



BRITISH ATHLETICS

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Overview

British Athletics wish to capitalise on the once in a generation opportunity of hosting the 2017 IAAF World Championships in London by selecting a large and competitive team to help inspire the next generation of British track and field stars.

As such, British Athletics' strategic aims regarding London 2017 are four-fold:

1. to maximise the team's potential to win medals in London;
2. to maximise the number of British athletes making finals in London;
3. to maximise the representation of athletes across events in London; and
4. to maximise the potential for medals in Tokyo 2020 and beyond.

This Selection Policy ("the Policy"), which outlines the process whereby British Athletics will determine selections for the 2017 IAAF World Championships, has therefore been structured to satisfy these aims.

SECTION 1: SELECTION PROCESS

Eligibility

1.1. To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following:

- a. Subject to paragraph 1.2 below and with the exception of the Marathon, Race Walks or Combined Events (to which this requirement shall not apply), **athletes must compete in the event in which they wish to be selected at the Trials** (as defined in paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 below). For the avoidance of doubt, athletes seeking selection for the relay must compete in their usual relevant individual event at the Trials.
- b. Be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder);

- c. Be 16 years or older at 31 December 2016 (i.e. born in 2001 or earlier), with the exception of the following:
 - i. athletes must be 18 years or older at 31 December 2017 (i.e. born in 1999 or earlier) to be considered for selection in the Combined Events, 10,000m or 20km Race Walk; and
 - ii. athletes must be 20 years or older at 31 December 2017 (i.e. born in 1997 or earlier) to be considered for selection in the Marathon and 50km Race Walk.
 - d. With the exception of athletes being considered for selection to fill home nation places (paragraph 1.9(a)(i) below), athletes must have fulfilled at least one of the following criteria:
 - i. be reigning IAAF World Champion in the relevant individual event;
 - ii. be reigning European Champion in the relevant individual event;
 - iii. be the 2016 IAAF Diamond League winner in the relevant individual event;
 - iv. have received an IAAF World Ranking Invitation ("IAAF Invitation"); or
 - v. have achieved at least one qualification standard in accordance with paragraphs 2.4-2.5.
 - e. Athletes must sign the British Athletics Team Members' Agreement ("TMA") 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 <http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/world-class/2017-selection-policies/>.
- 1.2. Athletes who do not compete in the relevant Trials under paragraph 1.1 (a) above will only be considered for selection in their chosen event if:
- a. they are the reigning World Champion or 2016 IAAF Diamond League winner in that individual event; or
 - b. British Athletics' Chief Medical Officer confirms prior to or at the Trials that, in his opinion, the athlete was prevented by injury from competing at the relevant Trials; or
 - c. In the opinion of the Performance Director, exercising his absolute discretion, there are exceptional circumstances which justify the athlete's failure to compete at the Trials.

Selection meetings and process

- 1.3 The team will be selected in three selection meetings:
- a. Marathon and 50km Race Walk pre-selection – **Thursday 1 December 2016**;
 - b. Marathon and 50km Race Walk athletes – **Tuesday 25 April 2017**; and
 - c. All remaining events – **Monday 10 July 2017**.
- 1.4 The Marathon and 50km Race Walk pre-selections on 1 December 2016 and remaining Marathon and 50km Race Walk selections on 25 April 2017 will be announced as soon as possible after the respective selection meeting. The rest of the team will be announced on 11 July 2017 (please note these dates may be subject to change). Athletes selected to fill places offered through IAAF Invitations will be

announced separately as soon as possible after British Athletics is notified of any such IAAF Invitation.

1.5 The Selection Panel (“the Panel”) for each meeting will comprise:

- a. Voting members;
 - i. British Athletics’ Performance Director;
 - ii. British Athletics’ Heads of Sprints/Hurdles/Relays (except the Marathon/Race Walks pre-selection and selection meetings), Endurance and Field/Combined Events (except the Marathon/Race Walks pre-selection and selection meetings); and
 - iii. Other event group representatives as nominated by the Performance Director (in the case of the Marathon/Race Walks pre-selection and selection meetings, there will always be at least one additional event group representative present).
- b. Non-voting members:
 - i. British Athletics Performance Programme Manager (who will chair the meeting);
 - ii. At least one independent observer;
 - iii. British Athletics’ Chief Medical Officer (“the CMO”);
 - iv. Statistician;
 - v. Media representative; and
 - vi. Note-takers etc. as required.

