

England Athletics Selection Policy for Pickering Memorial International

31st May 2026.

Overview:

England Athletics will select a team of U18, U20 and U23 athletes for the Pickering Memorial International (PMI). This reflects the organisation's strategic aim of providing international representative opportunities for all event groups, disciplines and age-group to support the preparation of athletes aspiring for selection at major championship events.

The PMTI provides an international competition opportunity aimed specifically at:

- Athletes competing in Olympic disciplines who the selection panel ("the panel") believes are showing realistic progression towards 2026 Commonwealth Games, European Championships, U20 World Championships, U18 European Championships and England representative opportunities.
- Athletes competing in Paralympic disciplines who the selection panel believes are showing realistic progression towards selection for Paralympic Futures or senior England and GB&NI teams within the next 2 years.

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 currently registered as a member with England Athletics, directly or through a club.
- Para Athletes must have a current National or International Para Athletics Classification. Para selection will be based on eligible Paralympic or commonwealth Games events only.
- 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 Any athlete failing to do so before the date of the competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.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 for the PMTI must express their interest in competing, via this [MS Form](#) by 23:59 **17th May 2026**.

Age classifications:

This competition will be ran aligned to World Athletics Age Groups

- U23s = Athletes born in 2004, 2005 and 2006.
- U20s = Athletes born in 2007 and 2008.
- U18s = Athletes born in 2009 and 2010.

Events:

England Athletics will select a team of up to 16 athletes, with a maximum of up to 3 male and 3 female athletes per event per age group.

- Olympic Disciplines:
 - Shot put, discus, hammer, javelin,
- Paralympic Disciplines:
 - Ambulant shot put, ambulant discus & ambulant javelin, Seated Shot.

Selection Process:

- The selection meeting will take place on 18th May 2026
- The final team will be announced no later than 20th May 2026
- The panel will select athletes against the following criteria (in no ranked order):
 - Athletes who demonstrate the potential to qualify for and medal at the 2026 Commonwealth Games, European Championships, U20 World Championships and U18 European Championships or are tracking towards selection for Paralympic Futures or senior England and GB&NI teams within the next 2 years.
 - Current competitive form between 1st January 2026 – 17th May 2026.
 - Head-to-head performances
 - Consistency of performance
 - Previous National and International Championship performance history
 - Illness/injury status
- 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:

- The event will be run under World Athletics and World Para Athletics Rules.
- All implements entered, including personal implements, will be available to all competitors in that weight category. U20 and U18 Age Group athletes can elect to throw the appropriate weight implement for their age group. However, they must compete with that weight of implement for the entirety of the competition.
- England Athletics will not provide financial assistance for travel to the meeting point at Loughborough, meals or snacks. Athletes based overseas will be required to cover their own travel expenses to the UK.
- England Athletics will not provide overnight accommodation for the team.
- England Athletics will provide competition kit to any athletes that haven't received such kit within the last 24 months. 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.

Additional Contact Details:

- Nick Ridgeon (England Athletics Event Group Lead - Throws) nridgeon@englandathletics.org & 07471027364
- Katie Lambert (England Athletics Talent Event Lead – Hammer & PMI Team Leader) klambert@englandathletics.org