



2027 WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS: 10 - 19 SEPTEMBER, BEIJING, CHINA

TRACK & FIELD SELECTION POLICY – published October 2026

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) sets out the selection process for the Novuna Great Britain & Northern Ireland team at the 2027 World Athletics Championships in Beijing, China (the “Championships”) in Track & Field events.

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

- To maximise medal success and top 8 placings

Athletes wishing to be selected for the Marathon or Race-Walking events, should see the separate Selection Policy for those events.

Athletes should note that they must comply with all General Eligibility Requirements given in Appendix 1 to compete for Great Britain & Northern Ireland at these Championships. **World Athletics Female Athlete Category Testing (‘FACT’) is now an Eligibility Requirement. Female athletes should note that they must have an SRY Gene Test in order to be Eligible to compete – see Appendix 1, paragraph 2.**

NOTE FOR THE 10,000M. The Trials conditions for this event may be subject to change in the event that an appropriate 10,000m championships venue or race is identified. In this case, this Selection Policy would be updated and republished.

SELECTIONS

1. The selection meetings will take place on the following dates:
 - Round 1, 2 & 3 – **1 August 2027**
 - Round 4, 5 & 6 – **23 August 2027.**
2. Selections will be based on the Performance Objective of the Championships as stated above.
3. Selections will be published on **23 August 2027.**
4. Selections will be subject to the maximum number of entries as follows:
 - a. **All Individual Events**
A maximum of three (3) athletes can compete per individual event.
 - b. **Wild Cards**
In addition to the maximum three (3) athletes, a maximum of one (1) additional athlete per event from the following title holders will be invited to participate as a World Athletics (“WA”) Wild Card.
 - i. Defending 2025 World Champion

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- ii. Winner of the 2026 World Athletics Ultimate Championships
- iii. Winner of the 2026 World Combined Events Tour
- iv. Winner of the 2027 Diamond League
- v. Leading hammer throw performance (by result) on the 2026 Continental Tour.

For the avoidance of doubt, WA will only invite one (1) Wild Card per event in cases where more than one (1) Wild Card was achieved from iv above.

c. All Relay Events

British Athletics may only select and field a relay team in a relay event at the 2027 World Championships where Great Britain & Northern Ireland have achieved qualification for that event in accordance with the [World Athletics Qualification system](#).

Qualification may be achieved either through:

- i. Finishing in the Top 12 teams at the 2026 World Athletics Relay Championships
- ii. Placing as one of the best four (4) ranked teams on the World Athletics Top Performance List during the qualification period **23 February 2026 to 22 August 2027**.

Where qualification is achieved in a relay event, the Selection Panel shall determine, in its absolute discretion, whether to select and field a relay team in that event at the Championships.

The following maximum number of places shall be available by relay event:

4 x 100m Relay Events

- Men's – 6 athletes (including individual 100m athletes)
- Women's – 6 athletes (including individual 100m athletes)
- Mixed – 6 athletes (minimum 2 male, 2 female – additional 2 athletes as determined by British Athletics).

4 x 400m Relay Events

- Men's – 6 athletes (including individual 400m athletes)
- Women's – 6 athletes (including individual 400m athletes)
- Mixed – 6 athletes (minimum 2 male, 2 female – additional 2 athletes as determined by British Athletics).

ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION

5. In addition to meeting the General Eligibility Requirements in Appendix 1, to be eligible for selection, athletes must comply with both Requirement One (Participation at Trials) and Requirement Two (Qualification).
6. For the avoidance of doubt, being an Eligible Athlete means complying with both requirements and that an athlete can be considered in the selection process; it does not guarantee selection.

REQUIREMENT ONE: PARTICIPATION AT TRIALS

7. Save for the provisions set out in paragraph 8 below, to be considered for selection all athletes must compete at the Trials as follows:

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Individual Track & Field and Relay Events – British Athletics Championships on 31 July & 1 August 2027 at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham (the “Trials”) – athletes must compete in their corresponding event. **10,000m athletes must compete in the 5,000m at the same championships.**

8. Specific Provisions

Athletes should review the following provisions carefully before entering the Trials:

