

**2019 European Athletics Indoor Championships**  
**1-3 March 2019**  
**Glasgow, UK**

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**Overview**

This selection policy for the 2019 European Indoor Championships has been created in line with the British Athletics' Selection Philosophy 2017-2024 therefore the GB & NI team will be selected to:

1. maximise the number of opportunities to win medals;
2. provide opportunities for developing athletes; and
3. provide realistic opportunities for established athletes to achieve a GB vest.

The Spar British Athletics Indoor Championships ("the Trials") take place on **9 – 10 February 2019** in **Birmingham** (for more information please visit <https://www.britishathletics.org.uk/events-and-tickets/>).

**Eligibility**

1. To be considered for selection, athletes **must**:
  - a. Compete in the Trials in the event in which they wish to be considered for selection in Glasgow (with the exception of combined events, who do not need to compete in the Trials). Athletes aiming to gain selection for the 4x400m relay teams must also compete at the Trials. Permission to do otherwise will only be granted in the case of injury – no other exceptions will be made (though the Performance Director, at his absolute discretion, grant an athlete permission to compete in a different discipline at the Trials to that in which they wish to be selected).
  - b. Be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder);
  - c. Be 16 years or older at 31 December 2019 (i.e. born in 2003 or earlier), with the exception of men's shot put (see point 1.d.);
  - d. Be 18 years or older at 31 December 2019 (i.e. born in 2001 or earlier) to be considered for selection in the men's shot put;
  - e. Have achieved a relevant British Athletics qualification standard within the qualification period (individual events only); and
  - f. 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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 <https://www.uka.org.uk/performance/british-athletics-teams-information/>.

*Note 1: To ensure the Panel have an accurate picture of an athlete's fitness ahead of the selection meeting, those who are unable to compete at the Trials due to injury/illness but still wish to be considered for selection MUST either have been reviewed in person by the British Athletics medical team in the week prior to Trials OR they must attend the Trials (regardless of home location) to be examined by the British*

*Athletics CMO. Athletes who fail to satisfy either provision will not be considered for selection (unless note 2 applies).*

*Note 2: Where athletes suffer illness the day before or the day of the Trials, they must contact the Performance Director/Chief Medical Officer as soon as possible prior to the commencement of the relevant Trial event. The Panel will make a common sense, judgement call based on the information and proof provided by the athlete in determining whether to accept their non-attendance at the trials (enabling them for consideration for selection). Illness that occurs earlier than the day before the first day of the Trials must be evidenced by a medical note from a GP in order for that athlete to remain eligible for selection. Failure to satisfy the above will result in the athlete not being considered for selection, and all athletes must be aware that failure to attend the trials, regardless of validity of excuse, will naturally and unavoidably place them at a disadvantage when being assessed for selection.*

## **Qualification**

2. Qualification performances must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1 May 2018 and 17:30 (GMT) 16 February 2019.
3. The British Athletics qualification standards are as follows – events marked with an asterisk represent the baseline EA standard and have not been amended by British Athletics:

Men		Event	Women	
Indoor	Outdoor†		Indoor	Outdoor†
6.60	10.20 (100m)	<b>60m</b>	7.25	11.25 (100m)
46.90	45.40	<b>400m</b>	53.00	52.00
01:48.00	01:45.50	<b>800m</b>	02:03.00	02:00.50
3:42.00 (3:58.00 mile)	03:36.00 (3:53.00 mile)	<b>1500m</b>	4:13.00 (4:43.00 mile)	04:07.00 (4:26.00 mile)
07:53.00	7:48.00	<b>3000m</b>	09:00.00	8:55.00*
Top 6 ranked team		<b>4x400m</b>	Top 6 ranked team	
7.65	13.50 (110mH)	<b>60mH</b>	8.10	12.95 (100mH)
2.26*		<b>HJ</b>	1.90*	
5.65*		<b>PV</b>	4.50*	
7.95*		<b>LJ</b>	6.50*	
16.50*		<b>TJ</b>	13.85*	
20.15*		<b>SP</b>	17.10*	
Top 12 ranked athlete		<b>Hep/Pen</b>	Top 12 ranked athlete	

†Note – athletes who qualify for selection by achieving an outdoor performance prior to 1 January 2019 will only be selected if they prove current form and fitness.

## **Selection process**

4. The team will be selected in one selection meeting on **Saturday 16 February 2019**.
5. The team will be announced on Sunday 17 February 2019.

6. Selections will be subject to the maximum entries as permitted by European Athletics (EA) as follows:
  - a. A maximum of 3 athletes can compete in individual events;
  - b. In the 4 x 400m relay, up to 6 athletes may be selected (which must include athletes selected for the individual 400m). Any other athlete who is selected in any event may then be able to participate in the relay event in addition to the 6 entered.
  
7. The Selection Panel (“the Panel”) shall comprise as follows:
  - a. Voting Members:
    - i. British Athletics Performance Director;
    - ii. British Athletics’ Head of Endurance; British Athletics Head of Relays, British Athletics Head of Field and Combined Events, and;
    - iii. Other event group representatives as nominated by the Performance Director.
  - b. Non-voting members:
    - i. Head of World Class Programme Operations (who shall act as Chairperson);
    - ii. Independent Observer;
    - iii. UK Athletics Athlete Commission Member;
    - iv. British Athletics Chief Medical Officer;
    - v. Statistician;
    - vi. Media representative;
    - vii. Note taker(s).
  
