



SELECTION POLICY

2023 EUROPEAN ATHLETICS INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: MARCH 2-5 ISTANBUL TURKEY**GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

QUALIFICATION PERIOD		
Date	Event	Note
20 Feb 2022 to 19 Feb 2023	A standards and World Ranking Points - All events except Combined Events	
1 Nov 2022 to 19 Feb 2023	B standards - All events except Combined Events	B standards must be achieved indoors
20 Aug 2021 to 19 Feb 2023	A standards and World Ranking Points - Combined Events only	
1 April 2022 to 19 Feb 2023	B standards - Combined Events only	
IMPORTANT DATES		
1 January 2023	Deadline for National Team Declaration Form	Online Form
6 February 2023	Dispensation Request	Online Form
18-19 February 2023	AAI Indoor Championships	
21 February 2022	Final 'Road to Istanbul 2023' released by European Athletics	
21 February 2023	Final selections all events	Names published after selection date on AAI website

1. ENTRY CONDITIONS:

1.1 All performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics, its Area Associations, or its National Federations, and conducted in conformity with World Athletics Rules and for which (starting from 1 January 2023) an application has been submitted in advance (see below).

1.2 Starting 1 January 2023, in the case of National permit competitions, in addition to compliance with the above, all performances must be achieved in a competition for which an application has been submitted to World Athletics (see World Rankings Competitions Framework). The list of such competitions will be published on the Global Calendar pages of the World Athletics website.

1.3 Performances achieved in mixed competitions (male and female athletes) in track events will not be accepted.

1.4 Performances which are wind assisted or for which a wind reading is not available, will not be accepted for Entry Standards purposes (but will be valid for the World Rankings with the appropriate adjustments)

1.5 Hand-timed performances in 60m, 100m, 400m, 60m Hurdles, and 100m/110m Hurdles will not be accepted.

1.6 For the running events of 200m and over, performances achieved on oversized indoor tracks will NOT be accepted.

1.7 Athletes aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December 2023 (born in 2006 or 2007), may compete in any event except Shot Put Men.

1.8 Only athletes aged at least 18 (eighteen) years on 31 December 2023 (born in 2005) may participate in Shot Put Men.

2. ENTRY RULES:

2.1 Athletics Ireland may enter up to 4 (four) qualified athletes in each individual event of whom up to 3 (three) may participate.

3. SELECTION PHILOSOPHY:

3.1 To support and achieve our High Performance vision of "more athletes winning on the world stage" Athletics Ireland has set the Performance Standards for the 2023 European Athletics Indoor Championships so that an athlete selected to compete will be **expected to be capable of obtaining a podium, top 8, or top 16 finish.**

4. SELECTION PROCESS:

Participation Criteria

4.1 Nothing in this Policy obliges Athletics Ireland to select a full contingent of three (3) 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. **Achieving a Performance Standard or qualifying by World Rank gives no right or guarantee of selection.**

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 4 January 2023.

4.2.2 Must compete in Athletics Ireland's National Indoor Championships on 18-19 February 2023.

4.2.3 Satisfy all World Athletics eligibility, nationality and European championship participation rules.

4.2.4 Be a registered member of Athletics Ireland.

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.

4.2.6 Each European Athletics Member Federation may enter only those athletes who have received and hold valid certification for having completed European Athletics Anti-Doping Education Programme – [I Run Clean](#).

Performance Standards

4.3 Athletics Ireland's Performance Standards for each of the events to be conducted at the 2023 European Athletics Indoor Championships are set out in clause 6.

4.3.1 B Standards must be achieved in indoor competition only in all events except Combined Events.

4.3.2 In Combined Events, B standards can be achieved both indoors and outdoors.

Qualification Period

4.4 Athletics Ireland's Qualification Period's for the 2023 European Athletics Indoor Championships are as follows:

4.4.1 A standards and performances contributing to World Ranking Points must be achieved during the qualification period of 20 February 2022 to 19 February 2023 in all events other than Combined Events.

4.4.2 B standards must be achieved in indoor competition only during the qualification period of 1 November 2022 to 19 February 2023 in all events other than Combined Events.

4.4.3 In the Combined Events only, A standards and performances contributing to World Ranking Points must be achieved during the qualification period of 20 August 2021 to 19 February 2023.

4.4.4 In the Combined Events only, B standards, which can be attained indoors or outdoors, must be achieved during the qualification period of 1 April 2022 to 19 February 2023.

General Selection Criteria

4.5 The Selection Panel has "sole and overriding discretion" to select the team members that meet with the eligibility and entry rules of the 2023 European Athletics Indoor Championships. This includes selections for relay teams, individuals and for instances when there are more than 3 athletes beyond the entry limit.

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 (in all or any events) during the qualification period, achieving the performance standard and showing current form and fitness

B. Statistical data (ranking/performance list, performance-time curves, course ratings, altitude/wind adjustments)

C. Championship performance history, in particular 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

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 For an individual athlete **to be considered for selection** to the 2023 European Athletics Indoor Championships an athlete must fulfil at least one of the following conditions:

4.8.1 have achieved an A standard (see clause 6) during the relevant qualification period

4.8.2 have achieved a B standard (see clause 6) during the relevant qualification period **PLUS** be eligible for entry via individual Athletes Ranking Process. B standards must be achieved indoors during the relevant qualification period (clause 4.4.2) in all events other than combined Events, which can be achieved indoors or outdoors (clause 4.4.4).

