

2027 EUROPEAN ATHLETICS ROAD RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIPS: 17 - 18 APRIL, BELGRADE, SERBIA

SELECTION POLICY – published November 2026

This selection policy (the "Selection Policy") sets out the selection process for the Novuna Great Britain and Northern Ireland team at the 2027 European Athletics Road Running Championships in Belgrade, Serbia (the "Championships").

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

- Provide a development opportunity for athletes to gain valuable experience of competing in championship road races; and
- Contribute to maximising top eight placings overall and team medal success at the European Running Championships,

together, the "Performance Objectives".

Athletes should note that they must comply with all General Eligibility Requirements given in Appendix 1 to compete for Great Britain and Northern Ireland at these Championships.

Note to all FEMALE ATHLETES: Eligibility for these Championships may require an SRY gene test. At the time of publication, Member Federations are awaiting confirmation from European Athletics ("EA").

SELECTIONS

1. The selection meetings will take place on the following dates:
   - **Marathon**: 7 December 2026;
   - **Half Marathon**: 15 March 2027; and
   - **10K**: 22 March 2027.

2. Selections will be based on the Performance Objectives of the Championships as stated above.

3. Selections will be published on the following dates:
   - **Marathon**: 10 December 2026;
   - **Half Marathon**: 18 March 2027; and
   - **10K**: 25 March 2027.

4. Selections will be subject to the maximum number of entries as permitted by EA which is a maximum of six (6) male and six (6) female athletes per event.

TRIALS

5. The trials for athletes wishing to be considered for selection for the 10K and the Half Marathon events are listed below. There will be no trial event for the Marathon.

   a. **10K**: Pulford 10K on 21 March 2027 (the "10K Trial"); and
   b. **Half Marathon**: Bath Half Marathon on 14 March 2027 (the "Half Marathon Trial"),



together, the "Trials".

6. It is not mandatory to compete at the Trials for athletes seeking selection for these events. However, priority is given to athletes who compete, and therefore athletes who do not compete may risk non-selection.

7. Further details regarding the Trials will be updated here in due course.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION

8. Athletes who meet the General Eligibility Requirements in Appendix 1 and comply with both Requirement One (Expression of Interest) and Requirement Two (Qualification) will be eligible for selection ("Eligible Athletes" and each an "Eligible Athlete").

9. For the avoidance of doubt, compliance means an athlete can be considered in the selection process; it does not guarantee selection.

REQUIREMENT ONE: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

10. Athletes wishing to be considered for selection must submit an expression of interest form by the following dates:

    a. **Marathon**: 6 December 2026;
    b. **Half Marathon**: 14 March 2027; and
    c. **10K**: 21 March 2027.

11. The expression of interest form can be found here.

12. If no expression of interest is received by this date, the panel appointed to determine selection in accordance with this Selection Policy (the "Selection Panel"), will not consider an individual for selection.

13. Following submission of an expression of interest, athletes should notify the British Athletics Endurance Strategy Manager by email at cjones@uka.org.uk if their availability changes.

REQUIREMENT TWO: QUALIFICATION

14. To be considered for selection, athletes must achieve the applicable standard for their corresponding event set out in the table below (the "British Athletics Consideration Standard") within the applicable qualification period set out in paragraph 15.

Men	Event	Women
28:45	**10K**	32:45
63:00	**Half Marathon**	72:00
2:13:00	**Marathon**	2:32:00

15. The qualification period applicable to each event (the "Qualification Period") is as follows:

    - **Marathon:** 1 December 2025 to 6 December 2026;
    - **Half Marathon**: 1 March 2026 to 14 March 2027; and
    - **10K:** 1 August 2026 to 21 March 2027.

16. The British Athletics Consideration Standard must be achieved in competitions that comply with the Performance Conditions outlined in Appendix 2.



SELECTION PROCESS

17. The Selection Panel will only select from Eligible Athletes.

18. Selection will be made in three stages and five rounds conducted as outlined below:

    - Marathon: Round 1;
    - Half Marathon: Round 2 and Round 3; and
    - 10K: Round 4 and 5,

    together, the "Rounds".