- a. Individual medallists in the 2025 World Championships and 2024 Olympic Games may compete in a different discipline at the Trials for which they wish to be considered for selection. This must be agreed in writing in advance of entry by the Performance Director pdunn@uka.org.uk
- b. Athletes wishing to be considered for selection in the 4 x 100m relay events must compete individually at the Trials in the 100m, 200m or 100mH/110mH. Athletes competing in the 100mH/110mH must notify the Performance Director in writing in advance of the Trials of their desire to be considered for selection for the 4 x 100m relay event.
- c. Athletes wishing to be considered for selection in the 4 x 400m relay events must compete individually at the Trials in the 200, 400m, 400mH or 800m. Athletes competing in the 200m, 400mH or 800m must notify the Performance Director in writing in advance of the Trials of their desire to be considered for selection for the 4 x 400m relay event.
- d. Athletes selected for the Novuna GB & NI 2027 Under 20 or Under 23 teams will be exempt from the requirement to compete at the Trials for relay selection only. This exemption applies solely to consideration for the 4 x 100m & 4 x 400m relay events and does not apply to individual event selection.
- e. Combined Events athletes must compete in at least one relevant event, as agreed with the Performance Director.
- f. Athletes wishing to be considered for selection in the 10,000m must compete in the 5,000m event at the Trials. Athletes should note that this is part of the Eligibility Requirements and there is no selection opportunity for the 10,000m by finishing Top 2 in the 5,000m Trial via Round 2.
- g. **‘Doubling Up’**
For Eligibility purposes, athletes seeking selection in two individual events will not be required to compete in their second event at the Trials. However, the Selection Panel will have sole discretion to determine whether athletes will be selected to compete in more than one event. The Selection Panel will assess the potential impact a secondary event will have on an athlete’s performance in both events, and the Panel has the sole discretion to not select an athlete in a second event in any of the Selection Rounds. Requests to be considered for selection in two individual events (‘doubling-up’) should be made to the Performance Director pdunn@uka.org.uk in writing **in advance of the Trials.**

Athletes wishing to double up in the 5,000m & 10,000m at the World Championships must compete in the 5,000m at the British Athletics Championships in order to be eligible for selection. Requests should also be made to the Performance Director pdunn@uka.org.uk in writing **in advance of the Trials.**

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h. **Alternative Event Requests**

Athletes competing at the Trials must compete in the event for which they wish to receive primary consideration for selection at the Championships ("Primary Event"). In advance of selection, an athlete may request to be considered for selection in an alternative event ("Secondary Event") in the event they are not selected in their Primary Event.

Athletes may only request consideration for selection in a Secondary Event if they have achieved Requirement Two: Qualification in the Secondary Event.

Any request to be considered in a Secondary Event must be submitted in writing to the Performance Director (pdunn@uka.org.uk) no later than **22 August 2027**.

Acceptance of a request to be considered for the Secondary Event is entirely at the discretion of the Performance Director. Approval does not guarantee that the athlete will be considered or selected in that event.

i. **Illness and/or Injury Exemption**

If an athlete is unable to compete at Trials due to illness or injury, they must comply with the relevant conditions in the paragraphs below. Any exemption from competing at Trials will be by exception and given at the sole discretion of British Athletics. Where the provisions and conditions are not adhered to, an exemption for non-attendance at Trials will not be granted.

- i. **Illness or Injury earlier than the day before the Trials** - must be evidenced by a medical note from a GP or emergency doctor provided to British Athletics earlier than the day before Trials, or consultation with a British Athletics doctor. The Performance Director and the designated British Athletics Lead Doctor for the Championships (doctors@britishathletics.org.uk) will, at their discretion determine whether, on the basis of the evidence available to them and the information provided by the athlete, that absence from the Trials is warranted and whether an exemption is granted. Failure to satisfy the above will result in the athlete not being considered eligible for selection. All athletes must be aware that failure to attend the Trials, regardless of validity, will naturally and unavoidably place them at a disadvantage when being assessed for selection.
- ii. **Illness or Injury the day before or the day of the Trials** – the athlete must contact the Performance Director or the British Athletics Lead Doctor for the championships as soon as possible prior to the start of the relevant Trial event. Detailed information and evidence must be provided by a medical note from a GP, emergency doctor or consultation with the British Athletics Lead Doctor, in order for the Performance Director and British Athletics Lead Doctor to assess whether absence from Trials is warranted and whether an exemption is granted. All athletes must be aware that failure to attend the Trials, regardless of validity will naturally and unavoidably place them at a disadvantage when being assessed for selection.
- iii. **Illness or Injury that occurs at the Trials** – must be reported at the Trials to the Performance Director and the British Athletics Lead Doctor for the Championships and must be evidenced with a consultation with the British Athletics Lead Doctor or a medical note from a GP or an emergency doctor immediately following Trials. The Performance Director and British Athletics Lead Doctor will assess whether absence from Trials is warranted and whether an exemption is granted. All athletes must be

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aware that failure to attend the Trials, regardless of validity will naturally and unavoidably place them at a disadvantage when being assessed for selection.

REQUIREMENT TWO: QUALIFICATION

9. To be considered for selection, athletes must also meet a qualification requirement for their corresponding event by one of the following four routes.

- a. Receive a **Wild Card** entry by World Athletics ('WA') (as described in paragraph 4b above).
- b. For all individual events, achieve a **World Athletics Entry Standard**, as set out in the table below, within the respective qualification period set out in paragraph 10. The World Athletics Entry Standards must be achieved in competitions that comply with the Performance Conditions outlined in Appendix 2.

