Structure for the delivery of Mountain & Trail Running in the UK.

Mountain & Trail Strategy Group (MTSG)

Purpose: Strategy and provision of advice to UKA Head of Endurance

The UK Mountain and Trail running Strategy Group will consist of the following:

- Nominated Chair
- HCAF nominated leads
- Two technical Mountain Running experts
- Two technical Trail Running experts.
- UKA Off-Track Lead

The UKA Endurance Strategy Manager will be required to attend two annual strategy group meetings plus all championship reviews.

Operation

- The UKA Off-Track Lead will provide operational and administrative support to all MTSG meetings.
- The UK Off-Track Lead is responsible for reporting/attending the UKA Endurance Advisory Group when required and being the conduit between the two groups with regards information and updates as relevant.

MTSG Terms of Reference

The MTSG will:

1. ensure that UKA and the Home Countries are kept fully aware of the strategic direction and development of international mountain and trail running;
2. provide sound, evidence-based judgements to support the development of mountain and trail running aligned to the wider UKA endurance strategy, including but not limited to athlete performance pathway, competition framework, WITTW, WITTD, coach development;
3. alignment with the HCAFs performance and competition pathway.
4. in collaboration with the UKA Off-Track Lead, consult on selection policy design and procedures for international mountain & trail championships, including the date and location of trials.
5. The MTSG are responsible for agreeing the draft selection framework that then is the responsibility of the UKA Off- Track Lead to publish.
6. appoint a Team Lead for each championship with an offer of a two-year term;
7. in consultation with the appointed Team Lead, will appoint technical team coaches for all championships with an offer of a two-year term;
8. appoint an independent (non-voting) chair for all selection meetings, with an offer of a two-year term; (independent is defined as not being involved in the selection, coaching or team management of the GBR Mountain and Trail Running team)
9. lead on/work with other UKA committees on the development of commercial and event partnerships within mountain and trail running;
10. make recommendations to the UKA Rule Book Working Group on sections relevant to Fell & Hill and Mountain & Trail.

MTSG Technical Event Representatives

Purpose: To provide discipline-specific technical expertise to the MTSG, supporting informed debate and decision-making and contributing to the selection and organisation of domestic championships and trial races for international events.

1. Make recommendations to the MTSG on format, location and timing of UKA mountain and trail championships aligned to the athlete pathway

NB1. Where possible the domestic Mountain Running Championships should be used as trial races for the international championships.

NB2. Where possible, one of the domestic Trail Championships should be used as the trial race for that year's international championship.

2. Members of the committee and sub-committee Mountain & Trail must be appointed knowing that they will be required to have a hands-on role in organising the above events where suitable existing races cannot be found.
3. Update organisational guidelines for the above championships as required and liaise with race organisers to ensure that they are followed.
4. Liaise with the MTSG, the Sub-Committee for Domestic Trail Running, and the Sub-Committee for Domestic Fell & Hill Running to align domestic championships and international championships to avoid clashes where possible.

All groups to be made aware of need to liaise with FRA Liaison Officer, and to invite him/her to any relevant meetings.

Sub-Committee for Domestic Fell & Hill Running

Purpose: Organise domestic fell & hill running championships

1. Make recommendations to the MTSG Group on the format, location and timing of the following UKA Fell & hill running championships, and appoint race organisers:
    - the UKA Fell & Hill Relay Championship
    - the UKA Fell & Hill Running Championships
2. Update organisational guidelines for the above championships as required and liaise with race organisers to ensure that they are followed.
3. Liaise with the MTSG and the Sub-Committee for Domestic Trail Running to align domestic championships and international championships to avoid clashes where possible.

Sub-Committee for Domestic Trail Running

Purpose: Organise domestic Trail Running championships

1. Make recommendations to the MTSG on the format, location and timing of the following UKA Trail Running championships:
    - the UKA Long Trail Championship
    - the UKA Medium Trail Championship
    - the UKA Short Trail Championship

NB. Where possible, one of the domestic Trail Championships should be used as the trial race for that year's international championship.

2. Update organisational guidelines for the above championships as required and liaise with race organisers to ensure that they are followed.
3. Liaise with the MTSG and the Sub-Committee for Domestic Fell & Hill Running to align domestic championships and international championships to avoid clashes where possible.

Mountain and Trail Committee Structure Representation

