



SELECTION POLICY

2025 EUROPEAN ATHLETICS INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: MARCH 6-9 APELDOORN NETHERLANDS

GENERAL INFORMATION

This policy should be read in conjunction with the [Selection Panels Terms of Reference](#).

QUALIFICATION PERIOD		
Date	Event	Note
24 Feb 2024 to 23 Feb 2025	A standards and World Ranking Points - All events except Combined Events	
1 Nov 2024 to 23 Feb 2025	B standards - All events except Combined Events	B standards must be achieved indoors
24 Aug 2023 to 23 Feb 2025	A standards and World Ranking Points - Combined Events only	
1 April 2024 to 23 Feb 2025	B standards - Combined Events only	
IMPORTANT DATES		
1 January 2025	Deadline for National Team Declaration Form	Online Form
9 February 2025	Dispensation Request	Online Form
22-23 February 2025	AAI Indoor Championships	
25 February 2025	Final 'Road to Apeldoorn' list released by European Athletics	
25 February 2025	Final selections all events	Names published after selection date on AAI website

1. ENTRY CONDITIONS:

1.1 Performances must be achieved in a competition conducted according to World Athletics Competition and Technical Rules, or authorized by World Athletics, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations, and published on the [World Athletics Global Calendar](#).

1.2 Performances achieved in mixed competitions (male and female athletes) in track events will not be accepted.

1.3 Performances which are wind assisted or for which a wind reading is not available, will not be accepted for Entry Standards purposes (but will be valid for the World Rankings with the appropriate adjustments)

1.4 Hand-timed performances in 60m, 100m, 400m, 60m Hurdles, and 100m/110m Hurdles will not be accepted.

1.5 For the running events of 400m and over, performances achieved on oversized indoor tracks will be accepted towards the outdoor standards and world rankings.

1.6 Athletes aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December 2025 (born in 2008 or 2009), may compete in any event except Shot Put Men.

1.7 Only athletes aged at least 18 (eighteen) years on 31 December 2025 (born in 2007) may participate in Shot Put Men.

1.8 Athletes younger than 16 years on 31 December 2025 (born in 2010 or later) may not compete in any event.

2. ENTRY RULES:

2.1 Athletics Ireland may enter up to 4 (four) qualified athletes in each individual event of whom up to 3 (three) may participate.

3. SELECTION PHILOSOPHY:

3.1 To support and achieve our High Performance vision of "more athletes winning on the world stage" Athletics Ireland has set the Performance Standards for the 2025 European Athletics Indoor Championships so that an athlete selected to compete will be **expected to be capable of obtaining a podium, top 8, or top 16 finish.**

4. SELECTION PROCESS:

Participation Criteria

4.1 Nothing in this Policy obliges Athletics Ireland to select a full contingent of three (3) in any particular event regardless of the Entry Rules or the Performance Standards. Athletics Ireland will select its Team according to the criteria set out in this Policy as allowed by Entry Rules. **Achieving a Performance Standard or qualifying by World Rank gives no right or guarantee of selection.**

Eligibility

4.2 In order to be eligible for selection all athletes must:

4.2.1 Fill out a [National Team Declaration Form](#) (NTDF) on Athletics Ireland High Performance website before 1 January 2025.

4.2.2 Must compete in Athletics Ireland's National Indoor Championships on 22-23 February 2025.

4.2.3 Satisfy all World Athletics eligibility, nationality and European championship participation rules.

4.2.4 Be a registered member of Athletics Ireland.

4.2.5 Remain in "good standing" with Athletics Ireland and at all times comply with any established code of conduct or athlete agreement and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or the National Team into disrepute.

4.2.6 Each European Athletics Member Federation may enter only those athletes who have received and hold valid certification for having completed European Athletics Anti-Doping Education Programme – [I Run Clean](#).

Performance Standards

4.3 Athletics Ireland's Performance Standards for each of the events to be conducted at the 2025 European Athletics Indoor Championships are set out in clause 6.

4.3.1 B Standards must be achieved in indoor competition only in all events except Combined Events.

4.3.2 In Combined Events, B standards can be achieved both indoors and outdoors.

Qualification Period

4.4 Athletics Ireland's Qualification Period's for the 2025 European Athletics Indoor Championships are as follows:

4.4.1 A standards and performances contributing to World Ranking Points must be achieved during the qualification period of 24 February 2024 to 23 February 2025 in all events other than Combined Events.

4.4.2 B standards must be achieved in indoor competition only during the qualification period of 1 November 2024 to 23 February 2025 in all events other than Combined Events.

4.4.3 In the Combined Events only, A standards and performances contributing to World Ranking Points must be achieved during the qualification period of 24 August 2023 to 23 February 2025.

4.4.4 In the Combined Events only, B standards, which can be attained indoors or outdoors, must be achieved during the qualification period of 1 April 2024 to 23 February 2025.

