the British Elite Athletes Association representative)
    - iv. Medical representative
    - v. Media representative (if available)
    - vi. British Elite Athletes Association representative (if available)
    - vii. UK Sport representative
    - viii. Note-taker(s)
    - ix. Any other person invited by the Chairperson.
- 18.2. The deliberations of the WCP Selection Panel are confidential and may not be disclosed or discussed with any third party (other than for the purpose of taking legal advice).

## 19. VOTING AND CONFLICTS

- 19.1. In the event of an actual, potential, or possible conflict relating to any voting member, the actual, potential or possible conflict shall 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
- 19.2. Voting of the WCP Selection Panel shall be by simple majority. The Head of Paralympic Performance shall have casting vote if required. If the Head of Paralympic Performance is unable to vote due to a conflict, the Deputy Performance Director – Performance shall have casting vote if required.

## 20. ATHLETE NOTIFICATION

- 20.1. All athletes selected for the WCP will be notified verbally by an event representative of their selection by **Friday 13 November 2026** which will be further followed up in writing.
- 20.2. Athletes who were members of the 2025/26 WCP who are not selected for 2026/27 WCP membership will also be notified of their non-selection. Athletes exiting from the programme will receive transitional funding for a period following the end of the membership year, as per the conditions outlined in **Appendix 5 – UK Sport Transitional Funding**.

A photograph of a person's legs and feet in white sneakers on a wet pavement at night. The person is standing on a wet surface, and their shadow is cast long and dark on the ground. The scene is dimly lit, with a blueish tint. The text "DE-SELECTION" is overlaid in white, bold, uppercase letters, underlined with a red line.

# DE-SELECTION

## 21. INJURY / ILLNESS

- 21.1. In the event of injury/illness (both physical and mental), and in cases where an athlete is considered likely to recover to full fitness for training and competition, the athlete will continue to receive their full APA and WCP membership up to three months (or such shorter period ending on the final day of the 2026/27 WCP if the injury/illness occurs in the last three months of the WCP year) from the point the injury/illness occurred or was identified.
- 21.2. If after three months the athlete remains unavailable for full selection or training, an expert review will be undertaken to confirm the likelihood that the athlete remains able to pursue future medal success in the Paralympic Games.
- 21.3. Subject to satisfactory evidence of the likelihood of return, the APA will continue to be paid at the existing award level for up to a year but will only be extended beyond this in exceptional circumstances.
- 21.4. Where there is medical evidence that the injury/illness will affect the long-term potential of the athlete, or where the athlete has shown neither progress nor commitment to the agreed rehabilitation programme, the athlete can be removed from the WCP. In these circumstances a one-month notice period will be given and conditions relating to transitional funding will apply.

## 22. DISCIPLINARY ISSUES

- 22.1. In the event that an athlete:
  - a. Breaches the World Class Programme Athlete Agreement, or any other UKA Rules, Policy or Code of Conduct.
  - b. No longer satisfies the Eligibility Criteria.
  - c. Is in breach of this WCP Selection Policy.
  - d. Refuses to follow reasonable guidance from UK Athletics, including but not limited to in relation to training, recovery from injury/illness and selection of coach/medical provision.
  - e. In the reasonable opinion of UK Athletics has brought UK Athletics into disrepute or is otherwise guilty of misconduct under UKA disciplinary rules or Safeguarding Regulations or is convicted of a criminal offence.
  - f. Is in breach of the codes of conduct for athletes.
  - g. Fails to engage with their UK Athletics point(s) of contact (including medical).
  - h. Fails to provide information or evidence as to alignment (or lack of) to the agreed plan; or
  - i. If any of the termination rights set out in the World Class Programme Athlete Agreement are engaged.

UK Athletics may in its absolute discretion terminate or suspend the athlete's WCP membership (including APA payments). In relation to suspension, this will be until such time as the athlete remedies such breach to UKA's satisfaction or UKA otherwise deems it appropriate to end the suspension.

- 22.2. UK Athletics reserves the right, in its absolute discretion at any time to terminate an individual's WCP membership (including the right to an APA) immediately upon notice in writing (which shall include email).
- 22.3. For the avoidance of doubt, this provision permits termination by UK Athletics at any stage during the WCP year.
- 22.4. Additionally, if a relay athlete is in breach of the WCP Relay Agreement, UK Athletics reserves the right in its absolute discretion at any time to terminate that athlete's WCP membership (including APA) immediately upon notice in writing (which shall include email). Alternatively, the WCP may place the athlete on probation for a period of 3 months. If the athlete fails to demonstrate re-engagement with the Relay Plan in the Relay

Agreement during the probation period, the WCP may in its absolute discretion move the athlete to a lower WCP level or terminate the membership immediately.