Men	Event	Women
9.95	100m	10.96
20.07	200m	22.45
44.45	400m	50.00
1:43.00	800m	1:57.50
3:30.00	1500m	3:58.00
12:50.00	5000m*	14:36.00
26:48.00	10,000m*	30:40.00
8:08.00	3000m SC	9:06.50
13.18	110mH / 100mH	12.60
48.00	400mH	54.00
2.30	High Jump	1.96
5.90	Pole Vault	4.75
8.25	Long Jump	6.86
17.35	Triple Jump	14.40
21.50	Shot Put	19.30
67.20	Discus Throw	64.50
78.30	Hammer Throw	74.00
85.50	Javelin Throw	63.40
8620	Combined Events	6550
*5,000m & 10,000m must be achieved on the track		

- c. Achieve **both** a **British Athletics Consideration Standard** and a **WA Road to Beijing Ranked Position ("Road to Beijing")**. The British Athletics Consideration Standards are set out in the table below and must be met within the respective qualification period set out in paragraph 10. The British Athletics Consideration Standards must be achieved in competitions that comply with the Performance Conditions outlined in Appendix 2. Athletes must also be in a **WA Ranked position** on Road to Beijing for the same event at the close and final publication of the WA rankings, in accordance with WA rules.



Men	Event	Women
10.02	100m	11.04
20.30	200m	22.50
44.70	400m	50.20
1:44.20	800m	1:58.90
3:33.00	1500m	4:01.00
13:06.00	5000m*	14:53.00
27:25.00	10,000m*	31:00.00
8:15.50	3000m SC	9:20.00
13.30	110mH / 100mH	12.70
48.30	400mH	54.30
2.27	High Jump	1.94
5.75	Pole Vault	4.65
8.10	Long Jump	6.75
17.00	Triple Jump	14.30
21.00	Shot Put	18.90
65.00	Discus Throw	63.20
76.50	Hammer Throw	72.20
82.20	Javelin Throw	61.00
8250	Combined Events	6280
*5,000m & 10,000m must be achieved on the track		

d. In accordance with WA qualification routes, be the **Area Champion** – The 2026 European Champions in all individual events will be eligible on the condition there is no other qualified athlete entered from Europe in the same event.

e. For Relay Events, there is no qualification requirement

10. The qualification periods to achieve the World Athletics Entry Standards and British Athletics Consideration Standards are as follows:

- **Combined Events:** 23 February 2026 to 22 August 2027
- **10,000m:** 23 February 2026 to 22 August 2027
- **All other events:** 23 August 2026 to 22 August 2027.

11. Qualification – Exceptional Provision

Discretionary selection may be considered in accordance with the process set out in paragraph 24 below. Discretionary selection may only be proposed by the Performance Director at their entire discretion and must be voted for unanimously by the Selection Panel. Discretionary selection is **by exception only** and there is no obligation on the Selection Panel to select athletes under the provisions relating to Discretionary selection. A maximum number of two (2) discretionary selection places is permitted across the Championships. This includes athletes being considered for selection in the Race Walk and Marathon events.

A discretionary selection is only used in an exceptional situation where an athlete has not met qualification by any of the routes set out in paragraph 9 but the athlete must achieve a World Athletics World Ranked position and must comply with Requirement One – Participation at Trials and the General Eligibility Criteria set out in Appendix 1.

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SELECTION PROCESS

12. The Selection Panel will only select from Eligible Athletes – i.e. those who meet both Requirements above (save for the Exceptional Provision set out in paragraph 11).
13. Selection will be made in two (2) chronological stages and six (6) rounds, conducted as outlined below:
 - Round 1 – WA Wild Cards, 2025 World Championships and 2024 Olympic Games individual medallists
 - Round 2 – Top two (2) places in each Trial event
 - Round 3 – Combined Events
 - Round 4 – Remaining Athletes with a World Athletics Entry Standard and Medallists or Wild Card athletes
 - Round 5 – Remaining Athletes with a British Athletics Consideration Standard
 - Round 6 – Relays.
14. In the unlikely event that an athlete qualifies by virtue of being an Area Champion under the WA provisions set out in paragraph 9d, consideration for selection will be made in Round 5 and the normal process and criteria will be applied.
15. Selection in all rounds is subject to the Selection Panel's expert assessment of the athlete's injury and health status.
16. In its assessment of an athlete, the Selection Panel may decide not to select an athlete if based on British Athletics' medical advice, it considers that participation would constitute a risk to the athlete or others.
17. The Selection Panel may in its sole discretion, set conditions of selection, which may include but are not limited to fitness, health-related or any other form of assessment. If the athlete fails to comply with the conditions, the provisions for deselection as set out below may apply.

Stage 1 – 1 August 2027 Selection Meeting: Rounds 1, 2 & 3

18. **Round 1 – WA Wild Cards, 2025 World Championships and 2024 Olympic Games individual medallists (see Appendix 3)**

Subject to an assessment of health and injury status, athletes who meet the criteria below will be selected in their corresponding event:

- a. 2025 World Championships individual medallists
- b. 2024 Olympic Games individual medallists
- c. WA Wild Card invitation athletes.