8. The Selection Panel (“the Panel”) will select athletes in 4 rounds (outlined in numbers 9 to 12).
  
9. Round 1 – top 2 at the Trials:
  - a. The first two eligible athletes in each individual Trials event will be automatically selected for the same event provided the relevant British Athletics qualification standard has been achieved by that athlete during the qualification period. Should either of the first two finishers at the Trials not be eligible for selection (or decline selection), their place will not be automatically offered to the next best athlete;
  - b. 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.
  
10. Round 2 – all remaining eligible individual athletes (excluding combined events):
  - a. The Panel will aim to fill all places available, subject to eligible athletes satisfying the following:
    - i. Achieved at least one qualification standard by the end of the qualification period; and
    - ii. Demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Panel, current form and fitness which suggests they are capable of performing at a level to (or exceeding) their qualification best or seasons best (whichever is higher);
  - b. Where there are more athletes that satisfy the criteria as described in paragraph 10(a) than places available, athletes in this round will be considered

for selection by being considered against a number of factors, including (but not limited to) the following criteria which are not listed in any priority order:

- i. Achievement of qualification standards in accordance with paragraphs 2 - 3;
  - ii. European ranking;
  - iii. Position at the Trials;
  - iv. Current form;
  - v. Future individual medal potential at indoor or outdoor major events;
  - vi. Head-to-heads;
  - vii. Previous major competition history; and
  - viii. Injury status.
- c. During this round, the Panel may select non-travelling reserves for any event (except combined events), provided the athlete has achieved the relevant individual British Athletics qualification standard (except relays where no standard is required).

#### 11. Round 3 – relays:

- a. Provided British Athletics have qualified a team for each relay event, up to 6 athletes will be selected for the men's and women's 4x400m relays (which must include those already selected in the individual 400m). Athletes will be selected based on a number of factors, including (but not limited to) the following:
  - i. Position at the Trials;
  - ii. Current form;
  - iii. Head-to-heads;
  - iv. Previous major competition history;
  - v. Injury status;
  - vi. Previous engagement with the British Athletics relay programme(s) in 2018 and 2019; and
  - vii. Future relay team potential;
  - viii. Technical relay skills; and
  - ix. Impact on the medal winning potential of the relay team.
- b. Athletes selected for the relay do not need to have achieved a British Athletics qualification standard but, pursuant to paragraph 1(a), they must have competed in the 400m at the Trials.

#### 12. Round 4 – combined events:

- a. EA will invite 12 athletes to compete in the men's Heptathlon and the women's Pentathlon. These invites (which will be automatically ratified by the Panel) will be distributed as follows:
  - i. Top 6 from the 2018 European outdoor rankings for the Decathlon and Heptathlon (adjusted for maximum numbers per nation); and
  - ii. Top 6 from the 2018/19 European indoor rankings for the Heptathlon and Pentathlon (adjusted for maximum numbers per nation) as at 19 February 2019;
- b. If, during each round of EA invitations, the maximum number of slots per nation (3) are reached, or athletes decline participation, EA will allocate invites to the next eligible athlete during each round up until the final entry deadline of 21 February 2019;
- c. Acceptance of such invites may take place after the Panel have selected the remaining members of the team.

## **Conditions**

13. 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.
14. UK domestic track and field performances will only be certified by British Athletics if they are achieved in a UK Athletics Level 2 Permit competition or higher, or in an Area or County Championship (see <https://www.uka.org.uk/competitions/track-field-licensing/> for details on the UK Athletics competition permits).
15. 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.
16. 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 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.
17. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants shall not be accepted.
18. Wind-assisted performances (or performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available) will not be accepted.
19. Hand-timed performances in 60m, 100m, 400m, 60m Hurdles, and 100m/110m Hurdles will not be accepted.
20. For the running events of 400m and over, performances achieved on oversized tracks will NOT be accepted

## **Appeals**

21. Athletes may appeal their non-selection, but only after the relevant final selection date in accordance with the procedure laid out in the “British Athletics Selection Fast Appeals Procedure” (“the Fast Appeals Procedure”, located on the UKA website) and subject to paragraph 22 below.
22. For the 2019 European Athletics Indoor Championships the following amendment to the Fast Appeals Procedure is made:
  - a. To maximise the amount of time that athletes have to qualify for the European Indoor Championships, and in order to adhere to the European Athletics final entry deadline, an expedited appeal process shall apply.

- b. Paragraph 3.3 of the Fast Appeals Procedure shall not apply. Instead, any athlete wishing to appeal their non-selection and who wishes to obtain a copy of the minutes applicable to their non-selection must request the minutes as soon as possible after the announcement of the team on Sunday 17 February 2019. UKA undertakes to provide a copy of the relevant minutes to any athlete who requests them within 2 hours.
- c. Due to the need for an expedited procedure, the process relating to Additional Submissions in the Fast Appeals Procedure does not apply and athletes must therefore include in their Notice of Appeal their full submissions including any points they wish to make in respect of the minutes. All references to the “Appeal Submissions” and “Additional Submissions” in the Fast Appeals Procedure shall mean the Notice of Appeal.
- d. The timeframe for filing the Notice of Appeal, as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the Fast Appeals Procedure remains within 24 hours from announcement of the team.
- e. Paragraph 7.2 is amended so that the timeframe for the Chairman of the Selection Panel to make any submissions in response to an appeal is within 24 hours of receipt of the Notice of Appeal.

Athletes wishing to seek advice regarding the appeals process (including the validity of any procedure itself) are advised to contact the UK Athletics Athletes’ Commission at [www.uka.org.uk/governance/uk-athletics-athletes-commission/](http://www.uka.org.uk/governance/uk-athletics-athletes-commission/).

#### **Amendment**

- 23. 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.uka.org.uk](http://www.uka.org.uk).