



Expression of Interest

International U18 Match - Franconville, France 31 July - 1st August 2021

Athletics Ireland has agreed to take part in this Meet at short notice, and we are therefore seeking Expressions of Interest based on the information contained in this document from athletes born 2004 or 2005 only.

GENERAL INFORMATION

TEAM INFORMATION		
Date	Event	Notes
01/01/2021 – 11/07/2021	Qualification Period	Athletics Team Size Limit of 20 (clause 2.4)
IMPORTANT DATES		
12/07/2021	Deadline for submission of Expression of Interest	All potential team members should complete the Expression of Interest form at this link U18 Expression of Interest Form
13/07/2021	Entry Deadline	Names published after selection date on Athletics Ireland website

1. CONDITIONS:

- 1.1 Performances must be achieved in bona fide competition (either indoors or outdoors) organised in conformity with World Athletics Rules
- 1.2 Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or sanctioned by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at other competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised;
- 1.3 Performances achieved in mixed events (between male and female participants), in track events shall not be accepted. Performances achieved in mixed events in Race Walks shall be accepted;
- 1.4 Wind assisted performances (over 2m/sec) will not be accepted;
- 1.5 Indoor performances will be accepted;
- 1.6 Hand-timed performances for events up to and including 800m will not be accepted;
- 1.7 For Race Walks:
 - road performances will be accepted
 - results of races conducted using the pit lane will be accepted;
- 1.8 For the running events of 200m and over, performances achieved on over-sized tracks will not be accepted.

2. ENTRY RULES:

- 2.1 The maximum number of events that an athlete can compete in is one individual event plus the relay.
- 2.2 From each country, only one athlete may be entered per individual event and one team per relay.
- 2.3 Only athletes **born in 2004 or 2005** can be selected to compete
- 2.4 Athletics Ireland has a set a quota of selecting 20 athletes (this includes relays) for this event.

3. **NOMINATION/SELECTION PHILOSOPHY:**

3.1 Athletics Ireland recognises the importance of such an underage competition in the development of the next generation of junior 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.

4. **SELECTION PROCESS:**

Participation Criteria

4.1 Nothing in this Policy obliges Athletics Ireland to nominate a full contingent of one (1) in any particular event regardless of Entry Rules or Performance Guideline Standards. **Achieving a Performance Standard gives no right or guarantee of selection.**

4.2 Athletics Ireland will select 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 & upload details page of their passport at this link [U18 Expression of Interest Form](#)

4.2.2 Be in possession of a full IRISH passport that is valid until at least 2022

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

4.2.4 Be a registered member of Athletics Ireland.

4.2.5 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 Guideline Standards

4.3 Athletics Ireland has used the European Athletics Entry Standards for the postponed European U18 Championships as a guideline for expressions of interest for the purposes of this Selection Policy. As a guide for selection, Athletics Ireland's Performance Guideline Standards for each of the events to be conducted at the Franconville International Meet 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. Selection will be based on performances (for all events) during the period of **1 January 2021 to 12th July 2021**

General Selection Criteria

4.5 The Selection Panel may "exercise their sole and overriding discretion" to select an athlete(s) or relay team that meets with the eligibility and entry rules

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 team quota of 20 athletes, the Selectors will have sole and overriding discretion to decide which of the athlete(s) is to be selected

Relay Teams

4.9 Athletics Ireland may consider selection of Relay Team(s) for the Competition

4.9.1 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 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**, 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 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 (who will have sole discretion)** and confirmed by Team Management before relay declaration are entered. For selection purposes there are "No Appeals" against the final running order or to the selection of the "Strike Four" athletes.

After Selection

4.11 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.

4.11.1 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).

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

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

Selection Queries

4.15 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 Pathway Manager Jacqui Freyne jacqui@athleticsireland.ie

5. GENERAL INFORMATION:

Meet Information

5.2 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.

5.3 Selected athletes' personal coaches/family outside of the selected "Official Irish Team" will be responsible for their own travel, accommodations, tickets etc

6. Athletics Ireland Guideline Standards based on European Athletics European U18 2021 (postponed) Entry Standards

Boys	EVENTS	Girls
10.90	100m	11.95
22.05	200m	24.60
49.60	400m	56.50
1:55.30	800m	2:10.00
4:00.00	1500m	4:35.00
8:35.00	3000m	9:50.00
14.30	.914 110mH/100mH .762	14.20
56.00	.838 400mH .762	62.50
6:14.00	2000m SC	7:15.00
2.03m	High Jump	1.76m
4.60m	Pole Vault	3.65m
7.05m	Long Jump	5.90m
14.35m	Triple Jump	12.40m
17.35m	5kg Shot 3kg	14.90m
54.50m	1.5kg Discus 1kg	42.00m
68.00m	5kg Hammer 3kg	60.00m
67.00m	700gr Javelin 500gr	49.00m
48:30.00	10km/5km Walk	26.00.00
NES	4x100m Relay	NES
NES	4x400m Relay	NES

Please note that the above standards are indicative of the standard of the meet. Athletics Ireland will consider all expressions of interest submitted based on the above criteria.