



## BRITISH ATHLETICS

### 2020 IAAF World Indoor Championships 13-15 March 2020 Nanjing, CHN

### Selection Policy – published December 2019

#### Overview

This selection policy (“the Policy”) has been created in line with British Athletics’ strategic 2017-2021 Tokyo cycle competition philosophy) which states that (in priority order) we will:

1. Ensure that medal success at the Olympic Games and World Championships is prioritised;
2. Ensure that appropriate competition opportunities for potential future medal winners are provided throughout the pathway; and
3. Ensure that obtaining a British Vest continues to be realistic aspiration for athletes throughout the pathway.

The British Athletics Indoor Championships (“the Trials”) take place **22-23 February in Glasgow**.

All questions related to the selection policy and trials should be directed to Charlie Burn [cburn@britishathletics.org.uk](mailto:cburn@britishathletics.org.uk)).

#### 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 Nanjing (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/illness – no other exceptions will be made (though the Team Leader, at his/her absolute discretion, may in advance of the Trials, 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 2020 (i.e. born in 2004 or earlier), with the exception of men’s shot put (see point 1.d.);
  - d. Be 18 years or older at 31 December 2020 (i.e. born in 2002 or earlier) to be considered for selection in the men’s shot put; AND

- e. Have achieved at least one qualification standard within the qualification period outlined at paragraph 2 below OR have received a World Athletics invitation.
- 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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 [www.uka.org.uk/performance/british-athletics-teams-information/](http://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 Team Leader/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 January 2019 and 23:59 (GMT) 23 February 2020.
- 3. The British Athletics qualification standards are as follows:

<b>Men</b>		<b>Event</b>	<b>Women</b>	
<b>Indoor</b>	<b>Outdoor</b>		<b>Indoor</b>	<b>Outdoor</b>
6.63	10.10 (100m)	<b>60m</b>	7.30	11.15 (100m)
46.50	45.00	<b>400m</b>	52.90	51.00
01:46.70	01:44.00	<b>800m</b>	02:01.50	01:58.00
3:40.00 / 3:55.00 (mile)	03:33.00	<b>1500m</b>	4:09.00 / 4:28.50 (mile)	04:02.00
07:50.00	7:40.00 / 13:10.00 (5000m)	<b>3000m</b>	08:49.00	8:30.00 / 14:50.00 (5000m)
No Standard		<b>4x400m</b>	No Standard	
7.70	13.40 (110mh)	<b>60m h</b>	8.16	12.85 (100mh)
2.34		<b>HJ</b>	1.95	
5.80		<b>PV</b>	4.70	
8.20		<b>LJ</b>	6.75	
16.90		<b>TJ</b>	14.30	
20.95		<b>SP</b>	18.30	
No Standard		<b>Hep/Pen</b>	No Standard	

*\*Note 3 – athletes who qualify for selection by achieving a performance prior to 1 January 2020 (indoor or outdoor) will only be selected if they prove current form and fitness which suggests they are capable of performing at a level equal to (or exceeding) their qualification period best.*

### **Selection meeting process**

4. All qualified athletes will be considered for selection in in one selection meeting on **Monday 24 February 2020**. Pursuant to paragraph 12, invited athletes will be considered on a case-by-case basis as and when invites are received.
5. The selection panel will comprise of;
  - a. Voting members;
    - i. British Athletics' Team Leader;
    - ii. British Athletics' Head of Endurance;
    - iii. British Athletics' Head of Relays, Sprints and Hurdles;
    - iv. British Athletics' Head of Field and Combined Events; and
    - v. Other event group representatives as nominated by the Team Leader;
  - b. Non-voting members for all selection meetings:
    - i. Chairperson;
    - ii. At least one independent observer;
    - iii. British Athletics' Athlete Commission Member;
    - iv. British Athletics' CMO;
    - v. Statistician;
    - vi. Media representative and
    - vii. Note-takers etc. as required.
6. The team will be announced on Tuesday 25 February 2020. Athletes selected via invite will be announced as/when invites are confirmed.
7. A maximum of two athletes (3 athletes where there are GB & NI 2019/2020 World Indoor Tour Winners) may be selected in each event. Up to six athletes (which must include any athletes entered in the 400m) may be selected for each relay event.
8. The Panel will select athletes using the process outlined in paragraphs 9 to 12 below.
9. Round 1 – automatic selections:
  - a. Winners of the 2019 & 2020 World Athletics Indoor Tour will be automatically selected as the World Athletics wildcard entry for the same event which they won the 2019/2020 World Athletics Indoor Tour.
  - b. The winner of 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 the winner of the Trials not have achieved a qualification standard, or decline/be unavailable for selection, their place will not be automatically offered to the next best athlete.
  - c. 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.