19. Selection in the Rounds is subject to the Selection Panel's expert assessment of the athlete's injury and health status.

20. 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 significant risk to the athlete themselves or to others.

21. 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 – 7 December 2026 Selection Meeting: Round 1

22. **Round 1 – Marathon athletes with the British Athletics Consideration Standard**

    a. The Selection Panel will consider athletes who have achieved the British Athletics Consideration Standard in the Marathon event. The Selection Panel will consider the extent to which athletes have demonstrated a likelihood of achieving the Performance Objectives 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 Objectives. Likelihood of meeting the Performance Objectives is evaluated based on consideration of the criteria below:

        - The number of times the British Athletics Consideration Standard was achieved within the Qualification Period;
        - The athlete's overall consistency of performance during the Qualification Period, benchmarked against the British Athletics Consideration Standard;
        - The athlete's 2026 Season's Best performances and corresponding position in the European 2026 and 2027 rankings (three per nation);
        - The athlete's current form across the Marathon, Half Marathon and 10K road disciplines, assessed by reference to performances between 1 August 2026 and 6 December 2026, to determine performance potential and readiness to compete at a level capable of achieving the Performance Objectives of the Championships;
        - The athlete's head-to-head performances against other Eligible Athletes during the Qualification Period;
        - The athlete's recent performance history since 2025;
        - The athlete's future individual medal potential at major international championships;
        - The athlete's medical, injury and other health-related status considerations; and
        - Any other factors the Selection Panel considers relevant.



b. The criteria above are not listed in order of priority and may be weighted as necessary to best meet the Performance Objectives, or may not be considered, as the Selection Panel considers appropriate.

c. If there are more athletes with a British Athletics Consideration 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 22(a). The Selection Panel will ultimately select those athletes with the greatest potential to fulfil the Performance Objectives.

d. For the avoidance of doubt, the Selection Panel will align its selection decisions with the Performance Objectives and is under no obligation to select any athlete or to fill all available places in an event.

Stage 2 – 15 March 2027 Selection Meeting: Round 2 and Round 3

23. **Round 2 – First and Second Placed Finishers at the Half Marathon Trial**

a. The first and second placed male athletes and first and second placed female athletes at the Half Marathon Trial (the "Half Marathon Automatic Finishers") will be selected provided that they have achieved the **British Athletics Consideration Standard and the Selection Panel is satisfied with the athlete's injury and health status**.

b. Where there is a dead heat or tie at the Half Marathon Trial between Eligible Athletes that affects the determination of the Half Marathon Automatic Finishers in Round 2, the following 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 tied athletes will be considered in Round 3; and
iii. Where two or more athletes are tied for second place, all tied athletes will be considered in Round 3.

c. Should any athlete who would otherwise qualify for selection by virtue of their finishing position under paragraph 23(a) or 23(b)(i) fail to meet the eligibility or injury and health requirements, or decline selection, their place will **not** be offered by default to the next highest placed Eligible Athlete.

d. Any places not filled in Round 2 will remain available for consideration for selection in Round 3.

24. **Round 3 – Remaining Half Marathon Athletes with the British Athletics Consideration Standard**

a. The Selection Panel will then consider athletes with a British Athletics Consideration Standard in the Half Marathon event. Athletes being considered for selection in this Round 3 must, in the sole discretion of the Selection Panel, be likely to achieve the Performance Objectives of the Championships. Likelihood of meeting the Performance Objectives is evaluated based on consideration of the criteria below:

- The athlete's performance and finishing position at the Half Marathon Trial;
- The number of times the British Athletics Consideration Standard was achieved within the Qualification Period;
- The athlete's 2026 / 2027 Season's Best performances and corresponding position in the European 2026 and 2027 rankings (limited to three per nation);



- The athlete's current form across the Half Marathon, 10 Mile and 10K Road disciplines, assessed by reference to performances between 1 August 2026 and 14 March 2027, to determine performance potential and readiness to compete at a level capable of achieving the Performance Objectives of the Championships;
- The athlete's head-to-head performances against other Eligible Athletes during the Qualification Period;
- The athlete's recent performance history since 2025;
- The athlete's future individual medal potential at major international championships;
- The athlete's medical, injury and other health-related status considerations; and
- Any other factors that the Selection Panel considers relevant.

