



**2020 World Mountain Running Championships (Long distance & Mostly Uphill)  
14 or 15 November 2020  
Lanzarote, Spain**

**Selection Policy - Published February 2020**

**Overview**

British Athletics approaches International Mountain Running events with the aim of challenging for Senior team and individual medals and to be competitive in Junior events. The World Championship selection policies for 2020 have been written in order to ensure we are able to select the best prepared teams for the Championships.

The Great Britain and Northern Ireland (GB&NI) team will travel to the Championships as a single team (exceptions to this will be made at the discretion of the Team Leader and if budget allows). Travel arrangements will be booked and funded by British Athletics. Athletes not based in the UK will be required to cover the cost of their own travel to/from the UK.

All questions related to this selection policy (including those relating to athletes based overseas) and the trial races should be directed to Anne Buckley ([annembuckley@yahoo.com](mailto:annembuckley@yahoo.com)).

**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. junior athletes will be eligible for selection in this age group if they are born in 2001, 2002, 2003 or 2004;
  - c. Compete at the respective Trial event;
  - d. 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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.uka.org.uk/world-class/gb-ni-team-info/>

*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 have informed Anne Buckley ([annembuckley@yahoo.com](mailto:annembuckley@yahoo.com)), prior to the respective trial event.*

*Note 2: Athletes who do not compete at the Trials will only be considered for selection in their chosen event if;*

- *The Team Leader confirms in writing to the Selection Panel, prior to or at the Trials, that in their opinion, the athlete was prevented by injury or illness from competing; or*
- *In the opinion of the Team Leader, there are exceptional circumstances which justify the athlete's failure to compete at the Trials.*

## **2020 World Long Distance Mountain Running Championships**

The Official Trial ("The Trials"), takes place on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at the Snowdonia Trail Marathon (43.41km).

### **Selection Process**

2. The team will be selected in one selection meeting taking place on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020
3. The team will be announced on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020
4. Round 1
  - a. The first two placed athletes at the Trials will be selected subject to them meeting at least two of the following selection criteria.
    - i. Has demonstrated the ability to be competitive against international opposition in overseas international mountain races of a similar length, profile and terrain between 1 January 2019 and 12 July 2020.
    - ii. Has shown consistency of performances in both domestic and international mountain races and/or fell/road races of a similar distance, profile and terrain
    - iii. Has shown competitive and consistent performances at previous global mountain/ultra running championships.
    - iv. Clearly demonstrates consistent and forward progression up the international competition pathway at senior level.
  - b. For the avoidance of doubt, if any of the top two at the Trials decline selection (through injury or other reason) their automatic selection will not be offered to the next eligible athlete at the Trials.
5. Round 2 – remaining eligible athletes
  - a. Up to a further three athletes may be selected in each event, provided that the panel believe that they can achieve a top 25 finish at the Championships.
  - b. The Panel will assess an athlete's ability to finish in the top 25, based on the following criteria:

- i. performance at the trials;
  - ii. athlete's current form and fitness in races of similar length, profile and terrain;
  - iii. athletes' previous global mountain/ultra-running history;
  - iv. demonstration of consistent and forward progression up the international competition pathway at both junior and senior level;
  - v. any other factors the selection panel may deem relevant to this competition
6. A **maximum** of 5 athletes for each event (with three to score) may be selected. Up to 2 non-travelling reserves may also be selected.

### **2020 World Mountain Running Championships (mostly uphill)**

The Official Trial ("The Trials"), takes place on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020 in Scotland (venue TBC).

### **Selection Process**

7. Round 1 – automatic selections
- a. The first two placed athletes at the Trials will be automatically selected in each event.
    - i. For the avoidance of doubt, if any of the top two at the Trials decline selection (through injury or other reason) their automatic selection will not be offered to the next eligible athlete at the Trials.
8. Round 2 – remaining eligible athletes
- a. Up to a further two athletes may be selected in each event, provided that the panel believe that they can achieve a top 25 finish at the Championships.
  - b. The Panel will assess an athlete's ability to finish in the top 25, based on the following criteria:
    - i. performance at trials;
    - ii. athletes' current form and fitness;
    - iii. athletes' previous mountain/cross country/fell racing history;
    - iv. demonstration of consistent and forward progression up the international competition pathway at both junior and senior level;
    - v. any other factors the selection panel may deem relevant to this competition

*Note 3 – Selection for all Mountain Running teams is subject to the agreement of the athlete's racing and training programme, between the selection date and the Championships, by the Panel or its representative.*

### **Deselection**

9. The panel reserve the right to deselect athletes who become unfit to compete, do not follow the conditions of selection, or who break any of the rules of UK Athletics.

### **Appeals**

10. There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the GB&NI Team made by the Selection Panel. The provisions of the UK Athletics Selection and Nomination "Fast" Appeals Procedure do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2020 World Mountain Running Championships.

### **Amendment**

11. 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).

## **Equality Impact Assessment**

### **Section A**

<b>Date of screening</b>	18th January 2020
<b>Name of person and job title of the person screening</b>	Charlie Burn Olympic Performance Project Manager
<b>What is being screened?</b>	2020 World Mountain Running Championships Selection Policy

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

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

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