The Selection Panel may choose not to select an athlete if the Selection Panel considers that their health or injury status does not give confidence in the athlete's ability to fulfil the Performance Objective of the Championships. For clarification, an athlete eligible to be considered in Round 1 who is not selected may be considered in Stage 2 (Rounds 4 & 5).

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19. Round 2 – Top Two (2) at Trials

- a. The top two athletes in each individual event at the Trials (except for the provisions set out below in paragraphs 19b and 19c relating to the Men's 1500m and the Women's 800m) will be selected for the corresponding event, provided that they have a **World Athletics Entry Standard** and that the Selection Panel is satisfied with the athlete's injury and health status.

If a 2025 World Championships individual medallist, 2024 Olympic Games individual medallist, or WA Wild Card places in the top two at the Trials and is already selected in Round 1, the following applies:

- If the athlete's top two placing at Trials was in a different event from the event they were selected for in Round 1, and they do not wish to be considered for selection in that event, the 3rd place athlete in that event will be selected, provided they have a World Athletics Entry Standard.
 - If the athlete competes in their corresponding event, or they wish to be considered for selection in the Trial event they competed in, normal selection rules apply, and the 3rd place finisher will not be automatically selected in this Round.
- b. As the 2027 Diamond League Winners will not be known at the time of the selection meetings, the priority afforded to Diamond League Winners under the WA Wild Card provisions cannot be taken into account at that stage, therefore, the second placed athlete in the Men's 1500m at the Trials will not have their selection status determined until after conclusion of the Diamond League Final on 26 August 2027. In the event that an athlete not already selected wins the Men's 1500m at the Diamond League Final, they will be automatically selected for the 4th place in the Men's 1500m event. For the avoidance of doubt and in such circumstances, due to the relevant timelines and priority afforded to WA Wild Card selections, there will be no ability of the second placed athlete in the Men's 1500m at the Trials to appeal the selection outcome pertaining to this paragraph.
 - c. For the Women's 800m event, only the winner at the Trials will be selected, provided they have a **World Athletics Entry Standard** and that the Selection Panel is satisfied with the athlete's injury and health status.
 - i. Where the winner of the Women's 800m is an athlete selected in Round 1, the 2nd place athlete will be selected if they have a **World Athletics Entry Standard** and the Selection Panel is satisfied with the athlete's injury and health status.
 - ii. For the avoidance of doubt, no athletes in 3rd place at Trials in this event will be selected in this Round (including if both the first and second placed athletes are selected in Round 1).
 - d. Where there is a dead heat or tie in any of the Trial events between athletes eligible for consideration in this Round, the following considerations will apply:
 - i. Where two athletes are tied for first place, both will be selected.
 - ii. Where three or more athletes are tied for first place, all athletes will be considered in Round 4.

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- iii. Where two or more athletes are tied for second place all athletes will be considered in Round 4.
- e. Should either of the first placed finishers at the Trials not be eligible for selection (or decline selection), their place will not be offered by default to the next best Eligible Athlete save for the conditions set out in paragraph 19a and c above.
- f. For the avoidance of doubt, if an athlete wins or finishes Top 2 in the Trial event and does not have the World Athletics Entry Standard at the time of the first selection meeting on 1 August but subsequently achieves it before the second selection meeting on 23 August, they may only be considered in Round 4 should places remain.

20. Round 3 – Combined Events

- a. Combined Events athletes with a World Athletics Entry Standard will be considered for selection in this Round.
- b. In this Round, the Selection Panel can select up to a maximum of two (2) male and two (2) female athletes. For clarification, Combined Events athletes may also be considered in Rounds 4 and 5.
- c. Of the remaining athletes not selected in previous rounds, the two highest ranked athletes with the World Athletics Entry Standard in the 'Road to Beijing' rankings will be considered for selection in this Round. In its assessment, the Selection Panel will consider illness and injury status plus current form to satisfy the Selection Panel that the athlete can meet the Performance Objective of the Policy.
- d. The Selection Panel may in its sole discretion choose not to select athletes in this Round. In such cases eligible Combined Events athletes will be considered in Rounds 4 and 5.

Stage 2 – 23 August 2027 Selection Meeting: Rounds 4, 5 & 6

21. Round 4 – Remaining Athletes with a World Athletics Entry Standard and any remaining medallists or Wild Card athletes

- a. If places remain in an event, the Selection Panel will consider athletes with a World Athletics Entry Standard and any Medallists or Wild Card athletes not selected in previous Rounds. Athletes being considered for selection in this Round must, in the sole discretion of the Selection Panel, be likely to achieve the Performance Objective of the Championships. Likelihood of meeting the Performance Objective is evaluated based on consideration of the criteria below:
 - The number of times World Athletics Entry and British Athletics Consideration Standards were achieved during the 2027 outdoor season.
 - Whether the World Athletics Entry Standard was achieved in the 2027 outdoor season (compared to the 2027 indoor or 2026 season)
 - Overall performance consistency aligned/benchmarked against the World Athletics Entry Standards throughout the qualification window.
 - Season's Best achievement and position in World Athletics 2027 season top lists (3 per nation) and position on 'Road to Beijing' rankings list.