1.6 In each selection meeting (except the Marathon/50km Race Walk pre-selection meeting – see paragraph 1.7 below), the Panel will select athletes in three rounds (outlined in paragraphs 1.8 to 1.11 below) up to the maximum entries per event as permitted by the IAAF.

1.7 Pre-selection meeting:

In the Marathon and 50km Race Walk pre-selection meeting referred to at paragraph 1.3(a) above, the Panel may nominate a maximum of one male and one female athlete per Marathon and 50km Race Walk event who:

- a. Have achieved at least one qualification standard in the relevant event by the date of the pre-selection meeting; and
- b. Finished in the top 10 in the Marathon and/or 50km Race Walk at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games; and
- c. Are considered by the Panel, acting in its absolute discretion, to possess realistic future global medal potential (namely the potential to win medals at future World Championships and Olympic Games).

1.8 Round 1 – automatic selections:

- a. Reigning individual IAAF World Champions will be automatically selected for the same event in which they won gold at the previous IAAF World Championships.
- b. 2016 IAAF Diamond League winners will be automatically selected for the same event in which they won the Diamond League the previous year.
- c. The first two placed eligible athletes in each individual Trials event will be automatically selected for the same event, provided the athlete:
 - i. is the reigning European Champion in that event; or

- ii. by the end of the relevant qualification period set out in paragraph 2.4, has achieved **at least one qualification standard**

Note: In the event of a dead-heat or tie at the Trials (resulting in more than 2 athletes qualifying for automatic selection) and provided that both athletes meet one of the additional two requirements in paragraph 1.8(c) above, the following steps will be taken.

- i. *In track events, the athlete with the best individual performance in the relevant event within the qualification period will gain automatic selection.*
- ii. *In field events, a jump/throw-off will be arranged (either at the Trials or on a later date, in agreement with the affected athletes), with the winner gaining automatic selection. If an athlete/athlete(s) refuses to take part in a jump/throw-off, the automatic selection will be offered to the athlete who did not refuse.*

d. Should either or both of the first two placed athletes at the Trials:

- i. be entitled to automatic selection pursuant to paragraph 1.8 (a) or (b); or
- ii. fail to meet one of the requirements at 1.8(c) above; or
- iii. be unable or unwilling to take up their place(s)

their Round 1 place(s) will not be offered by default to the next best placed eligible athlete(s) in the Trials.

1.9 Round 2 – all remaining eligible individual athletes:

- a. This selection round deals with the allocation of all remaining available places for individual events following completion of pre-selection and Round 1. Selections will be made in the following order:
 - i. selection of athletes who have achieved a valid qualification standard for any given event who have not already been selected (via pre-selection or automatic selections in Round 1).
 - ii. selections for any available "home nation" places (max 1 per event) allocated to British Athletics in track and road events in which no British athlete has achieved a qualification standard in accordance with paragraphs 2.3 to 2.16; and
 - iii. selections for places which may become available if the Panel exercises its absolute discretion to accept one or more IAAF Invitations issued to specific athletes.
- b. All available remaining individual spaces will be filled (pursuant to paragraph 1.9(a) above) provided athletes demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Panel, current form and fitness as at the date of the relevant selection meeting which indicates their ability to perform to their peak in the relevant event at London 2017.
- c. If more athletes are eligible for selection than there are places available, athletes will be selected based on the strategic aims for selection set out in the Overview

section of this Policy and on the Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria (as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant):

