



SELECTION POLICY

2023 EUROPEAN THROWING CUP: 11-12 MARCH – LEIRIA, PORTUGAL

This policy should be read in conjunction with the [Selection Panels Terms of Reference](#).

QUALIFYING PERIODS		
Date	Event	Notes
1 April 2022 to 26 February 2023	All events	
IMPORTANT DATES/CHECKLIST		
1 January 2023	Deadline for National Team Declaration Form	Online Form
26 February 2023	Final Team Selections	Names published after selection date on AAI website

1. ENTRY CONDITIONS:

- 1.1** Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics, 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 organized;
- 1.2** Performances must be achieved in bona fide competition (either indoors or outdoors) organised in conformity with World Athletics Rules;

2. ENTRY RULES

- 2.1** Each team shall consist of up to 3 (three) athletes entered in each event for Senior Men and Senior Women of which a maximum of 2 (two) may participate and 2 (two) athletes in each event for Under 23 Men and Women of which a maximum of 1 (one) may participate.
- 2.2** Member Federations not entering teams may enter athletes to compete as individuals, each event being considered separately.
- 2.3** Each athlete may be entered in one age group of an event at the European Cup Winter Throwing and he/she can only compete in the age group for which he/she was entered. For the avoidance of doubt, an athlete can be entered in different age groups in different events but cannot compete in the same event in two age groups.
- 2.4** Except in the Shot Put (men) and Hammer Throw (men), only athletes aged at least 16 (sixteen) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the European Throwing Cup.
- 2.5** Only athletes aged at least 18 (eighteen) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the Shot Put and Hammer Throw (men).
- 2.6** Only athletes aged at least 16 (sixteen) years and not more than 22 (twenty two) on the 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the Under 23 events.

3. SELECTION PHILOSOPHY:

- 3.1** Athletics Ireland values the importance of the European Throwing Cup and the part it plays in the progression of Irish Throws Athletes. Athletics Ireland intends to support athlete's participation at the European Throwing Cup to reflect our aim of improving our standing in the European Team Championships, and to assist in developing throwers who the Selection Panel believes are showing realistic progression towards European Championships, World Championships or Olympic Games qualification.

4. SELECTION PROCESS:**Participation Criteria**

4.1 Nothing in this Policy obliges Athletics Ireland to select a full contingent of athletes in any particular event regardless of the Entry Rules or the Performance Standards. Athletics Ireland will select its Team according to the criteria set out in this Policy as allowed by Entry Rules.

Eligibility

4.2 In order to be eligible for selection all athletes must:

4.2.1 Fill out a [National Team Declaration Form \(NTDF\)](#) on Athletics Ireland High Performance website by 1 January 2023.

4.2.2 Satisfy all World Athletics eligibility, nationality and world championship participation rules.

4.2.3 Be a registered member of Athletics Ireland.

4.2.4 Remain in “good standing” with Athletics Ireland and at all times comply with any established code of conduct or athlete agreement and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or the National Team into disrepute.

4.2.5 Athletics Ireland may enter only those athletes who have received certification for having completed the European Athletics Anti-Doping Education Programme – [I Run Clean](#).

Performance Standards

4.3 Athletics Ireland has set its own Performance Standards for the purposes of this Selection Policy (only World Athletics/EAA recognised performances and events will only be accepted). Athletics Ireland’s Performance Standards for each of the events to be conducted at the 2023 European Throwing Cup are set out in clause 6.

Qualification Periods

4.4 Athletics Ireland has set its own Qualification Periods in which the Performance Standards must be achieved. Selection will be based on performances during the Qualification Periods of 1 April 2022 to 26 February 2023.

General Selection Criteria

4.5 The Selection Panel may “exercise their sole discretion” to select an athlete(s) that meets with the eligibility and entry rules of the 2023 European Throwing Cup. This includes selections for individuals, teams, and for instances when there are more than 2 (u23) or 3 (Senior) athletes beyond the entry standard.

4.5.1 The Selection Panel may use their sole and overriding discretion to consider any factor or combination of factors that, in their opinion, are relevant to the selection of an athlete, including, but not necessarily limited to the following general principles:

A. Consistency and Repeatability of performances during the qualification period, showing current form and fitness

B. Statistical data (ranking/performance list, performance-time curves)

C. Championship performance history, in particular, the history of the athlete’s on-demand performances at championships

D. The competitive **head to head record** of each athlete

E. Injury and illness history

4.6 Where there are more athletes that have achieved the selection criteria in this policy beyond the maximum entry limit in any one event, the Selectors will have sole and overriding discretion to decide which of the athlete(s) is to be selected.

4.7 The Selection Panel reserve the right not to select any athlete unless that athlete can satisfactorily demonstrate that they are in a position to exercise full compliance with any Covid-19 related measures required by Team Management and any Covid-19 related measures specific to the jurisdictions in which they reside and to which they will travel, required in advance of, during, and on return from overseas travel to compete in a sporting event. Please contact [AAI Performance Operations Manager](#) with any queries in relation to Covid-19 compliance required for participation at this event.

Individual Selection Criteria

4.8 Any eligible athlete who has achieved one or more Performance Standards in a given event during the Qualification Period may **be considered for selection** to the 2023 European Throwing Cup.

