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# England Athletics Selection Policy for Anglo Celtic Plate 100K 2027 (v1)
## Sunday 21st March 2027
## Victoria Park, Belfast, Northern Ireland

### Overview

The Anglo Celtic Plate (ACP) has hosted the premier 100K race based in The United Kingdom and Ireland for several decades. The ACP 100K sees an open race with the best domestic ultra-distance road runners competing alongside an international team competition with representative teams from England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and Northern Ireland competing. The ACP 100K provides an excellent opportunity for athletes to gain their first international selection or develop their international experience looking towards future Great Britain selection.

### 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 have met one of the stated consideration standards within the qualification period. Standards must have been achieved in a competition licensed by the relevant authority. (e.g., ratifiable UKA, EA, TRA or World Athletics competition under standard race licensing and competition rules.)
- Athletes must be aged 20 or over on 20 March 2027. (on day of travel)
- 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 Any athlete failing to do so before the date of the competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.
- Athletes wishing to be selected must complete an expression of interest by 23:59 on Sunday 6th December 2026. The link to the expression of interest can be found here.

### Consideration Standards

| Men | Event | Women |
|---|---|---|
| 2:26 | **Marathon** | 2:53:30 |
| 3:05 | **50km** | 3:40 |
| 82km | **6 Hours** | 67km |
| 7:20 | **100km** | 8:50 |
| Or other equivalent ultra-distance experience (over different distances e.g., 40-mile, 100-mile etc & surfaces e.g., track and trail) which the selection panel believe demonstrates form and ability to achieve these standards | | |

*Consideration standards must be achieved between 00:01 (GMT) 1 December 2025 & 23:59 (GMT) 6 December 2026*

### Selection Process & Criteria

- The team will be selected w/c 7 December 2026.
- Up to four men and four women athletes may be selected. 1 non-travelling reserve athlete may also be selected for each team.
- Athletes wishing to be considered for selection **must** complete the expression of interest by 23:59 on Sunday 6 December 2026. There will be no trial race for this team.

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- The selection panel will comprise voting and non-voting members including:
  - EA Event Group Leads or representative.
  - Independent observer (Nonvoting, if available)
  - Team Leader
  - EA Team/Programme staff
  - EA Coaching staff (on voting, where required)

- 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 period for performances is from 00:01 1 December 2025 – 23:59 6 December 2026.
- Athletes must have achieved a consideration standard within the window listed. Where an athlete has not achieved a consideration standard over marathon, 50km or 100km they may still be considered if they have ultra-distance experience at distances of 50km or above. These performances will need to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the panel, ability that at least matches the performance standards stated for 50km or 100km.
- Meeting a consideration standard does not guarantee selection.
- In addition to meeting the standard, the panel will select athletes against the following criteria (in no ranked order)
  - Current competitive form (this focus will be performances from 1 September 2026 – 23:59 6 December 2026. Current form can be demonstrated through performances at different race distances or surfaces.
  - Relevant head to heads from races within the selection window
  - Consistency of performance defined by the number of times athletes have met the listed selection standards.
  - Consistency of performance in previous ultra-distance races.
  - Demonstration of potential for future success at international ultra-distance championships.
  - Injury status.
- There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the England Team made by the Selection Panel. The provisions of the UK Athletics Selection and Nomination "Fast" Appeals Procedure" do not apply to the England team selections for this event.

**Additional Information**

- Selected athletes will be expected to engage with team staff to provide details of training, nutrition, and preparation strategies to reflect the demanding nature of 100km races.
- England athletics will not provide financial assistance for domestic assembly for international races (e.g. travel to or parking at an airport) or meals at the airport. Athletes based overseas will be expected to pay their own travel 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 two years.
- England Athletics reserves the right to deselect athletes who the selection panel or team management feel are not ready to compete in the final weeks before the event.
- 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.
- Athletes who withdraw themselves for reasons other than illness or injury (evidence may be requested by England Athletics) 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 require additional information, please contact Andrew Heyes – aheyes@englandathletics.org