



SELECTION POLICY

2023 WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS: 19-27 AUGUST – BUDAPEST HUNGARY

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

QUALIFICATION PERIODS		
Date	Event	Notes
1 December 2021 to 30 May 2023	Marathon & 35km Race Walk	
31 January 2022 to 30 July 2023	10,000m, 20km Race Walk, Combined Events	
31 July 2022 to 30 July 2023	All Other Events	
IMPORTANT DATES		
1 February 2023	National Team Declaration Form Deadline.	Online Form
29 & 30 July 2023	AAI Outdoor National Championships	
17 July 2023	Deadline for Dispensation Request	Online Form
Date TBC	WA publish final list of athletes eligible for entry for Marathon and 35km Walk	
1 June 2023	Final Selections Marathon and 35km RW	Names published after selection date on AAI website
02 August 2023	WA publish list of athletes eligible for entry in all other events	
03 August 2023	Final Selections All Other Events	Names published after selection date on AAI website

1. ENTRY CONDITIONS:

1.1 In individual events Member Federations will be allowed to participate with up to a maximum of three qualified athletes (four in case of a Wild Card) in each event. A fourth (fifth in case of a Wild Card) qualified athlete can be entered as a reserve.

1.2 Each Member Federation will be allowed to enter one qualified team in each relay event, subject to the below. A total of six athletes may be entered and these must include the individual athletes (up to four) entered in the respective individual event (100m and 400m). This does not apply to the Mixed 4x400m.

1.3 Lower ages limits:

1.3.1 Under 20 Athletes – Athletes aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December 2023, (i.e. born in 2004 or 2005), may compete in any event except the Marathon and 35km Race Walk.

1.3.2 Under 18 Athletes – Athletes aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December 2023 (born in 2006 or 2007), may compete in any event except the throwing events, the Combined Events, 10,000m, Marathon and the Race Walks.

1.3.3 Athletes younger than 16 – No athlete younger than 16 years of age on 31 December 2023 (born in 2008 or later) may be entered.

2. QUALIFICATION SYSTEM:

2.1 Athletics Ireland has adopted the WA Qualification Periods in which the Performance Standards and World Rank must be achieved. Selection will be based on performances during the Qualification Periods of:

2.1.1 1 December 2021 to 30 May 2023 for the Marathon and 35km Race Walk.

2.1.2 31 January 2022 to 30 July 2023 for the 10,000m, 20km Race Walk, Combined Events.

2.1.3 31 July 2022 to 30 July 2023 for all other events.

2.2 Individual Athletes can qualify in one of four ways:

2.2.1 By achieving the WA Entry Standard (AAI A standard) within the qualification period in accordance with criteria below.

2.2.2 Based on the finishing position at designated competitions as follows (in these cases the athletes shall also be considered as having achieved the Entry Standard):

- a. The Area Champions in all the individual events (except for the Marathons).
- b. The top 10 finishers at the Platinum Label Marathons held during the qualification period.

2.2.3 By Wild Card as:

- a. Reigning World Outdoor Champion
- b. Winner of the 2022
 1. Diamond League
 2. World Race Walking Tour (to participate in the 20km or 35km)
 3. World Combined Events Tour
 4. Leading hammer performers on Continental Tour

2.2.4 By virtue of the World Rankings Position achieved at the end of the qualification period according to the respective Event Ranking Rules (and ranking periods). In case of ties, athletes with the next best Performance Score will prevail. **Please note, Athletics Ireland requires athletes qualifying by virtue of World Rank to also have achieved a B standard as detailed in Clause 5.6.4 of this policy.**

2.3 Relay Teams can qualify in one of two ways:

2.3.1 Be amongst the top eight placed teams at the **2022 World Athletics Championships**.

2.3.2 Be one of the best ranked teams at the end of the qualification period to fill the remaining places.

3. **CONDITIONS FOR VALIDITY OF PERFORMANCES:**

3.1 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.