General Selection Criteria

4.5 The Selection Panel has "sole and overriding discretion" to select the team members that meet with the eligibility and entry rules of the 2025 European Athletics Indoor Championships. This includes selections for relay teams, individuals and for instances when there are more than 3 athletes beyond the entry limit.

4.5.1 The Selection Panel may use their sole and overriding discretion to consider any factor or combination of factors that, in their opinion, are relevant to the selection of an athlete, including, but not necessarily limited to the following general principles:

A. Consistency and Repeatability of performances (in all or any events) during the qualification period, achieving the performance standard and showing current form and fitness

B. Statistical data (ranking/performance list, performance-time curves, course ratings, altitude/wind adjustments)

C. Championship performance history, in particular the history of the athlete's on-demand performances at major championships

D. The competitive head to head record of each athlete

E. Injury and illness history

4.6 Where there are more athletes that have achieved the selection criteria in this policy beyond the maximum entry limit in any one event, the Selectors will have sole and overriding discretion to decide which of the athlete(s) is to be selected.

Individual Selection Criteria

4.7 For an individual athlete **to be considered for selection** to the 2025 European Athletics Indoor Championships an athlete must fulfil at least one of the following conditions:

4.7.1 have achieved an A standard (see clause 6) during the relevant qualification period

4.7.2 have achieved a B standard (see clause 6) during the relevant qualification period **PLUS** be eligible for entry via individual Athletes Ranking Process. B standards must be achieved indoors during the relevant qualification period (clause 4.4.2) in all events other than combined Events, which can be achieved indoors or outdoors (clause 4.4.4).

4.7.3 have been selected as a member of a relay panel or in an individual event and be eligible for selection in another event via individual athlete ranking process. In such cases athletes may be considered for selection in individual events without having achieved a 'B' standard.

4.8 Athletes seeking selection for the 2025 European Indoor Championships **MUST** compete at the Athletics Ireland National Indoor Championships (AINIC) on 22-23 February 2025. Athletes must compete in the event in which they are seeking selection.

[Dispensation request](#) from not competing or for competing in events other than those in which the athlete is seeking selection will ONLY be granted for medical reasons and/or exceptional circumstances.

4.8.1 Dispensation requests must be received no later than 9 February 2025. In the case of illness or injury all medical claims will be verified by AAI's medical team.

4.8.2 Dispensation approval will be at the sole discretion of the Selectors and will only be granted to athletes in exceptional circumstances.

4.9 An athlete who wins the 2025 AINIC (in the event in which they are seeking selection) and has met all other requirements of this selection policy will be automatically selected for the 2025 European Indoor Championships.

Relays

4.10 The number of teams to participate in relays at the European Athletics Indoor Championships is limited to 6 teams in each 4x400m event. The places for relay teams shall be allocated as per main points below:

4.10.1 The European Athletics Member Federation of the host country shall be allocated 1 (one) place in each relay.

4.10.2 3 (three) places shall be allocated in accordance with the order of ranking of European Athletics Member Federation official teams in 4 x 400m combined outdoor lists of 2024.

4.10.3 The other 2 (two) places (or 3 (three) if the host European Athletics Member Federation does not take its allocated place) shall be allocated in accordance with the accumulated 400m times of individual athletes from 2025 indoor season as at 10 days prior to the first day of the European Athletics Indoor Championships (24 February 2025).

4.11 Relay teams will be considered for selection by the Selection Panel on confirmation of qualification of the relay team from European Athletics.

4.12 The Selection Panel may use their sole and overriding discretion to consider any factor or combination of factors that, in their opinion, are relevant to the selection of a relay panel and of an athlete to the relay panel, including, but not necessarily limited to the following general principles:

A. Consistency and Repeatability of performances (in relevant events) during the qualification period, and showing current form and fitness

B. Statistical data (ranking/performance list, performance-time curves, altitude/wind adjustments)

C. Championship performance history, in particular, the history of the athlete's on-demand performances at major championships

D. The competitive head to head record of each athlete

E. Injury and illness history

- F. Previous/current relay experience** (proven ability to pass and receive batons, championship experience, head to heads)
- G.** Relay splits taken from prior championship or non-championships events may be considered
- H. Commitment to relay programme** and relay panel initiatives
- I. Availability for selection** of relay panel members and those athletes who contributed to the relay panel's qualification

4.13 Final Relay Team Selections

The "Strike Four" athletes for any Relay Team(s) that run at the championships will be **selected by the appointed Relay Coach, in consultation with Team Management** before final relay declarations. For selection purposes there are "No Appeals" against the final running order or to the selection of the "Strike Four" athletes.

Selectors Meetings

4.14 The Selection Panel members and the [Selectors Terms of Reference can be found here](#).

4.15 Selectors meetings will be held to select athletes as follows: Final selections all events will be on **25 February 2025**.

After Selection

4.16 For the purposes of clarity, it is the intended operation of this Policy that **all selections in the Team remain conditional** up and through the championships given the athlete shows form and fitness.