b. The criteria above are not listed in order of priority and may be weighted as necessary to best meet the Performance Objectives, or may not be considered, as the Selection Panel considers appropriate.

c. If there are more athletes with a British Athletics Consideration 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 24(a). The Selection Panel will ultimately select those athletes with the greatest potential to fulfil the Performance Objectives.

d. For the avoidance of doubt, the Selection Panel will align its selection decisions with the Performance Objectives and is under no obligation to select any athlete or to fill all available places in an event.

Stage 3 – 22 March 2027 Selection Meeting: Round 4 and Round 5

25. **Round 4 – First and Second Placed Finishers at the 10K Trial**

a. The first and second placed male athletes and first and second placed female athletes at the 10K Trial (the "10K Automatic Finishers"). will be selected provided that they have achieved the **British Athletics Consideration Standard and the Selection Panel is satisfied with the athlete's injury and health status**.

b. Where there is a dead heat or tie at the 10K Trial between Eligible Athletes that affects the determination of the 10K Automatic Finishers in Round 4, the following 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 tied athletes will be considered in Round 5; and
iii. Where two or more athletes are tied for second place, all tied athletes will be considered in Round 5.

c. Should any athlete who would otherwise qualify for selection by virtue of their finishing position under paragraph 25(a) or 25(b)(i) fail to meet the eligibility or injury and health requirements, or decline selection, their place will **not** be offered by default to the next highest placed Eligible Athlete.

d. Any places not filled in Round 4 will remain available for selection in Round 5.

26. **Round 5 – Remaining 10K Athletes with the British Athletics Consideration Standard**

a. The Selection Panel will consider athletes with the British Athletics Consideration Standard in the 10K event. Athletes being considered for selection in this Round 5 must, in the sole discretion of the Selection Panel, be likely to achieve the Performance Objectives of the Championships based on its assessment of the criteria below:



- The athlete's performance at the 10K Trial;
- The number of times the British Athletics Consideration Standard was achieved within the Qualification Period;
- The athlete's 2026 and 2027 Season's Best performances and corresponding position in the European 2026 and 2027 rankings (limited to three per nation);
- The athlete's current form across 10K Road, 5K Road, 5 Mile Road disciplines, assessed by reference to performances between 1 November 2026 and 21 March 2027, to determine performance potential and readiness to compete at a level capable of achieving the Performance Objectives;
- The athlete's head-to-head performance against other Eligible Athletes during the Qualification Period;
- The athlete's recent performance history since 2025;
- The athlete's future individual medal potential at major international championships;
- The athlete's medical, injury and other health-related status considerations; and
- Any other factors that the Selection Panel considers relevant.

b. The criteria above are not listed in order of priority and may be weighted as necessary to best meet the Performance Objectives, or may not be considered, as the Selection Panel considers appropriate.

c. If there are more athletes with a British Athletics Consideration 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 26(a). The Selection Panel will ultimately select the athletes it considers possess the greatest potential to fulfil the Performance Objectives.

d. For the avoidance of doubt, the Selection Panel will align its selection decisions to the Performance Objectives and is under no obligation to select any athlete or to fill all available places in an event.

27. **Reserves**

a. The Selection Panel may, in its discretion, nominate for any individual event an additional Eligible Athlete as a non-travelling reserve who, in the Selection Panel's expert opinion, has the ability to fulfil the Performance Objectives of the Championships. In making this assessment, athletes will be assessed using the criteria outlined within the Rounds. There is no obligation on the Selection Panel to nominate a reserve.

b. 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

28. The Selection Panel shall comprise the following members:

a. Voting Members:

i. British Athletics Endurance Strategy Manager;
ii. A member of the British Athletics Endurance Advisory Group;
iii. Team Leader;
iv. 10K Team Coach;
v. Half Marathon Team Coach; and
vi. Marathon Team Coach.

b. Non-Voting Members:

i. Chairperson;



ii. Independent Observer (if available);
iii. British Athletics Athlete Commission Member (if required and available);
iv. Note-taker(s); and
v. Any other person invited by the Chairperson.

