

England Athletics Selection Policy – Dubai Para Grand Prix

5th – 12th February 2026

Overview:

England Athletics will select a team of para-athletes to represent England at the 2026 Dubai Para Grand Prix. This event is part of the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026.

The aim of this selection is to provide an overseas competitive opportunity for English Para athletes, who are aspiring to represent Team England at the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

Eligibility:

To be considered for selection for this team:

- Athletes must have a current IPC license, and an International Classification confirmed/review/fixed date review status. Or, have received correspondence in 2025 from UKA Classification Manager advising that they have been nominated for International Classification. If you require more information on para athlete IPC licensing, please contact Jananne Richards - JRichards@britishathletics.org.uk.
- Athletes must be a part of the England Talent Pathway (ETP) including Para Academy, Youth Talent Programme, Talent Development Programme or Performance Programme. Only under exceptional circumstances will we select from outside the ETP.
- 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 Any athlete failing to do so before the date of the competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.

Selection Process:

- Selection will be made based on performances on eligible Paralympic or Commonwealth Games events only.
- The consideration window for performances is from January 1st 2025 – October 31st 2025.
- The selection meeting will take place on 6th November 2025.
- Selected athletes and reserves will be notified no later than 7th November 2025.
- The final team will be announced on the England athletics website by 14th November 2025.

- The selection panel will comprise of voting members. The panel may also (at their discretion) seek assistance from anyone else that may be of help. (N.B any voting member of the panel shall declare his/her conflict of interest in respect of any selection issue and shall not be entitled to vote on that issue)

Selection Criteria:

The panel will select athletes against the following criteria (in no ranked order):

- Likelihood of being ranked inside the top 7 in the Commonwealth and top 2 in England by the 31st March 2026 in a Commonwealth Games event and eligible sport class. See appendix 1 for the Commonwealth Games selection policy and para athletics events and eligible sport classes.
- Athletes who have realistic and demonstratable ability to be selected for the 2026 England Commonwealth Games team but whom need international classification to be eligible for Team England at the Commonwealth Games.
- Current performance trajectory.
- Consistency of performance.
- Illness/injury status.

Additional things to note:

- Performances achieved in mixed events held completely in a stadium will not be accepted. This includes male paced, female distance events.
- Wind-assisted performances (or OUTDOOR performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available) will not be accepted.
- Hand timed performances in all events up to 800m will not be accepted.
- Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m or longer will be accepted.
- There is no appeal process in operation for this selection. England Athletics reserves the right to amend or vary this Selection Policy where necessary at any time. Any such amendments or variations will take effect from the first date of publication of the amended Selection policy.

Other Information:

- Athletes will be expected to travel with the team. Travel dates will be published post team selection.
- The departure destination is TBC but most likely to be London. England athletics will not provide financial assistance for domestic travel (to the meeting point), meals at the airport or snacks. Athletes based overseas will be expected to pay their own way back to the UK to join

the team on departure dates.

- England Athletics will provide competition kit to any athletes that have not received such kit within the last 2 years. If selected, there will be an opportunity to purchase additional kukri performance kit.
- England Athletics reserve the right to deselect athletes who the selection panel feel are not fit or competitive enough in the final weeks before the event.
- England Athletics will be travelling with 1 Athlete Support staff who will be responsible for para-athlete support but not personal care or medication. All personal care whilst away with the team is the responsibility of the athlete and/or their parent/guardian. Please get in touch to discuss your needs on an individual basis.
- Athletes selected must have an international classification or have obtained an international classification by the time the competition starts or have been awarded an international classification slot at the competition. If an athlete's classification status changes or the athlete does not receive an international classification slot at the competition the selection panel will review their selection and an athlete may be de-selected.
- If an athlete receives an international classification slot at this event, they will be required to travel 4 days early to the event, potentially independently, to be available for classification but will be supported by UKA Classification Support Staff during the classification process. Please note that classification slots will only be distributed in the 2 weeks before the event so travel plans may need to change.
- If you have any questions or require additional information, contact EA National Para Athletics Manager, Matt Kendrick mkendrick@englandathletics.org

Appendix 1:

Commonwealth Games Team England para athletics selection policy - [Commonwealth Games 2026 - England Athletics](#)

Commonwealth Games para athletics events and eligible sport classes

Women's Medal Events	Eligible Sport Classes	Men's Medal Events	Eligible Sport Classes
1. 100m T38	• T37/38	1. 100m T12	• T11/12*
2. 100m T47	• T45/46/47	2. 100m T38	• T37/38
3. 200m T38	• T37/38	3. 100m T47	• T45/46/47
4. 400m T54	• T53/54	4. 1500m T20	• T20
5. 1500m T54	• T53/54	5. 1500m T54	• T53/54
6. Discus F42- 44/F61-64	• F42/43/44/F61/62/63/64 (Raza points)	6. Discus F42-44/F61-64	• F42/43/44/F61/62/63/64 (Raza points)
7. Shot Put F57	• F55/56/57	7. Shot Put F57	• F55/56/57
8. Long Jump T38	• T37/38	8. Long Jump T20	• T20