3.2 Performances achieved in mixed competitions in track events will not be accepted.

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

3.4 Hand timing performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 110m/100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4x100m Relay will not be accepted.

3.5 Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 200m and longer will be accepted.

3.6 For the running events of 200m and over (including Combined Events), performances achieved on oversized tracks shall not be accepted.

3.7 In the case of race walks:

- track performances (20,000m or 35,000m) will be accepted.
- performances achieved in competitions conducted with the penalty zone rule shall be accepted.
- all qualifying performances must be achieved on a course measured by a WA/AIMS Grade A or B International Road Race Course Measurer with the measurement certificate established no more than 5 years before the date of the race.
- A minimum of 3 International or Area Race Walking Judges must be on duty.
- For National competitions, member federations must submit a specific application to WA before the race is conducted.

3.8 In the case of the marathon:

- all qualifying performances must be achieved on a course measured by a WA/AIMS Grade A or B International Road Race Course Measurer with the measurement certificate established no more than 5 years before the date of the race.
- for Entry Standards the overall decrease in elevation between the start and finish will not exceed 1:1000, i.e. 1 per km.
- For World Rankings in case of performances achieved on courses with a drop in elevation which exceeds 1:1000, a correction will be made in the result score from which points will be deducted depending on the drop.

3.9 For the Combined Events at least one of these conditions must be met:

- The wind velocity in any individual event shall not exceed plus 4 metres per second.
- The average wind velocity (based on the algebraic sum of the wind velocities, as measured for each individual event, divided by the number of such events) shall not exceed plus 2 metres per second.

4. SELECTION PHILOSOPHY:

4.1 Athletics Ireland views the World Championships as a critical athlete experience at the highest level of competition and is vital in preparing athletes to deliver world class performances at the Olympic Games. To achieve our High Performance vision of “more athletes winning on the world stage” Athletics Ireland will select individuals for the 2023 World Championships with the potential of obtaining a podium, top 8, top 16 or top 24 finish, and relay teams with the potential of obtaining a podium, top 8 or top 16 finish.

5. SELECTION PROCESS:

Participation Criteria

5.1 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 number of athletes who has met 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 gives no right or guarantee of selection.**

Eligibility

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

- 5.2.1 Fill out a [National Team Declaration Form](#) (NTDF) on the High Performance section of Athletics Ireland website before 1 February 2023 for all events.
- 5.2.2 Must compete in Athletics Ireland’s National Championships on 29-30 July 2023, except 35km RW and Marathon.
- 5.2.3 Satisfy all WA, eligibility, nationality and European championship participation rules.
- 5.2.4 Be a registered member of Athletics Ireland.
- 5.2.5 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

5.3 Athletics Ireland’s Performance Standards for each of the events to be conducted at the 2023 World Athletics Championships are set out in clause 7. **Please note, Athletics Ireland requires athletes qualifying by virtue of World Rank to also have achieved a B standard as detailed in Clause 5.6.4 of this policy.**

General Selection Criteria

5.4 The Selection Panel has “sole discretion” to select the team members that meet with the eligibility and entry rules of the 2023 World Athletics Championships and as stipulated in this Selection Policy. This includes selections for relay teams, individuals and for instances when there are more than 3 athletes who have met the performance standard.

5.4.1 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

5.5. 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.

Individual Selection Criteria

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

- 5.6.1 have achieved an A standard (see clause 7) during the qualification period

5.6.2 have achieved a finishing position at designated competitions as detailed in clause 2.2.2.

5.6.3 have achieved a Wild Card as detailed in clause 2.2.3.

5.6.4 have achieved a B standard (see clause 7) during the qualification period **PLUS** be eligible for entry via individual Athletes Ranking Process as detailed in clause 2.2.4.

5.6.5 have been selected as a member of a relay team 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.