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- Performance and position at Trials.
 - Performance in head-to-heads with other Eligible Athletes during the 2026 and 2027 outdoor seasons.
 - Recent athlete performance history in major international championships since 2024. To include 2026 Commonwealth Games where the competition standard is considered appropriate.
 - Medical, injury and other health-related status considerations.
 - Assessment of ability to contribute to a medal winning relay team.
 - Where 'doubling up' is concerned, the impact of competing in multiple events on the athlete's ability to meet the Performance Objective of the Championships.
 - For 10,000m event selections, demonstration of current form on the track in the 2027 outdoor season in 5000m and/or 10,000m races
 - Other factors the Selection Panel deem relevant.
- b. The criteria above are not listed in order of priority and may be weighted as necessary to best meet the Performance Objective or may not be considered as the Selection Panel deems appropriate.
- c. If there are more athletes with a World Athletics Entry Standard than there are places available, athletes will be considered for selection based on the Selection Panel's comparative assessment of athletes using the criteria set out in paragraph 21a. The Selection Panel will ultimately select athletes with the greatest potential to fulfil the Performance Objective.
- d. For the avoidance of doubt, the Selection Panel aligns selection decisions to the Performance Objective and there is not an obligation to select athletes nor to fill all event places.

22. Round 5 – Remaining athletes with qualification via British Athletics Consideration Standard & World Athletics Ranking Position

- a. If there are places remaining, the Selection Panel will then consider athletes who have achieved the British Athletics Consideration Standard. The Selection Panel will consider the extent to which athletes have demonstrated a likelihood of achieving the Performance Objective of the Championships. The Selection Panel reserves the right to not select athletes if in the Selection Panel's expert opinion, they are unlikely to achieve the Performance Objective. Likelihood of meeting the Performance Objective is evaluated based on consideration of the criteria below:
- The number of times British Athletics consideration standards were achieved during the 2027 outdoor season.
 - The gap to the World Athletics Entry Standard of performances and consistency of performances close to the World Athletics Entry Standard during the qualification window, with particular focus on the 2027 outdoor season.
 - Season's Best achievement and position in World Athletics 2027 season top lists (3 per nation) and position on 'Road to Beijing' rankings list.
 - Performance in head-to-heads with other Eligible Athletes during the 2026 and 2027 outdoor season.
 - Recent athlete performance history in major international championships since 2024. To include 2026 Commonwealth Games where the competition standard is considered appropriate.
 - Performance and position at Trials.

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- Medical, injury and other health-related status considerations.
 - Individual potential to progress to medal at future senior World Championships and Olympic Games.
 - Where 'doubling up' is concerned, the impact of competing in multiple events on the athlete's ability to meet the Performance Objective of the Championships.
 - Where relevant, assessment of ability to contribute to a medal winning relay team.
 - For 10,000m event selections, demonstration of current form on the track in the 2027 outdoor season in 5000m and/or 10,000m races.
 - Other factors the Selection Panel deem relevant.
- b. The criteria above are not listed in order of priority and may be weighted as necessary to best meet the Performance Objective or may not be considered as the Selection Panel deems appropriate.
- c. If there are more athletes who have the ability to fulfil the Performance Objective of the Championships than there are places available, athletes will be considered for selection based on the Selection Panel's comparative assessment of athletes using the criteria set out in paragraph 22a.
- d. For the avoidance of doubt, the Selection Panel is neither obliged to select athletes nor to fill all event places.
- e. Any athletes selected in this Round will be subject to the athlete achieving a ranking position on publication of the final rankings on 28 August 2027 as part of the Qualification Requirement. If the ranking position is not achieved, the athlete's selection will not be confirmed.

23. Round 6 – Relay Events

- a. A team may be selected for each of the following relay events where qualification has been achieved:
- i. Men's 4 x 100m
 - ii. Women's 4 x 100m
 - iii. Men's 4 x 400m
 - iv. Women's 4 x 400m
 - v. Mixed 4 x 100m
 - vi. Mixed 4 x 400m
- b. Each relay team is subject to the following:
- i. The team will only be selected if in the expert opinion of the Selection Panel, the team can meet the Performance Objective.
 - ii. Athletes who are already selected in the previous Rounds in their corresponding individual event will be automatically selected for the relay.
 - iii. The selected 4 x 100m athletes and 4 x 400m athletes will be expected to compete in the Mixed 4 x 100m relay and Mixed 4 x 400m relays respectively, as required by the Performance Director.
- c. For clarification, the athletes who participated in the relevant Qualifying relay team as described in paragraph 4c above, will not be automatically selected.

