



BRITISH ATHLETICS

2014 European Championships 12-17 August 2014 Zurich, Switzerland

Selection Policy – published January 2014

Overview

This Selection Policy has been created in line with British Athletics' strategic aim of winning medals at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and beyond. The policy has therefore been structured to select a team with the following aims:

- Medal success at the 2014 European Athletics European Championships; and
- Opportunities for developing athletes with the potential for future success at senior outdoor major championships.

The XX Commonwealth Games take place in Glasgow in July 2014 less than 3 weeks prior to the European Championships. Where an athlete does not qualify to do so by right, the selection panel will carefully consider each athlete's individual circumstances if the athlete wishes to compete in both Glasgow and Zurich. For athletes who do not meet the automatic selection criteria, further details on the process to be selected for both the European Championships and the Commonwealth Games can be found on page 4 of this Selection Process.

In this selection policy European Athletics is referred to as EA.

Eligibility

1. To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following:
 - a. Be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder);
 - b. Be 16 years or older at 31 December 2014 (i.e. born in 1998 or earlier), with the exception of the following:
 - i. Be 18 years or older at 31 December 2014 (i.e. born in 1996 or earlier) to be considered for selection in the men's shot put or men's hammer;
 - ii. Be 20 years or older at 31 December 2014 (i.e. born in 1994 or earlier) to be considered for selection in the men's 50km race walk or men's and women's marathon;
 - c. Have met the relevant British Athletics qualification standard within the qualification period as set out in this Selection Policy (with the exception of relay athletes);



BRITISH ATHLETICS

- d. Compete at the relevant trials (with the exception of combined events). Permission to do otherwise (either to compete in a different event, or not to compete in the relevant trials at all), must be gained in advance from the Performance Director.

Trials

2. The official trials (“the Trials”) for all events will take place at the British Athletics Championships, 27-29 June 2014, with the following exceptions:
 - I. Marathon – the official trial will be the 2014 London Marathon on 13 April 2014;
 - II. 10,000m – the official trial will be at the Highgate Harriers meeting in London, on 10 May 2014 – athletes wishing to compete should contact Martin Rush (mrush@britishathletics.org.uk);
 - III. 20km Race Walk - the official trial will be the British Race Walking Cup in York on 8 June 2014 – athletes wishing to enter should do so via the Run Britain website (www.runbritain.com);
 - IV. 50km Race Walk – the official trial will be the Dudince 50km European Athletics permit meeting on 22 March 2014. The individual Home Nations (England/Scotland/Wales/Northern Ireland Athletics) will support athletes to attend who have a realistic chance of achieving the qualifying standards (or already have done so). Athletes wishing to apply for support should contact their relevant home nation:
 - a. England - Martin Rush (mrush@britishathletics.org.uk);
 - b. Northern Ireland – Jackie McKiernan (jackie@athleticsni.org);
 - c. Scotland – Stephen Maguire (stephen.maguire@scottishathletics.org.uk);
 - d. Wales – Scott Simpson (scott.simpson@welshathletics.org);
 - V. Combined Events – no trials will take place and athletes for such events may be automatically selected using the process outlined in point 9.c.

Qualification

3. To be considered as part of the selection process, qualification performances must be achieved between the following dates:
 - a. Marathon and 50km race walk 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2013 and 24:00 (BST) on Sunday 13 April 2014*;
 - b. 10,000m, combined events and 20km race walk 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2013 and 23:00 (BST) 13 July 2014*;
 - c. All other events 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2014 and 23:00 (BST) 13 July 2014.



BRITISH ATHLETICS

**Demonstration of fitness (to the reasonable satisfaction of British Athletics) for qualification performances achieved prior to 1 January 2014 will be required.*

4. The British Athletics qualification standards are as follows (please note these standards are higher than those set by EA):

Men	Event	Women
10.20	100m	11.35
20.55	200m	23.10
45.70	400m	52.00
1:46.50	800m	2:00.50
3:37.50	1500m	4:07.00
13:35.00	5000m	15:30.00
28:40.00	10,000m	33:00.00
8:30.00	3,000m SC	9:43.00
13.50	110/100mH	13.00
49.80	400mH	56.00
2.28	HJ	1.93
5.60	PV	4.50
8.00	LJ	6.65
16.75	TJ	14.10
20.00	SP	18.10
63.00	DT	59.00
75.00	HT	69.00
80.00	JT	59.50
8050	CE	6100
1:23.30	20km RW	1:32.00
4:00.00	50km RW	-
2:15.30	Marathon (individual)	2:33.00
2:17.00	Marathon (team)	2:35.00

5. British Athletics will only select individual athletes who meet the selection criteria as laid out in this Selection Policy. British Athletics will not consider other means of qualification or invitation as a result of the EA entry conditions.