- i. The achievement of qualification standards in accordance with paragraphs 2.3 to 2.16 of this policy;
 - ii. World Ranking;
 - iii. Current form;
 - iv. Future individual medal potential at indoor or outdoor major events;
 - v. Head-to-heads;
 - vi. Previous major competition history;
 - vii. Injury status;
 - viii. Impact of other championships during the summer of 2017 (primarily age-group championships) in which eligible athletes may be competing;
 - ix. Position at the relevant Trials;
 - x. Impact on medal winning potential in relay teams – *note: the Panel may choose to select an athlete in an individual event to improve chances of success in the relevant relay team.*
- d. If an athlete receives an IAAF Invitation after the selection meeting on 10 July 2017, the Panel will reconvene as soon as possible thereafter to determine whether the invited athlete has demonstrated as at the date of the reconvened selection meeting current form and fitness which indicates their ability to perform to their peak in the relevant event at London 2017. If the Panel is satisfied that this is the case, and British Athletics decides in its absolute discretion that it wishes to accept the IAAF Invitation in question, the athlete will be formally selected for the event to which their IAAF invitation relates and their selection will be announced in accordance with paragraph 1.4 above.

1.10 Round 3 – relays:

- a. A team will be selected for each of the men's and women's 4x100m and 4x400m relay teams. The 4x100m and 4x400m teams must include all athletes selected for individual 100m and 400m events respectively, but can also include athletes from any other event or those not selected for an individual event. The number of athletes selected for the relay will be at the discretion of the Panel, in accordance with the IAAF entry rules for the relay events. Athletes will be selected based on the Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria, as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant:
 - i. The achievement of qualification standards in accordance with paragraphs 2.3 to 2.16;
 - ii. Engagement with the British Athletics relay programme(s) in 2016 and 2017;
 - iii. Current form;
 - iv. Technical relay skills;
 - v. Head-to-heads;
 - vi. Previous major competition history;
 - vii. Injury status;
 - viii. Impact of other championships during the summer of 2017 (primarily age-group championships) in which eligible athletes may be competing;
 - ix. Impact of individual event selection on ability to perform optimally in the relay; and
 - x. Performances at the relevant Trials.

- b. Athletes selected only for the relay do not need to have achieved an individual British Athletics qualification standard.

1.11 Reserves

- a. The Panel may select and enter one additional reserve for any event, provided any such reserve athletes are the reigning European Champion in the relevant individual event (see paragraph 2.3) OR have achieved at least one qualification standard in accordance with paragraphs 2.4-2.5 (except in respect of relay events where no individual qualification standard is required). Reserves will be selected on the basis of the Panel's consideration of the criteria listed at paragraph 1.9(b) and 1.9(c) above as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant.

SECTION 2: PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Trials

- 2.1 For the purposes of all events other than those specified in paragraph 2.2 below, the use of the words "Trial" or "Trials" in this Selection Policy shall mean the British Athletics Team Trials, which will take place on 30 June-2 July 2017.
- 2.2 For the purposes of the events listed below, the word "Trial" or "Trials" in this Selection Policy shall have the meaning set out in these paragraphs 2.2 (a) to (e), in so far as they apply to the event in question:
 - a. **Marathon** – the official Trial will be the combined men's elite and championship race (which start together) and the women's elite race at the 2017 Virgin Money London Marathon on 23 April 2017;
 - b. **10,000m** – the official Trial will be the A races at the Highgate Harriers Night of 10,000m Personal Bests event at Parliament Hill on 20 May 2017;
 - c. **20km Race Walk** – the official Trial will be the British Grand Prix of Race Walking at Woodhouse Moor, Hyde Park, Leeds, on 25 June 2017. Athletes wishing to enter should contact Andi Drake, England Athletics' Endurance Event Coordinator Road Races and Race Walks (adrake@englandathletics.org);
 - d. **50km Race Walk** – the official Trial will be the IAAF Race Walking Permit event in Dudinska, Slovak Republic, on 25 March 2017 (<http://www.iaaf.org/competitions/iaaf-race-walking-challenge>); and
 - e. **Combined events** – no trials will take place and, as such, no automatic selections will take place for the Decathlon or Heptathlon. All eligible athletes in these events will be considered for selection using the process outlined under paragraph 1.9 (Round 2).