## **23. LOSS OF PERFORMANCE**

- 23.1. An athlete may be removed from the WCP at any time in circumstances where:
- a. The Head of Paralympic Performance considers the athlete is making insufficient progress against their agreed individual athlete plan and goals.
  - b. Events are not attended without good reason; or
  - c. The Head of Paralympic Performance considers the athlete's performance profile, training progress or performance is deemed to be unacceptable against any criteria that have been set for the athlete or those linked to the level of their WCP membership as set out in the Selection Policy.
  - d. The athlete's event classification changes and the Panel, in its absolute discretion, deems that the athlete no longer satisfies the performance criteria of their nominated programme level on the WCP and does not satisfy the performance criteria to be nominated for WCP membership for a new event as outlined in paragraph 16.7; or
- 23.2. Before an athlete is removed from the WCP in accordance with paragraph 23.1 above, the Head of Paralympic Performance and Engagement Lead will meet with the athlete to discuss their concerns, and the athlete will be given a period of at least one month to show the necessary improvement.
- 23.3. If an athlete chooses to use external medical support, they must keep WCP medical staff regularly updated on their progress and injury/illness status. If they do not, or if the WCP considers the medical treatment is likely to have a detrimental impact on recovery, performance or health, following consultation with the athlete, the WCP may remove the athlete from the programme.
- 23.4. If in the unfortunate circumstance where an athlete has been classified as non-eligible in accordance with the World Para Athletics rules and regulations, their WCP membership will cease the conditions for which are provided in Section 8 and Appendix 5.



## **APPENDICES**

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APPENDIX 1 – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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## APPENDIX 1 – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. To be considered for membership of the UK Athletics Paralympic WCP, an athlete must fulfil the following eligibility criteria:
  - a. Meet and continue to meet the UK Sport Eligibility Policy (see <https://www.uk sport.gov.uk/resources/eligibility>).
  - b. Be eligible to compete for Paralympics GB at the Paralympic Games and for Great Britain in all relevant championships and events.
  - c. Be a British Passport holder.
  - d. Compete in event(s) listed in the LA 2028 Paralympics Medal Event Programme.
  - e. Possess, as a minimum, an IPC Review Level classification that is underpinned (to the satisfaction of the UK Athletics Paralympic Lead Doctor), by a medically diagnosed impairment that causes permanent and verifiable activity limitation. This requirement applies to athletes with a physical, visual, or intellectual impairment.
  - f. Be a member of a Home Country Athletics Federation. Exemption may be granted in exceptional circumstances only, where an athlete must be registered with a club in a different country due to local laws and regulations governing residency and training.
  - g. Not currently be serving a period of ineligibility due to a transfer of allegiance.
  - h. Not currently be serving a provisional or permanent suspension for an Anti-Doping Rule Violation.
  - i. Not under investigation or has not 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.
  - j. 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 or continued membership of the WCP.
  - k. Has not, whether by an act or omission, brought UK Athletics into disrepute.
  - l. Has not associated with the Enhanced Games or any other competition that does not support Clean Sport.
  - m. Does not compete for an NCAA member university in the United States (or will not during the relevant WCP period).
  - n. 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.
  - o. Has not been declared ineligible to receive public funding from UK Sport or any other organisation.
  - p. Meet the standards and behaviour expected by UK Athletics, as published from time to time, including in the International Athletes Code of Conduct.
2. If an athlete has associated, or intends to associate, themselves with a coach, doctor or other medical or support person who UK Athletics reasonably considers it inappropriate for the athlete to associate with, UK Athletics may, in its discretion, decide that the athlete shall be ineligible to selection for membership of the WCP (including receipt of an APA) or may remove an existing athlete from the WCP.
3. If an athlete wishes to transfer national allegiance and compete for another country, or if they have already qualified for the other country and obtained results (that means they are no longer eligible to compete for, or represent Great Britain at international competitions), then the athlete will not be eligible for membership of the World Class Programme.

## APPENDIX 2 – SELECTIONS APPEALS PROCEDURE

1. This appeal procedure sets out the process where an athlete (the **Appellant Athlete**) wishes to appeal any selection decision taken by the WCP Selection Panel (**WCP Decision**) including in relation to:
  - a. Removal from the World Class Programme
  - b. World Class Programme (WCP) level.

2. Current WCP athletes have the right to appeal selection decisions. Other athletes who were not members of the WCP in 2025/26 do not have the right to appeal their non-selection. However, athletes may request feedback with a relevant member of the Selection Panel or UKA staff.
3. Any athlete seeking to appeal a WCP decision should be aware of the time limits contained in this policy. It is designed with the intention of resolving issues in a timely, fair and transparent manner.
4. 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.
5. The Notice of Appeal will not be valid unless the athlete provides confirmation of payment of the administration fee.
6. 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

