

## **England Athletics Selection Policy for Loughborough International 2026 (v1)**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

### **Overview**

England Athletics (EA) will select an integrated team of senior athletes and para-athletes to represent England at the 2026 Loughborough International (event details [here](#)). Our principal aim is to enable the best Senior athletes in England the opportunity to compete internationally.

The International is a UKA level 2 licensed meeting and has been WPA Endorsed and WA licensed for World Rankings, GB & NI Selection and potential record ratification.

### **Eligibility**

To be considered for selection for this team:

- Athletes must be born in 2006 or earlier (para-athletes different age groups – see below)
- Athletes must be eligible to compete for England in accordance with [World Athletics eligibility rules](#). This includes holding a full British passport.
- All 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.
- All Athletes must be currently registered as a member with England Athletics or one of the other Home Country Athletics Federations directly or through a club.
- Para Athletes must have a current National or International Para Athletics Classification.
- All 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 Any athlete failing to do so before the date of the competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.
- All athletes wishing to be selected must express their interest in competing by 18:00 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026. [Link here.](#)

Para Athletes (as above and including)

- UK or IPC Classifications:
  - 100m M & W - T11-13, T35-38, T42-47, T61-64
  - 200m W - T11-13, T35-38, T42-47, T61-64
  - 1500m M - T11-13, T20, T37-38, T45-46
  - Long Jump M - T11-13, T20, T36-38, T45-47, T42, T61, T63, T44, T62, T64
  - Long Jump W - T11, T12, T20, T37, T38, T45-47, T42, T61, T63, T44, T62, T64
- All age groups U14 to Seniors

## Events

- England Athletics may select 1 athlete per event (per sex) in the following events:

<u>Track</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>Para</u>
<input type="radio"/> 100m	<input type="radio"/> High Jump	<input type="radio"/> 100m Ambulant (M&W)
<input type="radio"/> 200m	<input type="radio"/> Long Jump	<input type="radio"/> 200m Ambulant (W)
<input type="radio"/> 400m	<input type="radio"/> Triple Jump	<input type="radio"/> 1500m Ambulant (M)
<input type="radio"/> 800m	<input type="radio"/> Pole Vault	<input type="radio"/> Long Jump (M&W)
<input type="radio"/> 1 mile	<input type="radio"/> Shot	
<input type="radio"/> 3000m	<input type="radio"/> Discus	
<input type="radio"/> 100m/110mH	<input type="radio"/> Javelin	
<input type="radio"/> 400mH	<input type="radio"/> Hammer	
<input type="radio"/> 3000m Steeplechase		
<input type="radio"/> 4x100m		
<input type="radio"/> 4x400m (Mixed Team)		

- Para events will be calculated using Raza Points
- Para Field events may be invited as non-scoring guest athletes.

## Selection Process & Criteria

- The selection meeting will take place on Monday 11th May 2026.
- All athletes wishing to be considered for selection must complete the [expression of interest](#) by 18:00 on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May.
- Selected athletes will be notified on Monday 11th May and the final team announced no later than Wednesday 13th May.
- A reserve list will be selected and those athletes on the list will be notified on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May.
- The selection panel will comprise of voting and non-voting members including:
 

<input type="radio"/> EA Event Group Leads or representative.	<input type="radio"/> Team Leader	<input type="radio"/> EA Coaching staff (where required)
<input type="radio"/> EA Team/Programme staff	<input type="radio"/> Independent Observer	
- 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)
- The consideration window for performances is from 01/05/2025 -10/05/2026
- The panel will select athletes against the following criteria (in no ranked order)
  - Current competitive form (this focus will be performances from 01/04/2026 – 10/05/2026)
  - Head-to-head performances within the past 12 months
  - Consistency of performance.
  - Previous National & International Championship history

- Illness/injury status
- 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 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 100m/110m Hurdles and 400m Hurdles **will not** be accepted.
- Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m or longer **will** be accepted.
- Relay Selection Process
  - A team will be selected for the Men's & Women's 4x100m & Mixed 4x400m.
  - Individual 100m & 400m Selections will be automatically added to the 4x100m & 4x400m relay teams respectively.
  - EA recognises that athletes selected solely for the relay may wish to compete earlier in the day in an open event. All selected relay athletes must confirm any additional events planned with the Team Coach by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Approval will consider the event timetable, ability to recover in time, and the risk of injury or fatigue from competing earlier. England relay duties and athlete welfare must remain the priority.
- 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**

- England Athletics will host a virtual team meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May which we would like all selected athletes to attend (evening time).
- Athletes based overseas will be required to fund their own travel back to the UK.
- Accommodation will be provided on the Saturday evening for athletes who require it. This mainly includes relay teams and athletes who will be competing before 13:00 on event day with long travel journeys.
- 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 withdraw athletes from the team if the selection panel determines that they do not meet the required form and fitness or competitive standards in the final weeks leading up to the event.
- All Athletes selected for the England team (individual events or relay) who are competing in guest events will be expected to prioritise the team event they have been selected for.
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