4.9 Having considered athletes for selection that have achieved a qualification standard during the qualifying period and given that this event is positioned as a Development Event, selectors **may** then consider athletes that have not achieved a qualifying standard. When considering athletes that have not achieved a qualification standard during the qualifying period:

4.9.1 Selectors will consider athletes that have come closest to the qualification standards as identified by the athletes best throw during the qualification period, expressed as percentage of the qualification standard in that event.

4.9.2 Selectors will only consider athletes for selection that have not achieved a Qualification standard if they believe that participation at the 2023 European Throwing Cup is critical for that athlete's preparation and qualification for 2023 European U20 Championships, 2023 European U23 Championships 2023 World University Games or 2023 World Championships.

4.9.3 Selectors will only consider athletes for selection that have not achieved a Qualification standard if fewer than six (6) athletes have been selected having achieved a qualification standard during the qualification period.

4.9.4 Selectors will select a maximum of six (6) athletes in total if fewer than six (6) athletes have achieved a qualification standard, including athletes who have achieved a qualification standard and athletes who have not achieved a qualification standard. Nothing in this policy obliges Athletics Ireland to select as many as six (6) athletes, regardless of whether or not a qualification standard has been achieved.

After Selection

4.10 For the purposes of clarity, it is the intended operation of this Policy that **all selections in the Team remain conditional** up and through the championships given the athlete shows form and fitness.

4.10.1 Failure by a selected athlete to show form and fitness prior to the Championships will, at the discretion of the Selectors, High Performance Director and/or Team Manager result in an athlete who has been initially selected to the team being withdrawn.

4.11 An athlete who enters the Athletics Ireland Team Camp and/or the 2023 European Throwing Cup's village will be subject to an injury evaluation/assessment by the championship Team Management staff. The injury evaluation/assessment will be carried out by Athletics Ireland's medical team.

4.11.1 If as a result of such injury evaluation/assessment the Team Physio, Team Management staff, and Team Leader/Manager considers an athlete does not have the standard of fitness or is otherwise not in condition to compete due to injury at a level appropriate to the event(s) for which they have been selected, the Team Leader/Manager will have the sole discretion to withdraw the athlete from the competition.

4.12 An athlete who is found to have breached any Athletics Ireland, World Athletics, EAA, LOC or other relevant code of conduct may be withdrawn from the competition at the sole discretion of the Team Leader/Manager.

4.13 Athletics Ireland reserve the right to cancel any and all selections up to and through the championships due to any Covid-19 related developments in Ireland or overseas that could increase the risk of harm to the travelling party or to the health and well-being of the general population.

Selectors Meeting

4.13 The Selection Panel members and the [Selectors Terms of Reference can be found here](#).

4.13.1 Final Team selections will be on 26 February 2023 and will be published thereafter on the High Performance Section of AAI website.

Selection Queries

4.14 Athletes can query (i.e. seek clarification regarding selection and/or requirements regarding what they need to do to meet selection requirements) with the Athletics Ireland [Performance Director](#) or the [National Field Events Coordinator](#).

Non-Selection Appeals Process

4.15 The publishing of selected athletes (Selection Announcement) on Athletics Ireland website after a selection meeting will be **deemed the commencement of the 24-hour period to lodge non-Selection Appeals** in accordance with this Selection Policy.

4.16 Any athlete who is not selected in accordance with this Selection Policy may appeal their non-selection to Athletics Ireland providing they:

4.16.1 Have submitted an NTFD in accordance with timelines contained in this Selection Policy and;

4.16.2 Submit a notice of their intention to appeal their non-selection via online [Notice of Appeals Form](#) within 24 hours of the selection decision published on the Athletics Ireland website (i.e. the Selection Announcement). The Notice of Appeal Form is submitted to the Chair of the Appeals Panel and the CEO of Athletics Ireland.

4.17 The [Selection Appeals Procedure](#) can be found on the HP section of Athletics Ireland website.

4.18 The Grounds upon which a Selection decision may be appealed are limited to the following:

4.18.1 There has been an alleged failure by Selection Panel to follow or apply the relevant Selection Procedure and/or criteria set out in the Selection Policy, and/or

4.18.2 The decision for selection for the championship has been reached based on an error of fact.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION:

5.1 This policy and criteria may be amended at any time by the Directors of Athletics Ireland, if Athletics Ireland is of the opinion that such amendment is necessary in the best interests of Athletics Ireland or as a result of any change in participation rules and/or guidelines. Any amendment to the policy and criteria will be published on the Athletics Ireland High Performance website.

Funding

5.2 Selected athletes may be required to make a contribution towards the cost of this competition.

Meet Information

5.3 As per the Teams Policy, all flights will be to and from Dublin only.

6. ATHLETICS IRELAND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

MENS STANDARDS	CATEGORY AND EVENT	WOMENS STANDARD
17.20m	U23 Shot	14.25m
52.00m	U23 Discus	47.50m
64.50m	U23 Hammer	60.00m
69.00m	U23 Javelin	48.50m
18.80m	Sen Shot	15.50m
56.00m	Sen Discus	51.50m
69.00m	Sen Hammer	63.00m
73.50m	Sen Javelin	52.00m