



2017 IAAF & IPC Athletics World Championships
Summer 2017
London, UK

Selection Philosophy

Overview – IAAF World Championships

British Athletics wish to capitalise on the once in a generation opportunity of hosting the 2017 IAAF World Championships in London by selecting a large and competitive team to help inspire the next generation of British track and field stars.

As such, British Athletics' strategic aims regarding London 2017 are four-fold:

1. to maximise the team's potential to win medals in London;
2. to maximise the number of British athletes making finals in London;
3. to maximise the representation of athletes across events in London; and
4. to maximise potential for medals in Tokyo and beyond.

The Selection Policy – which cannot be published until the IAAF confirm the qualification and entry process – will therefore be structured to satisfy these aims and with the intention of **selecting all qualified athletes who demonstrate the necessary form and fitness at the time of selection.**

Overview – IPC Athletics World Championships

Similar to the IAAF World Championships, the exposure provided by the 2017 IPC Athletics World Championships is key to the British Athletics team's medal aspirations in Tokyo and beyond. British Athletics intend to maximise this exposure by selecting a high quality team for London 2017.

However, selection for IPC Athletics major events (chiefly the Paralympic Games and World Championships) is done on a gender specific quota system that limits team size and due to the number of events on offer at the World Championships (circa 200) and propensity for athletes to compete in multiple events, maximising athlete representation across events is not a viable or appropriate target.

As a result, British Athletics will continue the selection philosophy of the preceding four years by appropriately utilising quota places, with a focus on selecting athletes who:

1. Have the ability to win medals in Tokyo; and
2. Show realistic potential to win medals at future Paralympic Games (i.e. Tokyo and beyond).