



## NOMINATION POLICY

### 2023 EUROPEAN YOUTH OLYMPIC FESTIVAL: 24-29 July, Maribor, Slovenia

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

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

TEAM INFORMATION		
Date	Event	Notes
1 January 2023 to 11 June 2023	Qualification Period	One Major Championship for Athletes U18 (clause 3.2).
IMPORTANT DATES		
7 April 2023 Deadline	Data upload to OFI Team Ireland Portal	All potential team members should upload all the required info to the Team Ireland Portal via link emailed to longlist
12 June 2023	Confirmation of athletes to be Nominated to the Olympic Federation of Ireland (OFI) for consideration for Selection.	The list of athletes to be nominated will be emailed to all athletes who have uploaded all the required info to the Team Ireland Portal via link emailed to longlist
15 June 2023, or thereafter	OFI to select, based on nominations received from Athletics Ireland, after any non-nomination appeals have been heard by Athletics Ireland.	Names sent to OFI for ratification.
11 July 2023	OFI EYOF Team Day	All nominated athletes to attend
12 July 2023	Team Announcement by OFI	Names published on AAI and OFI websites.

#### 1. ENTRY CONDITIONS:

- 1.1 Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics, its Area Associations or its Member Federations.
- 1.2 Performances must be achieved during an official competition organised in conformity with World Athletics Rules.
- 1.3 Performances achieved in mixed competitions in track events will not be accepted.
- 1.4 Wind-assisted performances over (over 2m/sec) will not be accepted.
- 1.5 Indoor performances will be accepted.
- 1.6 For the running events of 200m and over, performances achieved on oversized tracks will not be accepted.

#### 2. ENTRY RULES:

- 2.1 The maximum number of events that an athlete can compete in is two individual events plus the relay. If the two individual events are Track events, only one may be longer than 200m. Selectors reserve the right to restrict an athlete to just one individual event, regardless of qualifying standard attained, if they feel that doing so is in the best interests of the athlete's welfare and long-term development.
- 2.2 Federations are limited to enter one (1) competitor in each event of the competition.
- 2.3 Only athletes **born in 2006 or 2007** will be eligible for selection to compete in the European Youth Olympic Festival 2023.

2.4 The European Olympic Committee has a set a maximum quota of 24 athletes (this includes relays) that can be selected for this event.

### 3. NOMINATION/SELECTION PHILOSOPHY:

3.1 Athletics Ireland recognises the importance of the European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF) in the development of the next generation of international athletes. The Performance Guideline Standards set reflect a desire to develop young athletes and give them the opportunity to be competitive at this international level.

3.2 In the interest of long term athlete welfare, Athletics Ireland will only consider athletes **who are less than 18 years of age** to be eligible to compete at **one major championship in 2023** (either the European u20 Championships, or the European Youth Olympics Festival). Only in exceptional circumstances may an athlete be considered for more than one.

### 4. SELECTION PROCESS:

#### Participation Criteria

4.1 Nothing in this Policy obliges Athletics Ireland to nominate a full contingent of one (1) athlete in any particular event, or to select the maximum team size of 24 athletes, regardless of the Entry Rules or the Performance Guideline Standards. **Athletics Ireland will nominate its Team to the Olympic Federation of Ireland 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 their details and upload all required documents to the OFI Team Ireland Portal by 7 April 2023.
- 4.2.2 Be in possession of a full IRISH passport that is valid until at least February 2024.
- 4.2.3 Satisfy all World Athletics eligibility, nationality and LOC participation rules.
- 4.2.4 Be a registered member of Athletics Ireland.
- 4.2.6 Comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force.
- 4.2.7 Have completed the Team Ireland Maribor 2023 Team Member Agreement.
- 4.2.8 Have completed the online anti-doping 'I Run Clean' course within 12 months prior to nomination date.
- 4.2.9 Is not currently serving a period of ineligibility or period of provisional suspension in relation to an anti-doping rule violation.
- 4.2.10 Have completed the IOC Preventing Competition Manipulation online course.
- 4.2.11 Have completed the OFI Medical Data Capture Survey (if available at time of nomination).
- 4.2.12 Have demonstrated to the satisfaction of Athletics Ireland that they are fit to perform at a sufficiently competitive level at the Games.
- 4.2.13 Has not acted in such a manner so as to bring himself/herself, Athletics Ireland, the sport, World Athletics, the OFI, the IOC or the EOC into current disrepute. For the avoidance of doubt: the evaluation of this requirement is at the sole discretion of Athletics Ireland's Nomination Committee for the purposes of Nomination and at the sole discretion of the OFI Selection Committee for the purposes of Selection: the public disrepute referred to within this clause includes potential and/or actual disrepute; an example of such public disrepute may include (but is not limited to) an athlete being charged with or convicted of a criminal offence.

#### Performance Guideline Standards

4.3 Athletics Ireland has set its own Performance Guideline Standards for the purposes of this Nomination/Selection Policy. As a guide for nomination, Athletics Ireland's Performance Guideline Standards for each of the events to be conducted at the 2023 European Youth Olympic Festival are set out in clause 6. **Achieving the Performance Guideline Standard does not guarantee automatic right of nomination.**

#### Qualification Period

4.4 Athletics Ireland's has set the Qualification Period in which the Performance Guidelines Standards must be achieved. Nominations will be based on performances (for all events) during the period of **1 January 2023 to 11 June 2023.**

#### General Nomination Criteria

**4.5** The Selection Panel may “exercise their sole and overriding discretion” to nominate an athlete(s) or relay team(s) that meets with the eligibility and entry rules of the 2023 EYOF and as stipulated in this Selection Policy. This includes selections for relay teams, individuals and for instances when there are more than 1 athlete who have met the performance standard in any given event.

