



## SELECTION POLICY

## DNA U20 INDOORS: 22 FEBRUARY 2023, MADRID SPAIN

QUALIFYING PERIODS		
Date	Event	Notes
1 November 2022 to 5 February 2023	All Events	
IMPORTANT DATES/CHECKLIST		
15 January 2023	National Team Declaration Form	<a href="#">Online Form</a>
5 February 2023	Selection Meeting	Names published after selection date on AAI website

## 1. CONDITIONS

- 1.1 Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics (WA), 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 organised;
- 1.2 Performances must be achieved in bona fide competition (either indoors or outdoors) organised in conformity with WA Rules;
- 1.3 Performances achieved in mixed events (between male and female participants), held completely in the stadium, shall not be accepted as entry standards;
- 1.4 Wind assisted performances in the relevant individual events and combined events will not be considered.

## 2. ENTRY RULES

- 2.1 Only athletes aged at least 16 years and no more than 19 years on 31 December 2023 may participate in this event.
  - 2.1.1 In Shot Put (Men), only athletes aged at least 18 years and no more than 19 years on 31 December 2023 may participate in this event.
- 2.2 Each Nation may enter one (1) athlete in each individual event. Two (2) athletes may be entered in the 2x2x200m (1 man, 1 woman), four (4) athletes may be entered in the Mixed 4x400m relay (2 men, 2 women) and four (4) athletes may be entered in The Hunt (600m man, 400m woman, 200m man, 800m woman).

## 3. SELECTION PHILOSOPHY

- 3.1 The 2023 DNA U20 Madrid is a novel new competition format referred to as Dynamic New Athletics which will see 6 nations compete against each other in a two-hour long team competition. Athletics Ireland views this event as a Development Event that presents an opportunity for athletes to gain valuable international exposure, while providing a preparation opportunity ahead of the 2023 European U20 Championships.

## 4. SELECTION PROCESS

### Participation Criteria

- 4.1 Nothing in this Policy obliges Athletics Ireland to select a full contingent of athletes regardless of the Entry Rules. 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 before 15 January 2023.
  - 4.2.2 Satisfy all WA eligibility, nationality and European championship participation rules.
  - 4.2.3 Be a registered member of Athletics Ireland.

4.2.4 Have completed European Athletics anti-doping education programme [irunclean](#).

4.2.5 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.

### Performance Standards

4.3 There are no Performance Standards for the 2023 DNA U20 Madrid. Athletes will be selected in the following events:

- 60m men & women
- 60m hurdles men & women
- 800m women
- Mixed 4x400 relay: 2 men, 2 women
- Mixed 2x2x200 relay: 1 man, 1 woman
- The Hunt relay: 600m men- 400m women – 200m men - 800m women
- Long Jump women
- High Jump men
- Shot Put men

### Qualification Periods

4.4 Athletics Ireland has set the Qualification Periods of 1 November 2022 to 5 February 2023 for all events.

### Individual Selection Criteria

4.5 Athletics Ireland will select a full team of eighteen (18) athletes for this event, filling each individual and relay slot available.

4.6 In the M & W 60m, M & W 60m Hurdles, W 800m, W LJ, M HJ and M SP the best placed eligible athlete in that event from the 2023 Indoor Performance List as of 6 February 2023, who is available for selection, will be selected.

4.8 Athletes will only be selected from the final list of those who have declared their interest in competing by submitting a [National Team Declaration Form](#) for this event.

### Relays

4.9 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 to a relay panel, including, but not necessarily limited to the following general principles:

- A. Consistency and Repeatability** of performances (in relevant events) during the qualification period, and showing current form and fitness
- B. Statistical data** (ranking/performance list, performance-time curves, altitude/wind adjustments)
- C. Championship performance history**, particularly the history of the athlete’s on-demand performances at major championships
- D. The competitive head to head record** of each athlete
- E. Injury and illness** history
- F. Previous/current relay experience** (proven ability to pass and receive batons, championship experience, head to heads).
- G. Relay splits** taken from prior championship or non-championships events may be considered.
- H. Commitment to relay programme** and relay panel initiatives.

4.10 Athletes will only be selected to relays from the final list of those who have declared their interest in competing by submitting a [National Team Declaration Form](#) for this event.

### 4.11 Final Relay Team Selections

The “Strike Four” athletes for any Relay Team(s) that run at this event will be **selected by the appointed Relay Coach in consultation with team management** before final relay declarations. For selection purposes there are “No Appeals” against the final running order or to the selection of the “Strike Four” athletes.

### Selectors Meeting

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

4.13 Selectors meetings will be held to select athletes on 5 February 2023.

### After Selection

**4.14** 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 competition given the athlete shows form and fitness.

**4.14.1** Form and fitness is proven by the athlete achieving a performance/result prior to the championships that is close/better than that athlete's best performance during the qualifying period.

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

**4.15** An athlete who enters the Athletics Ireland competition 'village' will be subject to an injury evaluation/assessment by the Team Management staff. The injury evaluation/assessment will be carried out by Athletics Ireland's Physio (or appointed Team Physio).

**4.15.1** If as a result of such injury evaluation/assessment the Team Physio, Team Management staff, and Team Leader 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 will have the sole discretion to withdraw the athlete from the competition.

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

### Selection Queries

**4.17** Athletes can seek clarification regarding selection and/or requirements regarding [Athletics Ireland Performance Pathway Manager](#).

### Non-Selection Appeals Process

**4.18** As this is a Development Event, rather than a Championship, no non-selection appeals will be considered.

## **5. GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

### Meet Information

**5.2** Selected athletes' personal coaches/family outside of the selected "Official Irish Team" will be responsible for their own travel, accommodations, tickets, and accreditations for this event.