

England Athletics Selection Policy – Corsa di Castelli

19th October 2025

Overview:

The European Under 23 Road Race at the annual Corsa di Castelli provides a high-quality road competition for England best under 23 athletes. The selected 10k England Teams 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.

Eligibility:

To be considered for selection for this team:

- Athletes must be eligible to compete for England in accordance with [World Athletics eligibility rules](#). This includes holding a full British passport.
- Athletes must not be currently serving a period of ineligibility or a provisional or permanent suspension for a doping violation or for any other reason of misconduct.
- Athletes must be registered as a member with England Athletics, directly or through a club.
- Athletes will be required to sign the England Athletics Team Members' Agreement ("TMA") and abide by its terms and conditions. Any athlete failing to do so before the date of the competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.
- Athletes must 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.
- Athletes must be eligible as an under 23 under World Athletics Rules as the competition. This requires athletes to be aged 23 or under on 31st December 2025.
- Athletes selected to represent Great Britain & NI and relevant age championships in 2025 will not be eligible for selection.
- Athletes wishing to be selected must complete the expression of interest by 23:59 Sunday 7th September 2025. Link to the expression of interest can be found [here](#). Please ensure the selection policy has been read thoroughly before completing an expression of interest.

Qualification standards:

| Male | Standard | Female |
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| 14:35 | 5km or 5000m | 17:00 |
| 30:30 | 10km or 10000m | 35:30 |

Qualification performances must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1st January 2025 & 23:59 (GMT) 31st August 2025

Selection Process & Criteria

- The team will be selected week beginning 8th September 2025.
- 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.
- To be considered for selection athletes must have achieved the specified selection standard within the selection window. Achieving the standard does not guarantee selection.
- To be considered for selection athletes must complete an expression of interest form. Link [here](#).
- In addition to meeting the selection standard the selection panel will consider the following when making selections:
 - Current form from races between 1st March 2025 and 31st August 2025. 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.
- 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.

Additional Notes

- England athletics will not provide financial assistance for domestic assembly (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.
- Event website can be found [here](#).
- If you have any questions or wish to clarify anything in this policy please contact Vicky Griffiths – vgriffiths@englandathletics.org.