7. This appeal procedure is the only and exclusive appeal procedure governing selection and forms a separate entire agreement between each athlete wishing to be selected for the WCP and UK Athletics (**the Parties**). The Parties agree not to commence, continue or maintain any legal proceedings relating to selection for the WCP for 2026/27, other than as set out herein. All decisions under this Appeal Procedure are final and binding upon the Parties.
8. The Parties agree that proceedings pursuant to this Appeal Procedure are to be treated as an arbitration under Part 1 of the Arbitration Act 1996 (**'the Act'**). Sections 44,45 and 69 of the Act shall not apply to any proceedings.
9. The seat of the arbitration shall be England and shall be governed by English law.
10. The arbitration shall be administered by Sport Resolutions of Juxon House, 100 St Paul's Courtyard, London EC4M 8BU, but the Sport Resolutions Arbitration Rules shall not apply.
11. Unless stated otherwise, all correspondence in relation to an appeal shall be conducted by email only.
12. The parties shall bear their own costs of any appeal.
13. The British Elite Athletes Association [admin@britishathletes.org](mailto:admin@britishathletes.org) Tel. 0203 126 4270 and the UK Athletics Athlete's Commission [athletescommission@britishathletics.org.uk](mailto:athletescommission@britishathletics.org.uk) offer individual support and advice.

#### **GROUNDINGS FOR APPEAL**

14. An athlete may only appeal against a WCP decision on the following grounds:
  - a. There has been a failure to follow the process outlined in the World Class Programme Selection Policy.
  - b. The WCP Selection Panel, or any member of it involved in making the relevant selection decision, lacked the required independence and has shown actual bias when making the decision.
  - c. The WCP Selection Panel reached a decision on the basis of an error of fact.
15. If none of the grounds are met the appeal will be dismissed.

16. In relation to minor and non-consequential breaches of the World Class Programme Selection Policy that the Appeal Panel determines would not be capable of affecting the outcome of a WCP Decision, the appeal shall be dismissed.

### **COMMENCING AN APPEAL**

17. An athlete who has not been selected may request a copy of the notes relating to their non-selection from UK Athletics. Such request must be made within the deadline set out in the timeline at paragraph 29 below by emailing [appeals@uka.org.uk](mailto:appeals@uka.org.uk).
18. The appeal procedure is commenced when an Appellant Athlete submits a formal written appeal that credibly identifies one of the permitted grounds of appeal (the 'Notice of Appeal') to both Sport Resolutions and UK Athletics at the following email addresses: [resolve@sportresolutions.com](mailto:resolve@sportresolutions.com) and [appeals@uka.org.uk](mailto:appeals@uka.org.uk)
19. The Notice of Appeal must be received within the deadline set out in the timeline at paragraph 29 below.
20. The Notice of Appeal must set out the full details of the Appellant Athlete's ground(s) of appeal and include:
- An email address for correspondence.
  - Details of any representative.
  - Details of the decision which the athlete is appealing.
  - Details of the ground(s) of appeal upon which the athlete relies, including the precise manner in which the Appellant Athlete alleges that such ground(s) apply.
  - Any documents or written evidence upon which the Appellant Athlete relies in support of their appeal.
  - Athlete provision of evidence of transaction confirmation of admin fee.

### **UKA RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF APPEAL**

21. UK Athletics shall file its Response to the Notice of Appeal with Sport Resolutions by email (with a copy to the Athlete) by 9pm Wednesday 25 November 2026.

### **APPOINTMENT OF APPEAL PANEL**

22. Following receipt of a Notice of Appeal:
- Sport Resolutions shall, within 3 working days appoint a Chair of the Appeal Panel and notify the parties of the identity of the Chair.
  - UK Athletics shall, within 3 working days appoint 2 further arbitrators to the Appeal Panel to act as wing-members.

UK Athletics may ask Sport Resolutions to make the Appeal Panel appointments.

23. The Appeal Panel shall determine its own procedure and may issue such directions as it considers necessary for the just and efficient disposal of the appeal, including:
- To set, abridge or amend any timings set out herein, or made by the Appeal Panel itself;
  - To request all and any documents in the possession of UK Athletics or the Appellant Athlete; and
  - To draw all and any appropriate inferences from the behaviour of the Appellant Athlete, the failure to disclose documents, or the failure to comply with any order made by the Appeal Panel.
24. All Appeal Panellists must be free of conflicts of interest. Any Panellist must disclose the existence of such conflicts before accepting an appointment to sit on a Panel. If an Athlete wishes to object to the membership of a particular Panellist on a Panel, they must do so within three (3) working days of the notification to them of the identity of that



Panellist. In the absence of an objection, the Appellant Athlete will be deemed to have waived, finally and irrevocably, any ability to object to the Panellist, save as to conduct in the course of the reference. If a party intends to challenge any appointment that party shall, within seven days of notification by Sport Resolutions of the appointment, submit in writing to the Chairman of Sport Resolutions’ Panel Appointments and Review Committee (the “PARC”) (with a copy to the Appeal Panel and Sport Resolutions) the reasons why that party is challenging the Arbitrator. Unless the challenged Arbitrator withdraws or the other party agrees to the challenge, the Chairman of the PARC shall decide on the challenge in accordance with Sport Resolutions’ procedures for the appointment and removal of Arbitrators and that decision shall be final.