4.16.1 Form and fitness is proven by the athlete achieving a performance/result prior to the championships that is close/better than the published Performance Standards set in (clause 6).

4.16.2 Failure by a selected athlete to show form and fitness prior to the Championships will, at the discretion of the Selectors, High Performance Director and/or Team Manager result in an athlete who has been initially selected to the team being withdrawn.

4.17 An athlete who enters the Athletics Ireland Team Camp and/or the 2025 European Indoor Championship village will be subject to an injury evaluation/assessment by the championship Team Management staff. The injury evaluation/assessment will be carried out by Athletics Ireland's Physio (or appointed Team Physio).

4.17.1 If as a result of such injury evaluation/assessment the Team Physio, Team Management staff, and Team Leader/Manager considers an athlete does not have the standard of fitness or is otherwise not in condition to compete due to injury at a level appropriate to the event(s) for which they have been selected, the Team Leader/Manager will have the sole discretion to withdraw the athlete from the competition.

4.18 An athlete who is found to have breached any Athletics Ireland, World Athletics, EAA, LOC or other relevant code of conduct may be withdrawn from the competition at the sole discretion of the Team Leader/Manager.

4.19 Athletics Ireland reserve the right to cancel any and all selections up to and through the championships due to any Covid-19 related developments in Ireland or overseas that could increase the risk of harm to the travelling party or to the health and well-being of the general population.

Selection Queries

4.20 Athletes can seek clarification regarding selection policy from the [Athletics Ireland Performance Director](#).

Non-Selection Appeals Process

4.21 The publishing of selected athletes (Selection Announcement) on Athletics Ireland website after a selection meeting will be **deemed the commencement of the 24-hour period to lodge non-Selection Appeals** in accord with this Selection Policy.

4.22 Any athlete who is not selected in accordance with this Selection Policy may appeal their non-selection to Athletics Ireland providing they:

4.22.1 Have submitted an NTFD in accordance with timelines contained in this Selection Policy and;

4.22.2 Submit a notice of their intention to appeal their non-selection via online [Notice of Appeals Form](#) within 24 hours of the selection decision published on the Athletics Ireland website (i.e. the Selection Announcement). The Notice of Appeal Form is submitted to the Chair of the Appeals Panel and the CEO of Athletics Ireland.

4.23 The [Selection Appeals Procedure](#) can be found on the HP section of Athletics Ireland website.

4.24 The Grounds upon which a Selection decision may be appealed are limited to the following:

4.24.1 There has been an alleged failure by Selection Panel to follow or apply the relevant Selection Procedure and/or criteria set out in the Selection Policy, and/or

4.24.2 The decision for selection for the championship has been reached based on an error of fact.

5. GENERAL INFORMATION:

5.1 The criteria may be amended at any time by the Directors of Athletics Ireland, if Athletics Ireland is of the opinion that such amendment is necessary in the best interests of Athletics Ireland or as a result of any change in EA participation rules and/or guidelines. Any amendment to the criteria will be published on the Athletics Ireland website.

Meet Information

5.2 The number of officials/coaches accreditations authorised per team is limited. Officials and Team Coaches (if deemed necessary) will be accredited on this basis and named after the team selections.

5.3 Selected athletes' personal coaches/family outside of the selected "Official Irish Team" will be responsible for their own travel, accommodations, tickets, and accreditations for the 2025 European Indoor Championship.

6. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:

MEN		EVENT (Target Number)	WOMEN	
A Standard	B Standard		A Standard	B Standard
6.60 (10.05 100m outdoor)	6.65	60m (40)	7.20 (11.05 100m outdoors)	7.30
46.20 (45.00 outdoor)	46.65	400m (30)	52.10 (50.70 outdoor)	52.90
1:46.40 (1:44.50 outdoor)	1:47.65	800m (30)	2:02.00 (1:59.00 outdoor)	2:03.90
3:37.00 (3:32.00 outdoor)	3:39.00	1500m (27)	4:08.00 (4:02.00 outdoor)	4:12.25
7:43.00 (7:36.00 outdoor)	7:48.50	3000m (24)	8:48.00 (8:39.00 outdoor)	8:58.00
7.63 (13.25 110mH outdoor)	7.73	60m hurdles (32)	8.00 (12.80 100mH outdoor)	8.10
2.30m	2.22	High jump (18)	1.96m	1.91
5.85m	5.65	Pole vault (18)	4.70m	4.45
8.10m	7.88	Long jump (18)	6.80m	6.58
17.00m	16.30	Triple jump (18)	14.35m	13.80
21.40m	20.15	Shot put (18)	18.90m	17.60
6140 (8400 for Dec)	6000 (8230 For Dec)	CE (14)	4600 (6650 for Hep)	4415 (6240 For Hep)
As per clause 4.10		M, W & Mx 4x400m (6)	As per clause 4.10	