

## England Athletics Selection Policy for Reykjavik Games v1

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

### Overview

England Athletics will select a representative team for the 2026 Reykjavik Games

Our principal aim for this trip is to provide athletes with an experience of international competition to help with learning and development for future representative opportunities. The team will be made up of England Talent Programme Athletes with initial places awarded to athletes on the Talent Development Programme. If a suitable athlete is not available, we will then select from athletes on the rest of the England Talent Programmes and/or the England Commonwealth Games Long List.

### 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 valid until at least 6 months after the end of the competition date.
- 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 must be on the current England Talent Programme or on the England Commonwealth Games Long List.
- Athletes will be required to sign the England Athletics Team Members' Agreement ("TMA") and abide by its terms and conditions.
- All athletes wishing to be selected for the Reykjavik International must express their interest in competing (Expression of Interest link [here](#)). Expression of interest must be submitted by 18:00 Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Please note - In exception circumstances, England Athletics reserve the right to select an athlete from outside the expression of interest.
- Athletes' selection will be required to complete necessary administrative tasks immediately post selection

### Events.

- England Athletics may select a team of up to 12 athletes. This will be made up of 1 athlete per gender per event.

Men	Women
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 60m</li><li>• 200m</li><li>• 400m</li><li>• 1500m</li><li>• Long Jump</li><li>• U18 Shot Put</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 60m</li><li>• 200m</li><li>• 400m</li><li>• High Jump</li><li>• Long Jump</li><li>• Shot Put</li></ul>

*\*Please note – these events are subject to change. Changes will be at the discretion of the Local Organising Committee. At the time of policy publication, these are the events on the programme\**

## Selection Criteria

- The consideration window for performances is from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025- 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026.
- One athlete per event may be selected.
- The following considerations will also be considered during selection (please note this criterion is not listed in any order of priority and those involved in selecting will exercise discretion fairly and without bias in making selection decisions).
  - Current competitive form (if available)
  - Head-to-head performances within the past 12 months
  - Consistency of performance
  - Previous National & International Championship history
  - Illness/injury status
  - Important note – Athletes selected will not necessarily be the highest ranked or fastest athletes in England
  - Needs and demand of the event group opportunities.

## Performance Conditions

- Wind-assisted performances (or OUTDOOR performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available) will not be accepted.
- Performances achieved in mixed events held completely in a stadium will not be accepted. This includes male paced, female distance events.
- Hand-timed performances in 60m, 200m or 400m **will not** be accepted.

## Selection Process

- The selection meeting will take place w/c 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- The selection panel will comprise of voting and non-voting members including:
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chair (Teams Operations Manager)</li> <li>○ National Event Managers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Team Leader</li> <li>○ EA staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EA Coaching staff (where required)</li> <li>○ Independent Observer (EA Athlete Panel).</li> </ul>
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- 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)
- 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 on the England Athletics website.

## Other Information

- All athletes will be expected to travel with the team on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, returning on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January. The departure airport is still TBC but likely to be a London Airport.

- 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.
- Athletes' travel/accommodation and food will be covered whilst in Reykjavik. Hotel rooming be on a twin basis.
- England Athletics will provide competition kit to any athletes that haven't received such kit within the last 2 years. If selected, there will be an opportunity to purchase additional kukri performance kit.
- Any selected athlete with doubts over their fitness in the lead up to the event may be required to evidence a fitness test. 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.
- 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.
- If you have any questions, please contact Vicky Griffiths – [vgriffiths@englandathletics.org](mailto:vgriffiths@englandathletics.org)