**THIRD PARTIES**

25. Where it appears to the Appeal Panel that the interests of any Third Party may be affected by the appeal, they will notify the Third Party of the appeal, provide them with a copy of any appeal submissions (and any other relevant documents) and invite the Third Party to make any submissions within 24 hours of receiving the notification. A Third Party shall be under no obligation to make any submissions, but if the Third Party makes any comments the Appeal Panel will give the Appellant Athlete a copy of these submissions and a limited period of time to make any further submissions in response.

**HEARING**

26. Appeals will be conducted based on the written submissions of the Appellant Athlete (contained within the Notice of Appeal) and the UK Athletics Response, without a hearing or the calling of witnesses or the giving of oral evidence.

27. In exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the Appeal Panel, a party to the appeal may be invited to provide information by telephone/video call or in writing.

**APPEAL PANEL DECISION**

28. The Appeal Panel shall be entitled to:
- a. Dismiss the appeal and confirm the WCP decision; or
  - b. Uphold the appeal and remit the matter back to the WCP Selection Panel, noting the errors it has identified in the conduct of the selection process, and requesting that a new decision is made within 14 working days. There shall be no further right of appeal in relation to the new decision.

**APPEAL TIMELINES**

29. Athletes wishing to appeal should note the following actions and respective timelines, as described above.

Action	Date & Time (GMT)
Publication of WCP 2026/27 decision on UK Athletics website	Monday 16 November 2026
Athlete request notes from selection meeting	By 12pm Tuesday 17 November 2026
Notes provided following athlete request	By 9pm Thursday 19 November 2026
Athlete to submit a Notice of Appeal	By 9am Monday 23 November 2026
Evidence of administration fee payment	By 9am Monday 23 November
UK Athletics to submit its Response to the Notice of Appeal	By 9pm Wednesday 25 November 2026
Appeal Panel hearing	Between Wednesday 25 & Friday 27 November 2026
Appeal Panel outcome	By 5pm Friday 27 November 2026

## APPENDIX 3 – MEDAL MARKS AND MINIMUM ENTRY STANDARDS

\* Denotes a new 2028 LA Medal Event

† Denotes an Endurance track event where the world rankings will be assessed instead of the percentage to bronze medal marks

Event	Eligible Classes	Bronze Medal Mark	Bronze Medal Mark Event (Championships that the mark was achieved at)	4%	8%	10%
Men's 100m T11	T11	11.08	Paralympic Games 2024	11.52	11.97	12.19
Men's 100m T12	T12	10.94	Paralympic Games 2024	11.38	11.82	12.03
Men's 100m T13	T13	10.80	Paralympic Games 2024	11.23	11.66	11.88
Men's 100m T34	T33, T34	15.04	WPA Championships 2025	15.64	16.24	16.54
Men's 100m T35	T35	11.70	WPA Championships 2025	12.17	12.64	12.87
Men's 100m T36	T36	11.88	Paralympic Games 2024	12.36	12.83	13.07
Men's 100m T37	T37	11.29	WPA Championships 2025	11.74	12.19	12.42
Men's 100m T38	T38	10.98	WPA Championships 2025	11.42	11.86	12.08
Men's 100m T44	T43, T44	11.46	WPA Championships 2025	11.92	12.38	12.61
Men's 100m T47	T45, T46, T47	10.70	WPA Championships 2025	11.13	11.56	11.77
Men's 100m T51	T51	21.14	Paralympic Games 2024	21.99	22.83	23.25
Men's 100m T52	T52	17.15	WPA Championships 2025	17.84	18.52	18.87
Men's 100m T53	T53	15.08	Paralympic Games 2024	15.68	16.29	16.59
Men's 100m T54	T54	13.86	WPA Championships 2025	14.41	14.97	15.25
Men's 100m T63	T42, T63	12.10	Paralympic Games 2024	12.58	13.07	13.31
Men's 100m T64	T62, T64	10.77	Paralympic Games 2024	11.20	11.63	11.85
Men's 100m T72 *	T72	16.29	WPA Championships 2025	16.94	17.59	17.92
Men's 200m T35	T35	23.64	WPA Championships 2025	24.59	25.53	26.00
Men's 200m T37	T37	22.74	Paralympic Games 2024	23.65	24.56	25.01
Men's 200m T51	T51	38.65	Paralympic Games 2024	40.20	41.74	42.52
Men's 200m T64	T44, T64	22.56	WPA Championships 2025	23.46	24.36	24.82
Men's 400m T11	T11	50.89	Paralympic Games 2024	52.93	54.96	55.98
Men's 400m T12	T12	49.56	Paralympic Games 2024	51.54	53.52	54.52
Men's 400m T13	T13	48.83	Paralympic Games 2024	50.78	52.74	53.71
Men's 400m T20	T20	47.55	WPA Championships 2025	49.45	51.35	52.31
Men's 400m T37	T37	50.50	Paralympic Games 2024	52.52	54.54	55.55
Men's 400m T38	T35, T38	49.74	WPA Championships 2025	51.73	53.72	54.71
Men's 400m T47	T45, T46, T47	47.97	Paralympic Games 2024	49.89	51.81	52.77
Men's 400m T52	T51, T52	59.66	WPA Championships 2025	1:02.05	1:04.43	1:05.63
Men's 400m T53	T53	47.84	Paralympic Games 2024	49.75	51.67	52.62
Men's 400m T54	T54	45.11	Paralympic Games 2024	46.91	48.72	49.62
Men's 400m T62	T43, T62	46.91	Paralympic Games 2024	48.79	50.66	51.60
Men's 800m T34 †	T33, T34	1:40.13	Paralympic Games 2024	N/A	N/A	N/A
Men's 800m T53 †	T51, T52, T53	1:37.52	WPA Championships 2025	N/A	N/A	N/A
Men's 800m T54 †	T54	1:30.98	Paralympic Games 2024	N/A	N/A	N/A
Men's 1500m T11 †	T11	4:04.03	Paralympic Games 2024	N/A	N/A	N/A
Men's 1500m T13 †	T12, T13	3:44.94	Paralympic Games 2024	N/A	N/A	N/A
Men's 1500m T20 †	T20	3:49.91	Paralympic Games 2024	N/A	N/A	N/A
Men's 1500m T38 †	T37, T38	3:58.19	WPA Championships 2025	N/A	N/A	N/A