4.8.3 have been selected as a member of a relay panel or in an individual event and be eligible for selection in another event via individual athlete ranking process. In such cases athletes may be considered for selection in individual events without having achieved a 'B' standard.

4.9 Athletes seeking selection for the 2023 European Indoor Championships **MUST** compete at the Athletics Ireland National Indoor Championships (AINIC) on 18-19 February 2023. Athletes must compete in the event in which they are seeking selection.

[Dispensation request](#) from not competing or for competing in events other than those in which the athlete is seeking selection will ONLY be granted for medical reasons and/or exceptional circumstances.

4.9.1 Dispensation requests must be received no later than 6 February 2023. In the case of illness or injury all medical claims will be verified by AAI's medical team.

4.9.2 Dispensation approval will be at the sole discretion of the Selectors and will only be granted to athletes in exceptional circumstances.

4.10 An athlete who wins the 2023 AINIC (in the event in which they are seeking selection) and has met all other requirements of this selection policy will be automatically selected for the 2023 European Indoor Championships.

Relays

4.11 The number of teams to participate in relays at the European Athletics Indoor Championships is limited to 6 teams in each 4x400m event. The places for relay teams shall be allocated as per main points below:

4.11.1 The European Athletics Member Federation of the host country shall be allocated 1 (one) place in each relay.

4.11.2 3 (three) places shall be allocated in accordance with the order of ranking of European Athletics Member Federation official teams in 4 x 400m combined outdoor lists of 2022.

4.11.3 The other 2 (two) places (or 3 (three) if the host European Athletics Member Federation does not take its allocated place) shall be allocated in accordance with the accumulated 400m times of individual athletes from 2023 indoor season as at 10 days prior to the first day of the European Athletics Indoor Championships (20 February 2023).

4.12 Relay teams will be considered for selection by the Selection Panel on confirmation of qualification of the relay team from European Athletics.

4.13 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 a relay panel and of an athlete to the 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**, in particular, 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
- I. Availability for selection** of relay panel members and those athletes who contributed to the relay panel's qualification

4.14 Final Relay Team Selections

The "Strike Four" athletes for any Relay Team(s) that run at the championships will be **selected by the appointed Relay Coach, in consultation with the Performance Director** and confirmed by 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 Meetings

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

4.16 Selectors meetings will be held to select athletes as follows: Final selections all events will be on **22 February 2023**.

After Selection

4.17 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.

4.17.1 Form and fitness is proven by the athlete achieving a performance/result prior to the championships that is close/better than the published Performance Standards set in (clause 6).

4.17.2 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.

4.18 An athlete who enters the Athletics Ireland Team Camp and/or the 2023 European Indoor Championship 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 Physio (or appointed Team Physio).

4.18.1 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.

4.19 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.

4.20 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.

Selection Queries

4.21 Athletes can seek clarification regarding selection policy from the [Athletics Ireland Performance Director](#).

Non-Selection Appeals Process

4.22 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 accord with this Selection Policy.

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

4.23.1 Have submitted an NTF in accordance with timelines contained in this Selection Policy and;

4.23.2 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.

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

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

4.25.1 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

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

5. [GENERAL INFORMATION:](#)

5.1 The 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 EAA participation rules and/or guidelines. Any amendment to the criteria will be published on the Athletics Ireland website.

Meet Information

5.2 The number of officials/coaches accreditations authorised per team is limited. Officials and Team Coaches (if deemed necessary) will be accredited on this basis and named after the team selections.

5.3 Selected athletes' personal coaches/family outside of the selected "Official Irish Team" will be responsible for their own travel, accommodations, tickets, and accreditations for the 2023 European Indoor Championship.

6. [PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:](#)

MEN		EVENT (Target Number)	WOMEN	
A Standard	B Standard		A Standard	B Standard
6.63 (10.08 100m outdoor)	6.70	60m (40)	7.24 (11.10 100m outdoors)	7.34
46.35 (45.15 outdoor)	47.05	400m (30)	52.20 (50.80 outdoor)	53.10
1:46.75 (1:44.70 outdoor)	1:48.00	800m (30)	2:02.20 (1:59.00 outdoor)	2:04.00
3:37.40 (3:32.80 outdoor)	3:41.00 (3:58 mile)	1500m (27)	4:09.00 (4:02.50 outdoor)	4:13.50 (4:33.50 mile)
7:44.00 (7:37.00 outdoor)	7:52.00	3000m (24)	8:48.00 (8:39.00 outdoor)	9:05.00
7.64 (13.30 110mH outdoor)	7.78	60m hurdles (32)	8.03 (12.90 100mH outdoor)	8.15
2.30m	2.23	High jump (18)	1.96m	1.90
5.82m	5.60	Pole vault (18)	4.70m	4.45
8.12m	7.90	Long jump (18)	6.75m	6.50
17.02m	16.40	Triple jump (18)	14.32m	13.75
21.20m	20.30	Shot put (18)	18.60m	17.45
6140 (8400 for Dec)	5900 (8100 For Dec)	CE (14)	4580 (6650 for Hep)	4350 (6200 For Hep)
As per clause 4.11		4x400m (6)	As per clause 4.11	