Qualification Standards

- 2.3 Athletes who are reigning IAAF World Champions, reigning European Champions or 2016 IAAF Diamond League winners in individual events will be deemed to have achieved the relevant qualification standard for that event.

- 2.4 Except in relation to selection for home nation places and IAAF Invitation places, all other athletes must achieve qualification standard(s) for the event for which they seek selection within the following qualification periods:
- For Marathon and 50km Race Walk – between 00:00 (GMT) on 1 January 2016 and midnight (BST) on Sunday 23 April 2017;
 - For 10,000m, 20km Race Walk and Combined Events – between 00:00 (GMT) on 1 January 2016 and midnight (BST) on 9 July 2017;
 - For all other events – between 00:00 (GMT) on 1 October 2016 and midnight (BST) on 9 July 2017.
- 2.5 The British Athletics qualification standards are as follows (*denotes standards higher than those set by the IAAF):

Men	Event	Women
10.12	100m	11.26
20.44	200m	23.10
45.50	400m	52.10
1:45.90	800m	2:01.00
3:36.00 (3:53.40)	1500m (Mile)	4:07.50 (4:26.70)
13:22.60	5000m	15:22.00
27:45.00	10,000m	32:15.00
8:32.00	3,000m SC	9:42.00
13.48	110/100mH	12.98
49.35	400mH	56.10
2.30	HJ	1.94
5.70	PV	4.55
8.15	LJ	6.75
16.80	TJ	14.10
20.50	SP	17.75
65.00	DT	61.20
76.00	HT	71.00
83.00	JT	61.40
8100	CE	6200
1:24:00	20km RW	1:36:00
4:00:00*	50km RW	N/A
2:16:00*	Marathon	2:36:00*

Performance conditions relating to qualification standards

- 2.6 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.

- 2.7 UK domestic competition performances will only be recognised if they are achieved in a UKA Level 3 Permit competition or higher (see www.britishathletics.org.uk/competitions/rules/ for details on the UKA competition permits).
- 2.8 Marathon and race walking qualification performances must be achieved on IAAF accredited courses (as listed on the IAAF website).
- 2.9 Multiple performances achieved in the same individual event in a single day will only count as follows:
- a. If they are achieved 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 will count.
- 2.10 Performances achieved in the same individual event in a single day where that event is not an official Championship of UK national level or higher will only count as follows:
- a. In track events only the fastest legal result of the day;
 - b. In throwing events only the best performance of the first competition of the day;
 - c. In horizontal jumps only the best performance of the first competition of the day, unless every mark achieved by the athlete was wind-assisted in which case the best trial in a second competition held under non-wind-assisted conditions will count.
- 2.11 Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants, held completely in a stadium, shall not be accepted.
- 2.12 Wind-assisted performances (or performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available) for events held completely in a stadium will not be accepted. For combined events the conditions set in IAAF rule 260.27 (or any revised or amended rule relating to wind readings in combined events in force at the time) will be applied for qualification purposes, so the average 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 2 m/s.
- 2.13 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m hurdles and 400m hurdles performances at altitudes of above 950m will not be accepted.
- 2.14 Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110/100m hurdles, 400m hurdles and 4x100m relay will not be accepted.
- 2.15 Indoor performances for all field events and all track events of 400m and longer will be accepted.
- 2.16 For indoor track events, performances achieved on oversized tracks will not be accepted.

SECTION 3: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Appeals

- 3.1 Athletes may appeal their non-selection under this Selection Policy, but only after the announcement of the relevant team in accordance with paragraph 1.4 above and only according to the procedure laid out in the “British Athletics Selection Appeals Policy” which can be found on the British Athletics website. Athletes wishing to seek advice regarding the appeals process (including the validity of any procedure itself) are advised to contact the British Athletes Commission (BAC) at www.britishathletes.org.

Amendment

- 3.2 British Athletics reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy at 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.