Men's 1500m T46 <i>f</i>	T45, T46	3:51.37	Paralympic Games 2024	N/A	N/A	N/A
Men's 1500m T54 <i>f</i>	T53, T54	2:51.51	WPA Championships 2025	N/A	N/A	N/A
Men's 5000m T11 <i>f</i>	T11	14:52.61	Paralympic Games 2024	N/A	N/A	N/A
Men's 5000m T13 <i>f</i>	T12, T13	15:22.68	WPA Championships 2025	N/A	N/A	N/A
Men's 5000m T54 <i>f</i>	T53, T54	10:49.32	WPA Championships 2025	N/A	N/A	N/A
Men's Marathon T12	T11, T12	2:24:02	Paralympic Games 2024	2:29:48	2:35:33	2:38:26
Men's Marathon T54	T52, T53, T54	1:31:23	Paralympic Games 2024	1:35:02	1:38:42	1:40:31
Men's High Jump T47	T45, T46, T47	2.03	WPA Championships 2025	1.95	1.87	1.83
Men's High Jump T63	T42, T63	1.85	WPA Championships 2025	1.78	1.70	1.67
Men's High Jump T64	T44, T64	2.03	Paralympic Games 2024	1.95	1.87	1.83
Men's Long Jump T13	T13	7.20	Paralympic Games 2024	6.91	6.62	6.48
Men's Long Jump T20	T20	7.38	Paralympic Games 2024	7.08	6.79	6.64
Men's Long Jump T36	T36	5.81	WPA Championships 2025	5.58	5.35	5.23
Men's Long Jump T37	T37	6.35	WPA Championships 2025	6.10	5.84	5.72
Men's Long Jump T38	T35, T38	6.53	WPA Championships 2025	6.27	6.01	5.88
Men's Long Jump T44 *	T43, T44	6.46	WPA Championships 2025	6.20	5.94	5.81
Men's Long Jump T47	T45, T46, T47	7.19	WPA Championships 2025	6.90	6.61	6.47
Men's Long Jump T64	T62, T64	7.65	WPA Championships 2025	7.34	7.04	6.89
Men's Shot Put F11	F11	13.70	WPA Championships 2025	13.15	12.60	12.33
Men's Shot Put F12	F12	16.11	Paralympic Games 2024	15.47	14.82	14.50
Men's Shot Put F20	F20	17.26	WPA Championships 2025	16.57	15.88	15.53
Men's Shot Put F32	F32	9.84	Paralympic Games 2024	9.45	9.05	8.86
Men's Shot Put F33	F33	11.26	Paralympic Games 2024	10.81	10.36	10.13
Men's Shot Put F34	F34	11.66	Paralympic Games 2024	11.19	10.73	10.49
Men's Shot Put F35	F35	15.84	Paralympic Games 2024	15.21	14.57	14.26
Men's Shot Put F36	F36	16.86	WPA Championships 2025	16.19	15.51	15.17
Men's Shot Put F37	F37	15.86	WPA Championships 2025	15.23	14.59	14.27
Men's Shot Put F40	F40	11.03	Paralympic Games 2024	10.59	10.15	9.93
Men's Shot Put F41	F41	11.98	WPA Championships 2025	11.50	11.02	10.78
Men's Shot Put F46	F45, F46	16.27	Paralympic Games 2024	15.62	14.97	14.64
Men's Shot Put F53	F53	8.69	Paralympic Games 2024	8.34	7.99	7.82
Men's Shot Put F55	F54, F55	12.02	WPA Championships 2025	11.54	11.06	10.82
Men's Shot Put F57	F56, F57	14.65	Paralympic Games 2024	14.06	13.48	13.19
Men's Shot Put F63	F42, F61, F63	14.97	Paralympic Games 2024	14.37	13.77	13.47
Men's Discus F37	F37	52.54	Paralympic Games 2024	50.44	48.34	47.29
Men's Discus F52	F51, F52	18.09	WPA Championships 2025	17.37	16.64	16.28
Men's Discus F64	F43, F44, F62, F64	52.42	WPA Championships 2025	50.32	48.23	47.18
Men's Javelin F13	F12, F13	62.51	Paralympic Games 2024	60.01	57.51	56.26
Men's Javelin F34	F33, F34	37.94	WPA Championships 2025	36.42	34.90	34.15
Men's Javelin F38	F38	53.50	WPA Championships 2025	51.36	49.22	48.15
Men's Javelin F46	F45, F46	64.96	Paralympic Games 2024	62.36	59.76	58.46
Men's Javelin F57	F55, F56, F57	51.55	WPA Championships 2025	49.49	47.43	46.39

