

## **England Athletics Selection Policy for Nottwil 2026 World Para Athletic Grand Prix (v1)**

**21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

### **Overview**

England Athletics will select a team of English Para Athletes from within our Talent Pathway to represent England at the Nottwil 2026 Para Athletics Grand Prix. This event is part of the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026. Event details can be found [here](#).

The aim of this selection is to provide an overseas competitive opportunity for English Para athletes, who are aspiring to represent England/or Great Britain & Northern Ireland at future championships.

### **Eligibility**

To be considered for selection for this team:

- Athletes must be eligible to compete for England which includes holding a full British passport valid until at least 6 months after the end of the competition date.
- Athletes must have a current IPC license for 2026, and an International Classification confirmed/review/fixed date review status. Or, have received correspondence in 2026 from UKA Classification Manager or the England Athletics National Para Athletics Manager advising that they have been nominated for International Classification this season. If you require more information on this, please contact [mkendrick@englandathletics.org](mailto:mkendrick@englandathletics.org)
- 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 this criterion.
- 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 Any athlete failing to do so before the date of the competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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 in eligible 2028 Paralympic and 2026 Commonwealth Games para-athletics events.
- The consideration window for performances is from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- The selection meeting will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> March
- 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)
  - The athlete has recorded performances that would place them in the top 7 (top 10 for throws) in the Commonwealth in an eligible classification and event, and the athlete requires international classification to be eligible for Team England at the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.
  - Commonwealth Games 2026 MES Ranking as per the World Para Athletics rankings website on the 9th of March 2026.
  - Likelihood of being selected for major championships in the next 2 years and therefore require international classification.
  - Current development requirements detailed in the athletes Individual Athlete Plan (IAP).
  - Consistency of performance.
  - Previous National & International Championship history.
  - Illness/injury status.
- Selected athletes and reserves will be notified no later than Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March
- The final team will be announced on the England athletics website by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- 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**

- Athletes will be expected to travel with the team. 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.
- Please note, athletes who are competing in the Weltklasse am See races in Arbon (14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May) will do so at their own organisation and cost. England Athletics will not facilitate travel for athletes who are competing in these events. Athletes will be expected to meet the team at the hotel in Nottwil.
- 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.
- 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 Para 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 eligible international classification or obtain an eligible international classification at the competition. Furthermore, if an athlete's classification changes the selection panel will review their selection and an athlete may be de-selected based on the classification change.
- International Classification dates are the 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 and athletes who are nominated for international classification will be required to be available from the 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

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