



England Athletics Road Running Representative Opportunity

Trofeo Opitergium, 1st May 2024

Introduction

The European Under 20 Road Race at the annual Trofeo Opitergium provides high quality road competition for England best under 20 athletes. The selected England Teams (5km for women, 10km for men) will compete against other international teams from across Europe and the race has a huge pedigree in supporting athletes to transition to higher levels of competition and build invaluable experience of competition overseas in a team context.

Please note the race takes place this week on Wednesday 1st May. The provisional travel dates are 31st April returning 2nd May. Please ensure you will be available if selected.

Please read this selection policy carefully including the additional notes BEFORE you complete the expression of interest form.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following:

- I. Be an England Athletics registered athlete and be eligible to compete for England (i.e. full British passport holder).
- II. Have achieved one of the stated qualification standards within the qualification period. Standards must have been achieved in a ratifiable UKA or World Athletics competition under standard race licensing and competition rules.
- III. Be eligible as an under 20 under World Athletics Rules as the competition. This requires athletes to be aged 19 or under on 31st December 2024, please note this differs from UK under 20 eligibility as the Trofeo Opitergium is run under World Athletics Rules.

Qualification Standards

N/A	3km or 3000m	10:00
15:00	5km or 5000m	17:30
31:45	10km or 10000m	N/A

**Qualification performances must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1st April 2023 & 24:00 (GMT) 17th March 2024*

Selection Process & Criteria

- I. The team will be selected week beginning 18th March 2024
- II. Up to maximum of 4 men and 4 women athletes may be selected. 1 non travelling reserve athlete may also be selected for each team.
- III. In order to be considered for selection athletes must have achieved the specified selection standard within the selection window. Achieving the standard does not guarantee selection.
- IV. In order to be considered for selection in athletes **must** complete an expression of interest form prior to the selection window closing (24:00 on 17th March)

V. In addition to meeting the selection standard the selection panel will consider the following when making selections;

- Current form from races between 1st December 2023 and 17th March 2024. Current form will be given extra consideration when selections are made. Current form can be demonstrated through performances at different race distances or on different surfaces to the highlighted selection standards provided the selection panel consider the performances relevant to the event.
- Relevant head-to-head results from races within the selection window
- Relevant past England, British or International championship performances within the selection window
- Consistency of performance. Consistency of performance is determined by the frequency athlete has met or exceeded the outlined selection standard or achieved performances of a similar standard within the selection window.
- Future potential to represent England or Great Britain at major championships
- Injury status

Appeals

There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the England Team made by the Selection Panel. The provisions of the UK Athletics Selection and Nomination "Fast" Appeals Procedure" do not apply to the England team selections for this event.

Additional Notes

- England athletics will not provide financial assistance for domestic assembly for international races (e.g. travel to or parking at an airport) or meals at the airport. Athletes based overseas will be expected to pay their own travel back to the UK to join the team on departure dates. Flights, hotels and transfers will be covered for the selected team.
- England Athletics will provide competition kit to any athletes that haven't received such kit within the last 2 years.
- England Athletics reserve the right to deselect athletes who the selection panel or team management feel are not ready to compete in the final weeks before the event.
- Athletes who withdraw themselves for reasons other than illness or injury (DOCTORS NOTE TO BE PROVIDED) may also be liable to cover the costs of their flights or a change of name to the ticket where there is the option to substitute.
- In exceptional circumstances only, England Athletics reserve the right to select athletes without a current standard or athletes from outside the expressions of interest

Expressions of interest

In order to express your interest in selection please read this selection policy carefully before completing the expression of interest form at this link;

<https://forms.gle/6vtQwXGuTkPPXSJ6A>

Expressions of interest must be received no later than 24:00 on the 17th March 2024

If you have any questions or wish to clarify anything in this policy please contact Tom Craggs, national Endurance Manager (Off Track) on tcraggs@englandathletics.org