Men's Javelin F64	F42, F43, F44 F61, F62, F63, F64	64.89	Paralympic Games 2024	62.29	59.70	58.40
Men's Club Throw F32	F31, F32	38.61	Paralympic Games 2024	37.07	35.52	34.75
Men's Club Throw F51	F51	34.18	Paralympic Games 2024	32.81	31.45	30.76
Women's 100m T11	T11	12.14	Paralympic Games 2024	12.63	13.11	13.35
Women's 100m T12	T12	12.11	WPA Championships 2025	12.59	13.08	13.32
Women's 100m T13	T13	11.94	Paralympic Games 2024	12.42	12.90	13.13
Women's 100m T34	T33, T34	18.45	Paralympic Games 2024	19.19	19.93	20.30
Women's 100m T35	T35	14.21	Paralympic Games 2024	14.78	15.35	15.63
Women's 100m T36	T36	14.24	Paralympic Games 2024	14.81	15.38	15.66
Women's 100m T37	T37	13.29	Paralympic Games 2024	13.82	14.35	14.62
Women's 100m T38	T38	12.53	Paralympic Games 2024	13.03	13.53	13.78
Women's 100m T44 *	T43, T44	13.63	WPA Championships 2025	14.18	14.72	14.99
Women's 100m T47	T45, T46, T47	12.20	Paralympic Games 2024	12.69	13.18	13.42
Women's 100m T53	T51, T52, T53	16.16	Paralympic Games 2024	16.81	17.45	17.78
Women's 100m T54	T54	15.77	Paralympic Games 2024	16.40	17.03	17.35
Women's 100m T63	T42, T63	14.60	Paralympic Games 2024	15.18	15.77	16.06
Women's 100m T64	T62, T64	12.72	Paralympic Games 2024	13.23	13.74	13.99
Women's 100m T72*	T72	19.16	WPA Championships 2025	19.93	20.69	21.08
Women's 200m T11	T11	25.04	Paralympic Games 2024	26.04	27.04	27.54
Women's 200m T12	T12	24.75	Paralympic Games 2024	25.74	26.73	27.23
Women's 200m T35	T35	30.01	Paralympic Games 2024	31.21	32.41	33.01
Women's 200m T36	T36	29.82	Paralympic Games 2024	31.01	32.21	32.80
Women's 200m T37	T37	27.55	Paralympic Games 2024	28.65	29.75	30.31
Women's 200m T47	T45, T46, T47	24.82	WPA Championships 2025	25.81	26.81	27.30
Women's 200m T64	T44, T64	26.77	Paralympic Games 2024	27.84	28.91	29.45
Women's 400m T11	T11	58.25	Paralympic Games 2024	1:00.58	1:02.91	1:04.08
Women's 400m T12	T12	55.67	Paralympic Games 2024	57.90	1:00.12	1:01.24
Women's 400m T13	T13	55.52	Paralympic Games 2024	57.74	59.96	1:01.07
Women's 400m T20	T20	55.82	Paralympic Games 2024	58.05	1:00.29	1:01.40
Women's 400m T37	T37	1:03.61	Paralympic Games 2024	1:06.15	1:08.70	1:09.97
Women's 400m T38	T36, T38	1:00.20	WPA Championships 2025	1:02.61	1:05.02	1:06.22
Women's 400m T47	T45, T46, T47	57.20	Paralympic Games 2024	59.49	1:01.78	1:02.92
Women's 400m T53	T51, T52, T53	54.31	WPA Championships 2025	56.48	58.65	59.74
Women's 400m T54	T54	53.29	WPA Championships 2025	55.42	57.55	58.62
Women's 800m T34 <i>f</i>	T33, T34	2:05.14	WPA Championships 2025	N/A	N/A	N/A
Women's 800m T53 <i>f</i>	T51, T52, T53	1:46.83	Paralympic Games 2024	N/A	N/A	N/A
Women's 800m T54 <i>f</i>	T54	1:43.42	Paralympic Games 2024	N/A	N/A	N/A
Women's 1500m T11 <i>f</i>	T11	4:35.49	Paralympic Games 2024	N/A	N/A	N/A
Women's 1500m T13 <i>f</i>	T12, T13	4:23.45	Paralympic Games 2024	N/A	N/A	N/A
Women's 1500m T20 <i>f</i>	T20	4:29.40	Paralympic Games 2024	N/A	N/A	N/A
Women's 1500m T54 <i>f</i>	T53, T54	3:16.68	Paralympic Games 2024	N/A	N/A	N/A
Women's 5000m T54 <i>f</i>	T53, T54	11:10.20	Paralympic Games 2024	N/A	N/A	N/A
Women's Marathon T12	T11, T12	3:04:23	Paralympic Games 2024	3:11:46	3:19:08	3:22:49

