



2022 European Athletics U18 Championships
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Jerusalem, Israel

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Overview

British Athletics provides the opportunity through age group championships for athletes and coaches to experience and learn the key skills, abilities and behaviours needed to progress through the pathway and on to the senior international stage. Athletes will be expected to compete within their respective age group to ensure appropriate age and stage development experience and process, with the aim of transitioning on to become successful at future senior international championships and ultimately the Olympic Games. In exceptional circumstances for u18, where there isn't an international opportunity available in the given season, British Athletics will consider selecting athletes for opportunities within the u20 age group champs programme aligned to the EA/IAAF ruling.

The Selection Panel ("the Panel") therefore aim to select a competitive team with athletes who they believe have the potential to reach a 'Final' relative to their event at the European u18.

Unlike the other age-group championships taking place this summer, there is NOT a trials event for the European U18 Championships.

The GB and NI team will travel to the Championships as a single team. All questions related to the selection policy, competition opportunities or team travel should be directed to agegroupchampsinfo@britishathletics.org.uk

Competition Opportunities

Due to the different implement weights, distances and hurdle heights used in this age-group, British Athletics will be organising a number of competition opportunities in a variety of events (including combined events) to help athletes achieve qualification standards. To facilitate head-to-head performances, athletes will be encouraged to participate in competition opportunities against their peers. Athletes who choose not to compete in such competition opportunities may harm their chances of selection.

Athletes/Coaches/Parents wanting more information on these competition opportunities and/or those wishing to register their email address for updates should contact; **Pathway Statistician, Ian Hodge** [-IHodge@talentpathway.org.uk](mailto:IHodge@talentpathway.org.uk)

2022 competition opportunities can be found here:

<https://www.uka.org.uk/performance/olympic-performance-pathway/age-group-championships/2022-european-u18-championships/>

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. be born in 2005 or 2006; and
 - c. have achieved a relevant British Athletics qualification standard within the relevant period (individual events only).
 - 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.

Qualification

2. Qualification performances must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1 January 2022 and 23:59 (BST) 19th June 2022. U18 steeplechase barrier heights and U18 implement weights apply:
 - Hurdle Heights Men - 110m H 91cm; 400m H 84cm / Women - 100m H 76cm; 400m H 76cm
 - Women's/Men's – 3kg/5kg Shot, 1kg/1.5kg Discus, 3kg/5kg Hammer, 500g/700g Javelin
 - Steeplechase Barrier Height- Men 0.838/ 0.762m
3. The British Athletics qualification standards are as follows:

Boys	Event	Girls
10.75	100m	11.85
21.60	200m	24.30
48.20	400m	55.00
1'51.0	800m	2'08.0
3'52.0	1500m	4'26.0
8'28.0	3,000m	9'38.0
5'55.0	2,000m SC	6'55.0
13.80	110m/100m H	13.75
53.00	400m H	61.00
46'30	10km RW/5km RW	24'45.00
2.07	High Jump	1.78
4.80	Pole Vault	3.90
7.20	Long Jump	6.00
14.70	Triple Jump	12.60
18.15	Shot Put	15.50
54.50	Discus Throw	44.00
69.00	Hammer Throw	62.00
67.00	Javelin Throw	50.00
6900	Decathlon/Heptathlon	5200

Selection Process

4. The team will be selected in one selection meeting on **Monday 20th June 2022.**
5. The voting panel members will be made up of representatives of each event group as nominated by the Pathway Manager, based on their knowledge and expertise. The panel will also include a non-voting independent observer and a member of the Athlete's Commission.

6. The team will be announced on Tuesday 21 June 2022.
7. British Athletics will select qualifying athletes up to a maximum team size of 40, which must consist of no more than 3 athletes for each individual event. Given this team size, the Selection Panel (“the Panel”) will select the team in 2 rounds, outlined in paragraphs 8 to 9 below.

***Note – the GB and NI team size is subject to budgetary constraints and as such British Athletics reserves the right to increase or decrease the maximum team size as necessary.*

8. Round 1 – clear final potential (Top 8 in Track/Top 12 in field events):

- a. Athletes will only be selected in this round if the Panel believe they have clear potential to final at the European u18 in 2022.
- b. If more athletes satisfy all the criteria outlined above than there are places available, athletes will be selected based on the Panel’s consideration of a combination of the following criteria (which are not listed in priority order) as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant:
 - i. 2022 Performance record and consistency.
 - ii. 2022 European ranking
 - iii. Current form;
 - iv. Future individual medal potential at indoor or outdoor major events;
 - v. Head-to-heads within the qualification period; and
 - vi. Injury/illness status.

9. Round 2 – medley relay:

- a. A medley relay team will only be selected where places remain unfilled following completion of rounds 1, and only if the Panel, in its absolute discretion, believes the team will be genuine medal contenders. The leg distances are 100m,200m,300m,400m.
- b. A maximum of 6 athletes may be selected for the medley relay, which can include those selected as individuals in previous rounds. For the avoidance of doubt the Panel may choose not to select any additional medley relay only athletes in this round, but still select a strike 4 and enter a team from athletes selected for the individual events in previous rounds.
- c. Athletes may be selected to the medley relay (as medley relay only athletes, or from previously selected individual athletes) based on the Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria, as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant. The criteria below are not listed in any priority order:
 - i. Current form;
 - ii. Head-to-heads;
 - iii. Previous major competition history;
 - iv. Relay experience
 - v. Competition timetable considerations: and
 - vi. Injury/illness status.
- d. Athletes selected for the medley relay only do not need to have achieved a British Athletics qualification standard.

10. The Panel reserves the right to make value judgments on situations that they consider to be exceptional circumstances within the reference framework and the spirit of the general policy;

11. The maximum **team size is 40 athletes.**

Conditions

12. Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Domestic competitions will only be accepted if they are achieved in License Level 2 competition (or higher) OR any of the following License Level 1 competitions:

- All County Championships
- All County Schools' Championships
- All divisions of the National Athletics League
- All premier division UK Youth Development League (YDL) matches (upper age-group).

For the avoidance of doubt, any Level 1 license competitions not listed above will NOT be valid for qualification purposes. Any athlete/coach who is unsure as to which competitions will be acceptable for qualification purposes are advised to contact Pathway Statistician Ian Hodge - IHodge@talentpathway.org.uk at the earliest opportunity.

13. Wind-assisted performances (or performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available) will not be accepted. The interpretation of a wind assisted Combined Events performance will be based on the most recent version of the IAAF rule book (at the time of selection), unless the relevant organising committee state otherwise.

14. Performances achieved in mixed events held completely in a stadium will not be accepted.

15. Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 100m/110m Hurdles and 400m Hurdles will not be accepted;

16. Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m or longer will be accepted.

Appeals

17. There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the GB&NI Team made by the Panel. The provisions of the British Athletics Selection Appeals Policy do not apply to the GB&NI team selections for the 2022 European Athletics U18 Championships.

Amendment

18. 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.

Team Management

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