

World Mountain & Trail Running Championships
Chiang Mai Thailand November 11-14 November 2021
SELECTION POLICY – published May 2021

1. Overview

The British Athletics policy for the **World Mountain & Trail Running Championships** will focus on performances that will challenge for individual and/or team medals. British Athletics therefore intend to select athletes who the Selection Panels (“the Panels”) believe are demonstrating the potential to win individual medals in this or future championships and/or to contribute to a team medal. Teams will only be selected if the Panels believe they can realistically challenge for a medal.

The championships will be held at **Chiang Mai in Thailand**. Details of the events and the courses will be available at www.wmtrc2021thailand.com

Events as follows:

- 80km trail race, approx. 4500m ascent/descent
- 35-45km trail race, minimum 1500m ascent/descent
- Uphill Only race, 3-6km, approx. 1000m ascent
- Classic Up-and-Down race, 10-12km, 500-700m ascent/descent
- Junior (U20) race, 5-6km, 250-350m ascent/descent

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). Travel arrangements from the UK to Thailand will be booked and funded by British Athletics. The British Athletics Domestic Assembly Policy will apply for these Championships.

All questions related to the selection policy should be directed to the Chairs of Selectors:

Anne Buckley (annembuckley@yahoo.com) for 35-45km trail race, Classic 10-12km Up-and-Down, Uphill Only, and Junior races

and

Adrian Stott (taritstott@icloud.com) for 80km trail race.

2. Eligibility

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

- Be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder)
- 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 Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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/>

- **3. Qualification**

The official trials will take place on the following dates:

10 July 2021: 80km trail race (in conjunction with **The Lakeland Trails Ultra 100km event, Ambleside**: <https://www.lakelandtrails.org/ultra>)

The organiser has reserved places for athletes wishing to compete at the trial event and be considered for selection. Athletes wishing to be considered for a place should contact Adrian Stott at taritstott@icloud.com asap.

15 August 2021: 35-45km trail race: in conjunction with the **Scafell Pike Marathon**:
<https://www.highterrainevents.co.uk/scafell-pike-marathon>

Please enter the race via the event website. The organiser has reserved places for athletes wishing to compete at the trial event and be considered for selection – if the event fills up please contact Anne Buckley on annembuckley@yahoo.com

17 September 2021: Uphill Only race, Lake District, venue TBC, updated information will be posted here, under the ‘World Mountain and Trail Running Championships tab’:
<https://www.uka.org.uk/competition/running/mountain-running/>

19 September 2021: Classic 10-12km Up-and-Down race, Sedbergh, updated information will be posted here, under the ‘World Mountain and Trail Running Championships tab’:
<https://www.uka.org.uk/competition/running/mountain-running/>

19 September 2021: Junior (U20) race, Sedbergh, updated information will be posted here, under the ‘World Mountain and Trail Running Championships tab’:
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Any athlete who is unable to compete at the relevant Trial and wishes to be considered for selection should notify the relevant Chair of Selectors as early as possible prior to the Trial.

4. Selection process

The maximum number of athletes that may be selected for each event is six for the 80km and 35-45km trail races, and four for the Uphill Only race, the Classic Up-and-Down race and the Junior race. In each race three athletes are required to form a scoring team.

The team will be selected in four phases and additional places may be considered for previous events at both stages two and three.

- The first round of selections will be made on **12 July 2021 for the 80km trail race.**

- The second round of selections will be made on **15 August 2021 for the 35-45km trail race.**
- The third round of selections will be made on **19 September 2021 for the Uphill Only race, the Classic Up-and-Down-race and the Junior race.**
- The fourth round of selections will be made on **19 September 2021** to fill any remaining places.

Rounds one to three

Following the respective trial races, at least the first two eligible men and women will be selected subject to them meeting the following selection criteria:

- Have shown consistency of performances in races of a similar distance, profile and terrain.
- Have the potential to finish in the top 12 at the Championships based on performance and current form.

If budget allows, further male and female athletes may be selected subject to them meeting the following selection criteria:

- Have shown consistency of performances in races of a similar distance, profile and terrain. And either
- Demonstrated the potential to win individual medals.
- or
- Have the potential to form a medal-winning team alongside athletes selected from automatic qualifying places and/or athletes selected on the basis of their potential to win an individual medal

Round four

The two Selection Panels will work together to fill any remaining places across the whole team according to the following criteria in rank order:

- Athletes who have the potential to win an individual medal
- Athletes who have the potential to form a medal-winning team alongside athletes selected in rounds one to three

The Selection Panel for the 80km event is made up of the following:

- Adrian Stott (Chair)
- Members of URAG and relevant experts as appropriate
- An athlete's representative observer from the athletes commission
- A HCAF independent observer

The Selection Panel for the 35-45km event

- Anne Buckley (Chair)
- Members of MRAG and relevant experts
- Members of URAG and relevant experts
- An athlete's representative observer from the Athletes' Commission

The Selection Panel for all other events is made up of the following:

- Anne Buckley (Chair)
- Members of MRAG and relevant experts
- An athlete's representative observer from the Athletes' Commission

Selections will be announced on 15 July, 20 August and 23 September

5. Conditions.

The Panels reserve the right to deselect athletes who become unfit to compete (fitness tests may be requested), do not follow the conditions of selection or who break any of the rules of UK Athletics.

Final selection of all athletes is subject to agreement of the athlete's racing programme with the respective Chair of Selectors between the date of selection and the Championships.

6. Appeals

There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the GB&NI Team made by the Panels. The provisions of the UK Athletics Selection and Nomination "Fast" Appeals Procedure do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2021 World Mountain and Trail World Championships.

7. Amendment

British Athletics reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy at its sole discretion especially in the light of the ongoing current Covid19 situation - the status of the country for international travel and additional covid related costs which may affect team sizes. British Athletics will make any amended version publicly available (including the date on which any amendment was made) at www.uka.org.uk.