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- d. When considering relay events and associated individual events, the Selection Panel will select athletes for the event where they have the best opportunity to maximise medal success. This may result in an athlete being required to prioritise the relay over their individual event if selected individually, or being selected for the relay event only. In order to make such an assessment, the Selection Panel will review the competition timetable for the Championships and the potential impact on timing of individual events for the relay schedule. Link to the competition timetable can be found [here](#).
- e. Athletes being considered for relay selection in their respective relay event will be assessed by the Selection Panel using the criteria below.
 - Performances and performance consistency during the qualification window, and the number of times qualification standards were achieved for individual events.
 - Performances as a relay team member in previous major championships since 2024.
 - Current form during the 2027 outdoor season.
 - Individual event flat speed in relation to the specific relay event distance.
 - Specific relay skills as assessed in training and competition including but not limited to: consideration of the team make-up and other athletes selected (adaptability, ability to execute a particular leg), relay flat speed performance, check mark discipline; consistency of performance in key relay elements as determined by the Selection Panel.
 - Season's best and position in World Athletics season top lists for 2027 (3 per nation) as an individual athlete.
 - Individual Performance at Trials.
 - Head-to-heads with other relevant athletes in the 2027 and 2026 seasons.
 - Medical, injury and other health-related status considerations.
 - Contribution and commitment to relay-team based training/competition activity.
 - Where relevant adherence to the WCP Relay Programme.
 - Other factors the Selection Panel deem relevant.
- f. The criteria above are not listed in order of priority and may be weighted as necessary to best meet the Performance Objective or may not be considered as the Selection Panel deems appropriate.

24. Exceptional Provisions – British Athletics Discretionary Selections

- a. In exceptional circumstances only, following the Selection Rounds, the Performance Director may exercise their discretion to propose the selection of an individual athlete who has not met the Qualification Requirement. In such cases, in order to select the athlete, the Performance Director must be satisfied that there is **strong evidence** that the athlete can meet the Performance Objective of the Championships.
- b. In making such an assessment, the Selection Panel will consider the athlete's performances to determine their ability and readiness to perform at the Championships at a level aligned to the Performance Objective.
- c. Discretionary selections will be subject to the athlete achieving a World Athletics Road to Beijing Ranked Position on publication of the rankings list on 28 August 2027.

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- d. In the case of discretionary selections, voting will require a unanimous vote, in line with the procedures set out in paragraph 29 below.
- e. The total maximum number of discretionary selection places available across the three selection policies (Track & Field, Race Walks and Marathon) for the Championships is two (2).
- f. Discretionary selections may only be considered following completion of the Rounds and are by exception only. There is no obligation to use discretionary selections.

25. Reserves

- a. The Selection Panel may in its discretion nominate for any individual event an additional Eligible Athlete as a reserve who in the Selection Panel's expert opinion has the ability to fulfil the Performance Objective of the Championships. To make such assessment, athletes will be assessed using the criteria outlined in the Rounds. There is no obligation on the Selection Panel to nominate reserves.
- b. For the avoidance of doubt, if an athlete and a reserve are selected in Round 5, subject to achieving a "Road to Beijing" qualification position, the following applies:
 - i. If the selected athlete is in a WA "Road to Beijing" list position at the close and final position of the list, then the selected athlete will compete.
 - ii. If the selected athlete is not in a WA "Road to Beijing" list but the reserve athlete is in the "Road to Beijing" list at the close and final publication of the list on 28 August 2027, then the reserve athlete will be selected.
- c. For the relays, if the maximum number of athletes as per paragraph 4c are selected, then the Selection Panel cannot nominate any reserve(s) for any relay event. If the maximum number is not met, the Selection Panel has sole discretion as to whether reserve(s) are nominated. The total number included selected athletes however cannot exceed those in paragraph 4c.
- d. In situations where an athlete has been de-selected, British Athletics will exercise its sole discretion in determining whether or not to call upon a reserve.

SELECTION PANEL

26. The Selection Panel shall comprise the Members stated below.

- a. Voting Members:
 - i. Performance Director
 - ii. Deputy Performance Director – Performance
 - iii. Representatives from Endurance, Sprints & Relays and Field & Combined events who will each vote on all athlete selections.
- b. Non-Voting Members:
 - i. Chairperson
 - ii. Event specialist(s), as nominated by the Performance Director if considered necessary

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- iii. British Elite Athletes Associate or British Athletics Athletes Commission observer or another observer (as required and if available)
 - iv. British Athletics Medical representative (as required)
 - v. Legal representative (as required)
 - vi. Media representative (as required)
 - vii. Note taker(s), and;
 - viii. Any other person invited by the Chairperson.
27. A substitute may be nominated at any time by the Performance Director if a member (including the Performance Director) is unavailable.
28. 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.
29. Voting of the Selection Panel shall be by simple majority save for the provisions made in paragraphs 11 and 24. The Performance Director shall have the casting vote, if required. If the Performance Director is unable to vote due to a conflict, the Chairperson shall nominate the Selection Panel member with the casting vote.
30. If Discretionary Selections are proposed by the Performance Director, voting by the Selection Panel must be unanimous. In the event of a conflict relating to a voting member of the Selection Panel, paragraph 28 above shall apply.
31. The Selection Panel may make any selection subject to the athlete completing a performance requirement or test set by the Selection Panel.