5.7 Athletes seeking selection in either individual or relay event for the 2023 World Athletics Championships **MUST** compete in the event(s) in which they are seeking selection at the Athletics Ireland National Championships (AINC) on 29-30 July 2023, with the exception of those in the:

A. 10,000m: can compete in the 5,000m.

B. 20km RW: can compete the 10km RW.

C. Combined Events: Heptathlon must participate in at least 1 event / Decathlon must compete in at least 2 events.

D. Marathon and 35km RW: are not obligated, but are encouraged, to compete at AINC.

5.8 Dispensation requests will ONLY be granted for medical reasons and/or exceptional circumstances.

5.8.1 [Dispensations request](#) must be submitted no later than 17 July 2023. In the case of genuine illness or injury; all medical claims will be verified by AAI's medical team.

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

5.9 An athlete who wins the AINC (in their selected event) and has achieved a 2023 World Athletics Championships Performance Standard within the Qualification Period will be automatically selected for the championships (given the athlete meets with the overall conditions and criteria of this policy).

Relays

5.10 Relay team(s) will be considered for selection as being one of the first eight placed teams at the **2022 World Athletics Championships** or as being one of the best ranked teams at the end of the qualification period to fill the remaining places.

5.11 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 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.

5.12 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.

After Selection

5.13 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.

5.13.1 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 7).

5.13.2 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.

5.14 An athlete who enters the Athletics Ireland Team Camp and/or the 2023 World 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).

5.14.1 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.

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

Selectors Meetings

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

5.16.1 Final selections for the Marathon and 35km Race Walks will be on 1 June 2023.

5.16.2 Final selections for all other events will be on 03 Aug 2023.

Selection Queries

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

Non-Selection Appeals Process

5.18 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.

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

5.19.1 Have submitted an NTDF in accordance with timelines contained in this Selection Policy and;

5.19.2 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.

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

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

5.21.1 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

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

6. GENERAL INFORMATION:

6.1 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 High Performance website.

Meet Information

6.2 The number of accreditations authorised per team is limited overall to the number of participating athletes. Team Support Staff will be accredited on this basis and informed after the team selections.

6.3 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 World Athletics Championships.

7. ATHLETICS IRELAND - PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:

Men		EVENT (Target Number)	Women	
A Standard	B Standard		A Standard	B Standard
10.00	10.15	100m (48)	11.08	11.25
20.16	20.40	200m (48)	22.60	23.05
45.00	45.50	400m (48)	51.00	51.75
1:44.70	1:45.75	800m (56)	1:59.80	2:01.50
3:34.20 (3:51.00)	3:36.75	1500m (56)	4:03.50 (4:22.00)	4:08.00
13:07.00/13:07	13:22.00	5000m (42)	14:57.00/14:57	15:22.00
27:10.00/27:10	27:55.00	10,000m (27)	30:40.00/30:40	31:40.00
2:09:40	2:12:30	Marathon (100)	2:28:00	2:30:30
8:15.00	8:24.00	3000m SC (36)	9:23.00	9:35.00
13.28	13.50	110mH/100mH (40)	12.78	13.00
48.70	49.40	400mH (40)	54.90	56.00
2.32	2.27	High Jump (36)	1.97	1.91
5.81	5.62	Pole Vault (36)	4.71	4.50
8.25	8.06	Long Jump (36)	6.85	6.65
17.20	16.80	Triple Jump (36)	14.52	14.05
21.40	20.50	Shot (36)	18.80	17.65
67.00	64.00	Discus (36)	64.20	59.90
78.00	75.40	Hammer (36)	73.60	70.20
85.20	81.50	Javelin (36)	63.80	60.50
8460	8100	Combined Events (24)	6480	6100
1:20:10	1:23:30	20km Race Walk (50)	1:29:20	1:34:00
2:29:40	2:36:30	35km Race Walk (50)	2:51:30	2:56:00
Top 8 at 2022 WC + 8		4x100m Relay (16)	Top 8 at 2022 WC + 8	
Top 8 at 2022 WC + 8		4x400m Relay (16)	Top 8 at 2022 WC + 8	
Top 8 at 2022 WC + 8		Mixed 4x4 Relay (16)	Top 8 at 2022 WC + 8	