Women's Marathon T54	T52, T53, T54	1:46:29	Paralympic Games 2024	1:50:45	1:55:00	1:57:08
Women's Long Jump T11	T11	4.76	Paralympic Games 2024	4.57	4.38	4.28
Women's Long Jump T12	T12	5.30	Paralympic Games 2024	5.09	4.88	4.77
Women's Long Jump T20	T20	5.73	Paralympic Games 2024	5.50	5.27	5.16
Women's Long Jump T37	T37	4.59	Paralympic Games 2024	4.41	4.22	4.13
Women's Long Jump T38	T36, T38	5.25	WPA Championships 2025	5.04	4.83	4.73
Women's Long Jump T47	T45, T46, T47	5.84	WPA Championships 2025	5.61	5.37	5.26
Women's Long Jump T63	T42, T61, T63	4.84	WPA Championships 2025	4.65	4.45	4.36
Women's Long Jump T64	T43, T44, T62, T64	5.38	WPA Championships 2025	5.16	4.95	4.84
Women's Shot Put F12	F11, F12	12.60	WPA Championships 2025	12.10	11.59	11.34
Women's Shot Put F20	F20	14.31	Paralympic Games 2024	13.74	13.17	12.88
Women's Shot Put F32	F32	7.72	Paralympic Games 2024	7.41	7.10	6.95
Women's Shot Put F33	F33	7.74	Paralympic Games 2024	7.43	7.12	6.97
Women's Shot Put F34	F34	8.01	WPA Championships 2025	7.69	7.37	7.21
Women's Shot Put F35	F35	9.58	WPA Championships 2025	9.20	8.81	8.62
Women's Shot Put F37	F37	12.86	Paralympic Games 2024	12.35	11.83	11.57
Women's Shot Put F40	F40	8.86	WPA Championships 2025	8.51	8.15	7.97
Women's Shot Put F41	F41	9.96	WPA Championships 2025	9.56	9.16	8.96
Women's Shot Put F44 *	F42, F43, F44	12.11	WPA Championships 2025	11.63	11.14	10.90
Women's Shot Put F54	F53, F54	7.75	Paralympic Games 2024	7.44	7.13	6.98
Women's Shot Put F57	F55, F56, F57	10.74	Paralympic Games 2024	10.31	9.88	9.67
Women's Discus F11	F11	37.24	WPA Championships 2025	35.75	34.26	33.52
Women's Discus F38	F37, F38	36.10	WPA Championships 2025	34.66	33.21	32.49
Women's Discus F41	F40, F41	28.83	WPA Championships 2025	27.68	26.52	25.95
Women's Discus F44 *	F43, F44	39.23	WPA Championships 2025	37.66	36.09	35.31
Women's Discus F53	F53	13.10	WPA Championships 2025	12.58	12.05	11.79
Women's Discus F55	F54, F55	25.02	WPA Championships 2025	24.02	23.02	22.52
Women's Discus F57	F56, F57	28.80	WPA Championships 2025	27.65	26.50	25.92
Women's Discus F64	F62, F64	29.45	WPA Championships 2025	28.27	27.09	26.51
Women's Javelin F13	F12, F13	37.74	WPA Championships 2025	36.23	34.72	33.97
Women's Javelin F34	F33, F34	18.97	WPA Championships 2025	18.21	17.45	17.07
Women's Javelin F46	F45, F46	41.94	WPA Championships 2025	40.26	38.58	37.75
Women's Javelin F54	F52, F53, F54	16.24	Paralympic Games 2024	15.59	14.94	14.62
Women's Javelin F56	F55, F56	22.35	Paralympic Games 2024	21.46	20.56	20.12
Women's Club Throw F32	F31, F32	27.09	WPA Championships 2025	26.01	24.92	24.38
Women's Club Throw F51 *	F51	18.6	WPA Championships 2025	17.86	17.11	16.74

## APPENDIX 4 – PERFORMANCE CONDITIONS

1. WPA ranking performances (domestic or overseas) must be achieved during competitions organised or approved by WPA.
2. For events in which more than one class is eligible, world rankings will be combined on the basis of time/distance only and will NOT be adjusted by point score. For example, in the women's F51/52 discus, the F51 and F52 world ranking will be combined, and ranked based on distance.