Selection process



BRITISH ATHLETICS

6. The team will be selected in two selection meetings:
 - a. Marathon and 50km race walk athletes – **Sunday 13 April 2014**;
 - b. All remaining events – **Monday 14 July 2014**.
7. The team will be announced on Tuesday 15 April 2014 (marathon and 50km race walk), and the rest of the team on Tuesday 15 July 2014.
8. In each selection meeting, the Selection Panel will select athletes in 4 rounds (outlined in paragraphs 9 to 12).
9. Round 1 – automatic selections:
 - a. The first two placed eligible athlete(s) in each individual Trials event will be automatically selected for that same event, provided the necessary British Athletics individual qualification standard has been achieved by that athlete during the qualification period (see paragraphs 3 and 4);
 - b. Athletes finishing first or second at the Trials without a necessary British Athletics individual qualification standard will not be considered for automatic selection. For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete may achieve the qualification standard after the Trials but before the end of the relevant qualification period and still gain automatic selection;
 - c. Combined events athletes who finish in the top 8 European athletes at the 2014 Gotzis Hypomeeting (<http://www.meeting-goetzis.at/en/home.htm>) will be automatically selected for decathlon/heptathlon, provided the necessary British Athletics individual qualification standard has been achieved by that athlete during the qualification period (see paragraphs 3 and 4);
10. Round 2 – all remaining eligible individual athletes:
 - a. Athletes will only be selected in this round if the Selection Panel believe they have realistic potential to:
 - i. Win a medal at the European Championships, OR
 - ii. Finish in the top 8 in Zurich and go on to win a medal at future senior outdoor championships (World Championships or Olympic Games);
 - b. Athletes will be selected based on a combination of the following criteria:
 - i. Current form;
 - ii. Future individual medal potential at indoor or outdoor major events;
 - iii. Head-to-heads;
 - iv. Previous major competition history;
 - v. Injury status;
 - vi. Ability to “double-up” if an athlete is eligible for selection in this round in multiple events;
 - vii. If applicable, the Selection Panel’s opinion on the athlete’s ability to be competitive at the European Championships after competing at the Commonwealth Games.



BRITISH ATHLETICS

- c. In this round, if the Selection Panel considers an athlete to be a realistic medal contender at the European Championships, they may choose to select that athlete for any event on condition that the athlete achieves a qualification standard prior to the EA final entry deadline of Sunday 3 August 2014. Should the selected athlete fail to meet the necessary qualification standard by 3 August 2014, a reserve athlete may be selected in his/her place (see point d) and, given British Athletics must enter the team on this date, there shall be no right of appeal pursuant to paragraph 25;
- d. The Selection Panel may select reserves for any event, provided the athlete has achieved the relevant individual British Athletics qualification standard (except relays where no standard is required).

11. Round 3 – relays:

- a. A team of up to 6 athletes will be selected for the men's and women's 4x100m and 4x400m relays. Athletes will be selected based on a combination of the following criteria:
 - i. Current form;
 - ii. Head-to-heads;
 - iii. Previous major competition history;
 - iv. Injury status;
 - v. Previous engagement with the British Athletics relay programme(s).
- b. Athletes selected for the relay do not need to have achieved an individual British Athletics qualification standard.

12. Round 4 – Marathon Cup Selection:

- a. The Selection Panel may select a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 male and 6 female athletes (including those already selected for the individual marathon events) to compete in the Marathon Cup, provided the necessary British Athletics team qualification standard has been achieved by each athlete during the qualification period (see paragraphs 3 and 4);
- b. Athletes will only be selected for a male or female Marathon Cup team if the Selection Panel believe the team have a realistic chance of winning a medal in Zurich. The decision to select a team to compete in the male or female Marathon Cup will be at the discretion of the Selection Panel;
- c. Athletes will be selected based on a combination of the following criteria:
 - i. Current form;
 - ii. Head-to-heads;
 - iii. Previous major competition history;
 - iv. Injury status;
 - v. If applicable, the Selection Panel's opinion on the athlete's ability to be competitive at the European Championships after competing at the Commonwealth Games;



BRITISH ATHLETICS

13. The Selection Panel reserves the right to make value judgements on situations that they consider to be exceptional circumstances within the reference framework and the spirit of the general selection policy.

Conditions

14. A maximum of three athletes can compete in each individual event. Up to six athletes can be entered into the relays and Marathon Cup.
15. Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised.
16. UK domestic competition performances will only be recognised if they are achieved in a UKA Level 3 Permit competition or higher, or in an Area or County Championship (see www.britishathletics.org.uk/competitions/rules/ for details on the UKA competition permits).
17. Race walking and marathon qualification performances must be achieved on IAAF accredited courses (see IAAF website) and, if staged in the UK, must have a RunBritain race license.
18. Multiple performances achieved in the same individual event in a single day will only count as follows:
 - a. At an official Championship of UK national level or higher;
 - b. In a field event only the best mark in the final and best mark in the pool.
19. 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;
 - c. In horizontal jumps only the best trial of the first competition of the day, unless every mark achieved by the athlete was windy in which case a second competition held under safer conditions will count.
20. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants, held completely in the Stadium, shall not be accepted.
21. 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 IAAF rule 260.27 (version 2014-15) will be applied for qualification purposes, so the average velocity (based on the algebraic sum of the wind velocities,



BRITISH ATHLETICS

as measured for each individual event, divided by the number of such events) shall not exceed plus 2 m/s.

22. 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m hurdles and 400m hurdles performances achieved in La Chaux-de-Fonds will not be accepted.
23. Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110/100m hurdles, 400m hurdles and 4x100m relay will not be accepted.
24. Indoor performances for all field events and all track events, except 200m, will be accepted.

Appeals

25. Athletes may appeal their non-selection, but only after the final selection date (13 April 2014 for Marathon/50km Walk and 14 July 2014 for all other events) and only according to the procedure laid out in the "British Athletics Selection Appeals Policy" which can be found on the British Athletics website.