DE-SELECTION

32. Following selection, an athlete may be de-selected by the Selection Panel or British Athletics in the event of:
- a. The athlete ceasing to comply with the eligibility criteria set out in this Selection Policy, World Athletics rules and regulations or policy communicated by British Athletics.
 - b. Failure to sign the World Class Programme Athlete Agreement or Team Member Agreement.
 - c. Failure or partial failure to comply with any conditions or part of conditions of selection set by the Selection Panel.
 - d. Application of the British Athletics Team Medical Policy as set out in the World Class Programme Athlete Agreement or Team Member Agreement.
 - e. Any anti-doping rule violation or provisional suspension.
 - f. Any serious misconduct or suspension (including whilst under investigation).

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- g. British 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:
- h. Failure to opt-in to team training, medical/health assessment requests or team events.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

33. Amendment

British 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.

34. Governing Law

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

35. 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 Sport Resolutions (UK) Limited and subject to the procedural control of the English Courts.

Key Contacts

- Performance Director queries: Paula Dunn (pdunn@uka.org.uk)
- Policy queries and guidance: Tina Ryan (tryan@uka.org.uk)
- Medical: George Polglass (gpolglass@britishathletics.org.uk)
- Championships logistics: Maddy Ibbett (mibbett@britishathletics.org.uk).

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APPENDIX 1 – GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Be eligible to compete for GB&NI and be the holder of a full and current British passport, valid for travel to China.
2. **Female athletes must meet the World Athletics eligibility rules (Technical Rule 3, Eligibility Rule 3.5) by being in possession of a SRY test certificate before 30 August 2027.**
3. Comply with all World Athletics and competition rules including but not limited to any rules relevant to the category and/or event they wish to compete in.
4. Not be serving a period of ineligibility from the sport (as determined by British Athletics or a Home Country Athletics Federation) or from any other sport. For example, due to misconduct and/or disciplinary reasons.
5. Not be under investigation or have been charged by British Athletics, a Home Country Athletics Federation, or any other relevant organisation (including the police and/or CPS) with misconduct or any disciplinary, safeguarding or criminal offence.
6. Have completed all anti-doping requirements.
7. Not have committed a criminal, disciplinary or safeguarding offence that in the reasonable opinion of British Athletics renders the athlete unsuitable for selection.
8. Has not, whether by act or omission, brought British Athletics into disrepute.
9. Meet the standards and behaviour expected by British Athletics, as published from time to time, including in the International Athletes Code of Conduct.
10. 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.
11. Be 16 years or older as of 31 December 2027 (i.e. born in 2011 or earlier).
12. Sign the British Athletics Team Members' Agreement ("TMA") or for World Class Programme (WCP) athletes the WCP Agreement 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 online at: <https://www.uka.org.uk/performance/british-athletics-teams-information/>.

APPENDIX 2 – PERFORMANCE CONDITIONS

The World Athletics Entry Standards and British Athletics Consideration Standards must be achieved in accordance with the Performance Conditions as set out below. Where there is a perceived dispute between the conditions below and World Athletics performance conditions, the World Athletics qualifications will always be the final authority.

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1. Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics, its Area APP Associations or its National Member Federations and conducted in conformity with World Athletics Rules and for which an application has been submitted in advance. The list of National Permit competitions will be published on the Global Calendar pages of the World Athletics website (<https://worldathletics.org/competition/calendar-results>).
2. Events will only be listed on the World Athletics global calendar if they are licensed as a British Athletics Level 2 competition or higher and have a World Athletics permit/licence.
3. For World Athletics Entry Standards, performances must be achieved in a competition in World Rankings Category C and above. For the avoidance of doubt, this does not apply to British Athletics Consideration Standards, and performances achieved in events that comply with all the other conditions in this Appendix will be accepted.
4. Multiple performances achieved in the same individual event in a single day will only count as follows:
 - a. In a track event – at an official Championship of UK national level or higher; and
 - b. In a field event – only the best mark in the final and best mark in the pool.
5. Performances otherwise achieved in the same individual event in a single day will count as follows:
 - a. In track events – only the fastest legal result of the day;
 - b. In throwing events – only the best trial of the first competition of the day; and
 - c. In horizontal jumps – only the best legal trial of the day
 - d. In vertical jumps – only the best trial of the day.
6. Performances achieved in mixed track events between male and female participants shall not be accepted.
 - a. As an exception, in accordance with Rule 9 of the World Athletics Technical Rules, performances in 5000m or 10,000m may be accepted where there were insufficient athletes of one or both genders competing to justify the conduct of separate races and there was no pacing or assistance given by the athlete(s) of one gender to an athlete(s) of the other gender.
 - b. In these cases, the athlete must contact Tina Ryan (tryan@uka.org.uk) providing the relevant competition information and British Athletics will make a ratification request to World Athletics.
7. For 5,000m and 10,000m results from 5k and 10k road races will not be accepted.
8. Wind assisted performances (or performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available) will not be accepted. For combined events the conditions set in World Athletics Rule 149.3 (or any revised or amended rule relating to wind readings in combined events in force at the time) will be applied for qualification purposes. This requires that at least one of these conditions be met:
 - a. The wind velocity in any individual event shall not exceed plus 4 metres per second;
 - b. The average wind velocity (based on the algebraic sum of the wind velocities, as measured for each individual event, divided by the number of such events) shall not exceed plus 2m/s.