29. A substitute may be nominated at any time by the British Athletics Endurance Strategy Manager if a member of the Selection Panel (including the British Athletics Endurance Strategy Manager) is unavailable.

30. In the event of an actual, potential or possible conflict of interest relating to any voting member of the Selection Panel, the conflict of interest should be reported to the Chairperson of the selection meeting, who shall determine whether the voting member in question should be permitted to participate in relation to any selection decision(s) to which the conflict relates. In any event, including but not limited to a conflict of interest or absence, the Chairperson may appoint an alternative voting member if necessary.

31. Voting by the Selection Panel shall be by simple majority. The British Athletics Endurance Strategy Manager shall have the casting vote, if required. If the British Athletics Endurance Strategy Manager is unable to vote due to a conflict of interest, the Chairperson shall nominate a Selection Panel member to have the casting vote.

32. The Selection Panel may make any selection subject to the athlete satisfying a performance requirement or completing a test set by the Selection Panel.

DE-SELECTION

33. 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 (“WCP Athlete Agreement”) or Team Member Agreement (“TMA”);

c. Failure or partial failure to comply with any conditions or any part of a condition set by the Selection Panel;

d. Application of the British Athletics Team Medical Policy as set out in the WCP Athlete Agreement or TMA;

e. Any anti-doping rule violation or provisional suspension;

f. Any serious misconduct or suspension (including while under investigation);

g. British Athletics reasonably considering that the athlete will be unable to perform at the level required or expected for any reason, including loss of form, failure to recover fully or as expected from injury or illness or any other health-related issue; and

h. Failure to opt in to any medical or health assessment requests.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

34. **Appeals**

There will be no right of appeal against the selection of the Great Britain and Northern Ireland Team (“GB & NI Team”) made by the Selection Panel. The provisions of the British Athletics Fast Appeals Procedure do not apply to the GB & NI Team selections for the Championships.



35. **Amendment**
    If further details are released by World Athletics in relation to qualification routes or other stipulations, British Athletics reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy at any time in its sole discretion and will make any amended version publicly available (including the date on which any amendment was made) at www.britishathletics.org.uk.

36. **Governing Law**
    This Selection Policy shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.

37. **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 Arbitration Rules of Sport Resolutions and subject to the procedural control of the English Courts.

38. **Key Contacts**
    For any questions relating to the Selection Policy, please contact Chris Jones at cjones@uka.org.uk or Paula Gowing at pgowing@uka.org.uk.

APPENDIX 1 – GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Be eligible to compete for the GB & NI Team and be the holder of a full and current British passport, valid for travel to Belgrade;

2. Subject to confirmation by EA, female athletes must meet the World Athletics eligibility rules (Technical Rule 3, Eligibility Rule 3.5) by being in possession of an SRY test certificate before 31 March 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 ("HCAF")) 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 HCAF, or any other relevant organisation (including the police and CPS) for misconduct or any disciplinary, safeguarding or criminal offence;

6. Have completed all anti-doping requirements including completion of EA's "I Run Clean" online anti-doping certification;

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. Not have, whether by an act or omission, brought British Athletics into disrepute;

9. Meet the standards of conduct 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 HCAF, directly or through a club. An exemption may be granted in exceptional circumstances only where an athlete is required to be registered with 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 18 years or older as of 31 December 2027 (i.e. born in 2009 or earlier); and

12. Sign the TMA or WCP Athlete Agreement as applicable and abide by its terms and conditions. Failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in the athlete's 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 British Athletics Consideration Standard must be achieved in accordance with the Performance Conditions as set out below:

1. Performances must be achieved at competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations and conducted in conformity with World Athletics Rules;

2. Track events will only be listed on the World Athletics global calendar if they are licensed as a UK Athletics Level 2 competition or higher. Performances in road events will only be considered where they are achieved on courses certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised; and

3. Hand-timed performances will be accepted.