3. Performances not eligible for WPA world rankings must be achieved at competitions endorsed or approved by the WPA or UK Athletics to be considered for selection purposes. Domestic competition marks will only be recognised if they are achieved in UKA Level 2 Permit competition or higher.
4. Marathon qualification performances must be achieved in WPA approved marathons (a list of WPA approved marathons can be found on the WPA website).
5. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants, held completely in a stadium, shall not normally be accepted. Exceptions to this rule may be made for field events or races of 5,000m or longer provided the stipulations outlined in WPA Athletics rule 4 (including notes) – World Athletics rule 141 – are satisfied. For the avoidance of doubt, where any mixed gender race is conducted so as to allow athletes of one gender to be paced/drafted/assisted by athletes of another gender, the results will not be permissible for selection purposes (regardless of whether they appear on the WPA World Rankings or not). Whether or not a mixed gender race has been conducted in such a way will be determined at the absolute discretion of the Panel.
6. In the 100m, 200m and Long Jump, wind assisted performances shall not be accepted, as well as performances from competitions in which wind measurement was not available.
7. Hand timed performances in 100m, 200m and 400m shall not be accepted.
8. Performances set at 950m or more above sea level shall not be accepted.
9. Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m or longer shall be considered. For the avoidance of doubt, indoor performances in all other events shall not be considered.
10. If multiple performances are achieved in the same discipline in a single day at an official Championships of UK National level or higher:
  - a. In track events, all performances will be counted.
  - b. In field events, only the best single legal performance in the pool and the best single legal performance in the final will be counted.
11. In all other eligible competitions, only one performance per day will be counted as follows:
  - a. In track events only the fastest official result of the day will be counted.
  - b. In throwing events only, the best performance in the first competition of the day will be counted.
  - c. In horizontal jumping events only the best performance of the first competition of the day will be counted unless every mark achieved by the athlete in any such first competition was wind assisted in which case a second competition held under better non-wind assisted conditions will count.
  - d. In vertical jumping events only the best performance of the first competition of the day will be counted unless the competition was abandoned for safety reasons in which case a second competition held under safer conditions will count.

## **APPENDIX 5 – UK SPORT TRANSITION FUNDING**

1. Transitional funding may be offered in line with UK Sport conditions at the current grant level for a period of time following non-selection from the WCP, depending on the total continuous period of WCP membership. This transitional funding will be provided as follows:
  - 1 year but < 2 years = 1-month transitional award
  - 2 years but < 3 years = 2-months transitional award
  - 3+ years = 3 months transitional award
2. Transitional funding will start from 1 January 2026, unless an athlete's APA award is terminated earlier, in the circumstances described in section 21, 22 or 23 above.

3. All athletes transitioning from the programme will continue to receive the following system wide support:
  - a. **Athlete Medical Scheme (AMS):** Full AMS available for new or existing injury or illness whilst in receipt of APA including any transition APA. AMS is then available for 3 months post transition APA only for pre-existing and pre-authorized injury and illness claims. Athletes have the option to then self-fund continued cover via BUPA or put in place private medical cover via another health insurance provider and / or to transition to NHS care.
  - b. **Performance Lifestyle:** PL support available for up to 2 years after last transition APA. First 6 months from in sport PL practitioner. Further 18 months from central PL team (Careers & Transition).
  - c. **UK Sport Personal Development Award (PDA):** Access to a Personal Development Award during the transition funding period and for a period of up to 12 months following the end of the transition funding period.
  - d. **Sporting Chance:** Free, confidential access to mental health support from Sporting Chance for up to 2 years after last transition APA.
  - e. **BEAA membership:** Full access to member services continues for 6 months after transitional funding ends. For more details please go to the following link: <https://www.britisheliteathletes.org/about-us/what-we-do>
  - f. **BEAA Athlete Community Network:** Any athlete that has been a member of the WCP can join the Athlete Community Network and be a part of the community for life: [linkedin.com/groups/13202250](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13202250)
  - g. **The UK Athletics Athletes Commission:** provide support to all track and field and road athletes, including support for athletes transitioning away from the WCP. [www.ukathletescommission.co.uk](http://www.ukathletescommission.co.uk)
4. Where an athlete is leaving the programme for disciplinary reasons, or due to lack of engagement in the programme, UK Athletics and UK Sport in consultation, have the discretion to revoke any transitional funding.