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9. Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 100m/110m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4 x 100m Relay and 4 x 100m Mixed Relay will not be accepted.
10. Indoor performances for all field events will be accepted.
11. Indoor performances for track events of 200m and longer will not be accepted. For the avoidance of doubt, performances in these events will be used during the assessment criteria in the selection process.
12. 100m, 200m, 400m, 100m/110m Hurdles and 400m Hurdles performances at altitudes of above 950m will not be accepted.
13. Performances in running events conducted on an oversized Short Track (its length is greater than 201.2m [220 yards] but no greater than 400m) shall be valid and recognised as if they were achieved on a standard 400m track.
14. Discus throw performances must be achieved within the confines of a traditional athletics facility unless otherwise approved at least one month in advance by World Athletics Competition Unit. For the avoidance of doubt, performances in these events will be used during the assessment criteria in the selection process.

APPENDIX 3 – 2025 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES INDIVIDUAL MEDALLISTS AND WA WILD CARDS

Athlete	Event	2024/2025 medallists	WA Wild Cards
Matthew Hudson-Smith	Men's 400m	2024 medallist	
Josh Kerr	Men's 1500m	2024 medallist	Wild Card
Jake Wightman	Men's 1500m	2025 medallist	
Amy Hunt	Women's 200m	2025 medallist	
Keely Hodgkinson	Women's 800m	2024 & 2025 medallist	
Georgia Hunter Bell	Women's 800m	2025 medallist	
Georgia Hunter Bell	Women's 1500m	2024 medallist	
Katarina Johnson-Thompson	Heptathlon	2024 & 2025 medallist	

APPENDIX 4 – APPEALS PROCEDURE

1. Athletes may appeal their non-selection, but only after the final selection publication on the British Athletics website and only in accordance with the procedure laid out in the "British Athletics Selection Fast Appeals Procedure" which can be found on the British Athletics website, and which is subject to change. Athletes wishing to seek advice regarding the appeals process (including the validity of any procedure itself) may contact the British Elite Athletes Association via support@britisheliteathletes.org (WCP athletes only) or the British Athletics Athletes' Commission at www.uka.org.uk/governance/uk-athletics-athletes-commission/.
2. All athletes wishing to be selected pursuant to this Selection Policy agree, as a condition of consideration for selection, that the British Athletics Selection Fast Appeals Procedure is to be treated as an arbitration procedure under Part 1 of the Arbitration Act 1996 (the "Act") and amounts to a binding arbitration agreement for the purposes of section 6 of the Act. The seat of the Arbitration shall be England, and the Procedure shall be governed by English law.



3. Athletes wishing to commence an appeal should be aware there is a £250 administration fee due upon submission of the 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.
4. The Notice of Appeal will not be valid unless the athlete provides confirmation of payment of the administration fee at or before the time the Notice of Appeal is due.
5. 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

6. The Relevant Timelines, as defined in the British Athletics Selection Fast Appeals Procedure, are set out in the tables below:

Action	Date & Time
Publication of selection list/selected athletes are notified	By 6pm Monday 23 August 2027
Athlete request notes from selection meeting	By 10pm Monday 23 August
British Athletics to supply notes	By 6pm Tuesday 24 August 2027
Athlete to submit Notice of Appeal	By 6pm Wednesday 25 August 2027
Evidence of administration fee payment	By 6pm Wednesday 25 August 2027
Third parties to submit additional documents. (if requested by the Appeal Panel)	By 4pm Thursday 26 August 2027
British Athletics to submit response to Appeal	By 6pm Thursday 26 August 2027
Appeal Panel Hearing	Friday 27 August 2027
Appeal Outcome	By 6pm Friday 27 August 2027
Final entries deadline	11pm Monday 30 August 2027

If you have not been notified of your selection by the time stated above, you have not been selected. The deadlines set out above should be carefully noted in the event an appeal is being considered.