*Note 4: In the event of a dead-heat or tie at any of the Trial events (resulting in more than 1 athlete qualifying for automatic selection), the following steps will be taken:*

- a. *In track/road events, the athlete with the best individual performance in the relevant event within the qualification period set out in paragraph 2 will gain automatic selection.*
- b. *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(s) who did not refuse.*

10. Round 2 – remaining eligible individual athletes (excluding combined events):

- a. All remaining eligible athletes will be selected, provided they:
  - i. Have achieved the relevant British Athletics qualification standard during the qualification period; and
  - ii. Satisfy the Panel that they possess current form and fitness which suggests they are capable of performing at a level equal to (or exceeding) their qualification period best or seasons best (whichever is higher).
- b. If more athletes are eligible for selection than there are places available, athletes will be selected based on the overall competition philosophy for the Tokyo cycle (as outlined in the Overview 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. Trials results;
  - ii. Current form;
  - iii. 2020 World Athletics performance lists;
  - iv. Future individual medal potential at indoor or outdoor major events;
  - v. Head-to-heads within the qualification period;
  - vi. Previous major competition history; AND
  - vii. Injury status.
- c. 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. A team of up to six athletes will be selected for each of the men's and women's 4x400m relays, if the panel believe that the team have strong medal potential in Nanjing.
- b. If the panel believe that a team possesses strong medal potential in Nanjing then athletes will be selected based on a number of factors, including (but not limited to) the following:
  - i. Current form;
  - ii. Head-to-heads within the qualification period;
  - iii. Previous major competition history (in individual and relay events);
  - iv. Future individual or relay team potential;
  - v. Performance at the Trials;
  - vi. Injury status; AND
  - vii. Previous engagement with the British Athletics relay programme(s).
- c. Athletes selected for the relay do not need to have achieved a British Athletics qualification standard.

12. Combined events and additional event invitations:

- a. Combined events – entries for the men's Heptathlon and the women's Pentathlon will be via invite only. Invites will be issued by the World Athletics as per the following process:
  - i. Winner of the 2019 Combined Events Challenge;

- ii. Top five from the 2019 outdoor rankings (as at 31 December 2019);
  - iii. Top five from the 2020 indoor rankings (as at 24 February 2020); AND
  - iv. One athlete who may be invited at the discretion of World Athletics.
- b. Invitations – where insufficient athletes are entered to meet the target for each event (12 for high jump and pole vault, 16 for all other field events, and various for track events), World Athletics will issue invites at their discretion, based on the World Athletics performance lists within the qualification period. Such invites will be accepted provided the invited athlete(s), to the satisfaction of the Panel, demonstrate current form and fitness which suggests that they are capable of performing at a level equal to (or exceeding) their qualification period best or seasons best (whichever is higher). Should invites be received after the Panel have met, the Panel will be asked to advise on form/fitness of any invited athlete remotely (in accordance with World Athletics invite response deadlines).

*Note 5 – Invitations that are received after 23:59 on the 5 March 2020 **cannot** be accepted due to the time required for Chinese visa processing.*

### **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 British Athletics Level 3 Permit competition or higher, or in an Area or County Championship (see [www.britishathletics.org.uk/competitions/rules/](http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/competitions/rules/) for details on the British Athletics competition permits).
15. 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.
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;
  - 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 held completely in a stadium 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 who are eligible for selection may appeal their non-selection, but only after the final selection date and only according to the procedure laid out in the “British Athletics Selection Appeals Policy” which can be found on the British Athletics website.
22. 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](http://www.britishathletes.org).

## **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.britishathletics.org.uk](http://www.britishathletics.org.uk).

## Equality Impact Assessment

### Section A

Date of screening	10 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
Name of person and job title of the person screening	Charlie Burn Olympic Performance Project Manager
What is being screened?	2020 World Athletics Indoor Championships Selection Policy

	Yes/No
Is this a policy or procedure document?	Yes
Is this a policy being taken to the Board?	Yes
Is this a document that provides guidance for employees?	No

If the answer to any of these is yes, please go to Section B. If the answer is no, you do not require to complete an EQIA.

### Section B

Yes/No

Does the decision or policy impact disproportionately on gender and does the policy resolve this? (This can include pregnancy/maternity and marriage/civil partnerships?)	No
Does the decision or policy impact disproportionately on different age groups?	No
Does the decision or policy impact disproportionately on people from different ethnic groups?	No
Does the decision or policy impact disproportionately on people with a disability or disabilities?	No
Does the decision or policy impact disproportionately on people from different religions, faiths or beliefs?	No
Does the decision or policy impact disproportionately on people from different sexual orientations?	No
Does the decision or policy impact disproportionately on transgendered people?	No

Does this decision or policy potentially affect the health and safety of the employees or other parties?	No
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Any other changes to the policy required?	No
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