

EA European Championships, Barcelona 2010

UK Athletics Selection Policy (December 2009)

Overview

This selection policy has been created to select a team to achieve the best possible results at the 2010 European Championships in Barcelona. To maintain the momentum gained at the World Championships we will use the same selection standards that were used in Berlin as we expect these to be close to the standards for the 2012 Olympics.

Selection will be given to the first two GB&NI athletes past the post at the Aviva European Trials and UK Championships (the "Trials"), provided that they hold a **current** UKA "A" standard before the Trials or achieve a UKA "A" standard at the Trials.

There is a separate selection policy for the Marathon (see "2010 European Athletics Championships Marathon selection policy" on the UKA website).

The rest of the team (excluding the Marathon) will be picked in one selection meeting to be held on **5th July 2010**, the team will be announced 6th July.

Requirements

Athletes must be eligible to compete for GB&NI to be considered for selection.

Athletes must compete in the event at the Trials that they wish to compete in at the European Championships. Permission to do otherwise must be gained in advance from the Head Coach (in the case of exceptional circumstances).

All selected athletes must attend the UKA holding camp for a minimum of eight days. Permission to do otherwise must be gained in advance from the Head Coach (in the case of exceptional circumstances).

The selection process is detailed in the "Selection Process" section, below.

The qualification standards are listed in the "UKA Standards" section.

Other rules and regulations regarding eligibility and the standards are listed in the "UKA Conditions" section.

Selection Process

The UKA qualification period is from 1st January 2009 to midnight (BST) on 4th July 2010.

In the notes below a “**current**” standard means a performance achieved during the 2010 outdoor season, specifically between 1st April 2010 and midnight (BST) on 4th July 2010.

The team (excluding the Marathon) will be picked in a single selection meeting to be held on **5th July 2010**.

The selection panel will select in four rounds as follows:

Round 1 – automatic selections: The first two GB&NI athletes past the post in the Trials will be selected provided that they hold a **current** UKA “A” standard before the Trials or achieve a UKA “A” standard at the Trials. Athletes will only be automatically selected for the discipline in which they finish in the top two at the Trails. *Note that there will not be a Trials event for walks or combined events so athletes in these events cannot be selected automatically.*

Round 2 – other athletes: The selection panel may select from the following group of athletes.

For the combined events, walks, 5,000m and 10,000m athletes who have:

- Achieved at least one UKA “A” standard during the qualification period, or
- Previously finished in the top eight in the 2008 Olympic Games or 2009 World Championships and have achieved at least one UKA “B” standard during the qualification period, or
- Hold one **current** UKA “B” standard.

For all other events athletes who have:

- Achieved two or more UKA “A” standards during the qualification period, or
- Previously finished in the top eight in the 2008 Olympic Games or 2009 World Championships and have achieved at least one UKA “A” standard during the qualification period, or
- Hold two or more **current** UKA “B” standards.

There is no automatic right of selection for athletes in Round 2. The selectors will prioritize athletes that they believe can realistically finish in the top eight in Barcelona. In coming to this decision the panel will consider:

- previous championships performances,
- position at the Trials,
- current form and fitness,
- any other factor(s) which in their expert opinion will impact on an athlete’s ability to finish in the top eight in Barcelona.

Round 3 – Relays: The selection panel will add athletes to relay squads (which can be up to six athletes) where it considers that the squad will be capable of at least a top eight place in Barcelona. Relay squad members do not need to hold individual A or B standards.

Round 4 – Head Coach discretion: The Head Coach, at his sole discretion, may add one or more very exceptional athletes to the team if they marginally miss the UKA standards but they meet the EAA qualification standards and have clear potential (in the Head Coach’s opinion) to finish in the top eight at the London Olympic Games. Note that the Head Coach cannot replace an athlete selected in one of the previous rounds.

UKA Standards

The UKA standards for the 2010 European Championships in Barcelona are shown below. For conditions on how these standards will be used and what counts as an eligible mark see the “Selection Process” and “UKA Conditions” sections.

Men		UKA Standards	Women	
A	B		A	B
10.21	10.28	100 Metres	11.30	11.40
20.59	20.75	200 Metres	23.00	23.30
45.55	45.95	400 Metres	51.50	52.30
1:45.40	1:46.60	800 Metres	2:00.00	2:01.30
3:36.20	3:39.20	1500 Metres	4:06.00	4:09.00
13:20.00	13:29.00	5000 Metres	15:10.00	15:25.00
27:47.00	28:12.00	10,000 Metres	31:45.00	32:20.00
See separate policy		Marathon	See separate policy	
8:23.00	8:33.50	3000 Metres Steeplechase	9:40.00	9:48.00
13.55	13.62	100/110 Metres Hurdles	12.96	13.11
49.25	49.80	400 Metres Hurdles	55.50	56.55
2.31m	2.28m	High Jump	1.95m	1.91m
5.70m	5.55m	Pole Vault	4.45m	4.35m
8.15m	8.05m	Long Jump	6.72m	6.62m
17.10m	16.65m	Triple Jump	14.20m	14.00m
20.30m	19.90m	Shot Put	18.20m	17.20m
64.50m	62.50m	Discus Throw	62.00m	58.50m
77.50m	74.30m	Hammer Throw	70.00m	67.50m
81.00m	78.00m	Javelin Throw	61.00m	59.00m
8000pts	7730pts	Decathlon / Heptathlon	6100pts	5900pts
1:22:30	1:24:20	20 Kilometres Race Walk	1:31:15	1:33:30
3:55:00	3:58:00	50 Kilometres Race Walk	n/a	n/a
39.10		4x100 Metres Relay	43.90	
3:03.30		4x400 Metres Relay	3:31.00	

UKA Conditions

All entries must conform to the EA entry rules and conditions for this event (see www.european-athletics.org).

We may enter one, two, three athletes per event, as follows:

- 1, 2 or 3 athletes with UKA "A" standard, or
- 1 athlete with the "B" and 1 or 2 athletes with the UKA "A" standard.

Note that, in exceptional circumstances, the panel may also select a reserve.

Multiple standards must have been achieved on separate days.

Performances must be achieved during competitions organized or authorized by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its Member Federations. Domestic competitions marks will only be recognized if they are achieved in UKA UK Challenge Classic Series events, domestic internationals, the CAU's (Inter-Counties), Area Championships or the Home Country Championships.

Race Walking qualification performances must be achieved in accredited competitions (see EA / IAAF web sites).

Performances in mixed events between male and female participants, held completely in a stadium, may be accepted under specific circumstances (see IAAF rule 147).

Wind assisted performances shall not be accepted. For the combined events the total score may be accepted even though some of the results had a tail wind of more than 2.0 m/s. The maximum limit is 4.0 m/s for any one event, but 2.0 m/s on average across all applicable disciplines.

Hand timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400, 100m /110m hurdles, 400m hurdles and 4x100m relay shall not be accepted.

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

In truly exceptional circumstances (for example the Trials, or a specific Trials event, is not held or completed) the panel will make selections based on the spirit of this policy.

Athletes may appeal their non-selection but only after the final selection date and only according to the procedure laid out in the "UKA Selection Appeals Policy" which can be found on the UKA web site.