**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, or beyond the maximum team quota of 24 athletes, the Nomination Panel will have sole and overriding discretion to decide which of the athlete(s) is to be nominated. Final team nominations will be confirmed as selected to the team by the OFI.

#### **Individual Nomination/Selection Criteria**

**4.7** To be considered for nomination/selection as an individual to the 2023 European Youth Olympic Festival it is expected that the athlete achieve a Performance Guideline Standard (clause 6) within the Qualifying Period. An athlete should endeavour to better the required Performance Guideline Standard on more than one occasion and should demonstrate, throughout the season, his or her ability to perform consistently close to the Performance Guideline Standard.

**4.8** If the team quota of 24 athletes has not been achieved through the Performance Guideline Standards at the end of the qualification period the Selection Panel may consider athletes for selection to fill the remaining quota places. The Selection Panel may consider athletes to fill the quota with reference to (but not limited to) the factors listed in 4.5.1 above.

**4.9** The Nomination Panel will consider any established breach of any code of conduct or athlete agreement by an athlete as a member of an Athletics Ireland representative team in deciding whether to select an athlete. Such a breach may result in the panel not nominating an athlete for selection, who would otherwise satisfy these criteria.

#### **After Nomination/Selection**

**4.10** All nominated athletes must be cleared as “**Fit to Compete**” by Athletics Ireland medical team. All nominations are to remain conditional until proof of fitness to compete is confirmed.

**4.11** An athlete who enters the Team Ireland Camp and/or the 2023 European Youth Olympic Festival village will be subject to an injury evaluation/assessment by the championship Team Management staff. The injury evaluation/assessment will be carried out by the OFI/EYOF Medical Team.

**4.11.1** If as a result of such injury evaluation/assessment the Team Physio, Team Management staff, or Team Leader/Manager consider 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 recommend the withdrawal of the athlete from the competition to the Chef de Mission.

**4.11.2** An athlete who is found to have breached any Athletics Ireland, OFI, World Athletics or other relevant code of conduct may be withdrawn from the competition or have their accreditation withdrawn on the recommendation of the Team Leader/Manager to the Chef de Mission

#### **Nomination Meeting**

**4.12** The Nomination Panel will meet to nominate athletes to the OFI on June 12<sup>th</sup> and Final Team selections will be confirmed by the OFI thereafter.

**4.12.1** The Nomination Panel members and the [Selectors Terms of Reference can be found here](#).

#### **Nomination Queries**

**4.13** Athletes can seek clarification regarding what they need to do to meet selection requirements with [Athletics Ireland](#)

[Performance Pathway Manager.](#)**Non-Nomination Appeals Process**

**4.14** The written communication, via email, from Athletics Ireland to all athletes who have filled out their details and uploaded all required documents to the OFI Team Ireland Portal by 7 April 2023, announcing the list of athletes to be nominated to the Olympic Federation of Ireland to be considered for final selection (Nomination Announcement) will be **deemed the commencement of the 24 hour period to lodge an appeal against non-nomination** in accordance with this Nomination Policy.

**4.15** Any athlete who is not Nominated in accordance with this Nomination Policy may appeal their non-Nomination to Athletics Ireland providing they:

**4.15.1** Filled out their details and uploaded all required documents to the OFI Team Ireland Portal

**4.15.2** Have submitted an appeal against their non-Nomination via online [Notice of Appeals Form](#) within 24 hours of the Nomination Announcement (clause 4.19). The Notice of Appeal Form is submitted to the Chair of the Athletics Ireland Appeals Panel and the CEO of Athletics Ireland.

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

**4.15.4** The Grounds upon which a nomination decision may be appealed are limited to the following:

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

**4.15.6** The decision for nomination for the championship has been reached based on an error of fact.

**4.16** Following the completion of Athletics Ireland's internal non-nomination appeals process as outlined above, the non-nominated athlete has the right to appeal further to Sport Dispute Solutions Ireland. The procedure for a Non-nomination Appeal shall be as follows:

**4.16.1** Within 24 hours of receiving Athletics Ireland's notice of their non-selection, the Athlete must file and serve (on the respective CEOs of Athletics Ireland) a Notice of Appeal with SDSI setting out clearly the grounds upon which they dispute their non-selection.

**4.16.2** Thereafter the SDSI Procedural Rules shall apply.

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

**6. PERFORMANCE GUIDELINE STANDARDS:**

<b>Boys</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Girls</b>
10.90	100m	12.05
22.20	200m	24.90
49.70	400m	56.60
1:55.30	800m	02:11.50
3:59.00	1500m	04:35.00
8:40.00	3000m	10:10.00
6:10.00	2000mSC	07:12.00
14.40	110H (91.4cm) /100H (76.2cm)	14.15
55.25	400H (83.8cm/76.2cm)	62.45
1.98m	High Jump	1.75
4.60m	Pole Vault	3.70
6.90m	Long Jump	5.85
14.20m	Triple Jump	12.20
16.80m	Shot Putt 5kg/3kg	14.40
53.00m	Discus 1.5kg/1kg	41.00
62.50m	Hammer 5kg/3kg	57.40
63.00m	Javelin 700g/500g	48.50
23:35.00	5000m Walk	25:35.00
6150	Decathlon / Heptathlon	4875
No standard	Medley Relay (100m, 200m, 300m, 400m)	No standard