



2025 EUROPEAN RACE WALKING TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS: 18 MAY – PODEBRADY CZECH REPUBLIC

SELECTION POLICY

GENERAL INFORMATION

This policy should be read in conjunction with the [Selection Panels Terms of Reference](#). This policy should be considered provisional until European Athletics release the relevant information pertaining to this competition, at which point this policy will be updated if required.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA		
Date	Event	Notes
1 January 2024 to 4 May 2025	Qualifying Period	
IMPORTANT INFORMATION		
1 February 2025	National Team Declaration Form	Online Form
5 May 2025	Final selections all events	

1. SELECTION POLICY PERFORMANCE 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](#)

2. ENTRY RULES:

2.1 Each European Athletics Member Federation may enter a maximum of 6 (six) athletes in each Senior event, of which a maximum of 4 (four) may participate, and a maximum of 5 (five) athletes in each U20 event of which a maximum of 3 (three) may participate.

2.2 Age Categories

Only athletes aged at least 20 (twenty) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the 35km event.

Only athletes aged at least 18 (eighteen) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the 20 km (Senior Men and Senior Women).

Only athletes aged at least 16 (sixteen) years and not more than 19 (nineteen) years on 31 December of the year of the competition may participate in the 10 km (U20 Men and U20 Women).

3. SELECTION PHILOSOPHY:

3.1 To achieve our High Performance vision of “more athletes winning on the world stage” Athletics Ireland has set the selection criteria and philosophy for the 2025 European Racewalking Team Championships, where a Team/Individual(s) selected to compete, will have the potential to achieve a **top 6 team finish or top 16 (individual finish)**.

4. SELECTION PROCESS:

Participation Criteria

4.1 Nothing in this Policy obliges Athletics Ireland to select a full contingent 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 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 February 2025.
- 4.2.2 Satisfy all World Athletics, eligibility, nationality and European championship participation rules.
- 4.2.3 Be a registered member of Athletics Ireland.
- 4.2.4 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.
- 4.2.5 Have completed the European Athletics anti-doping education programme at www.irunclean.org.

Performance Standards

4.3 Athletics Ireland has set its own Performance Standards for the purposes of this Selection Policy. Only WA/EAA recognised performances and events will be accepted. Athletics Ireland’s Performance Standards for each of the events to be conducted at the 2025 European Racewalking Team Championships are set out in clause 6.

Qualification Period

4.4 Athletics Ireland has set its own Qualification Period in which the Performance Standards must be achieved. Selection will be based on the performances (for all events) during the period of 1 January 2024 to 4 May 2025.

General Selection Criteria

- 4.5 The Selection Panel may “exercise their sole and overriding discretion” to select an athlete(s) that meets with the eligibility and entry rules of the 2025 European Racewalking Team Championships and as stipulated in this Selection Policy.
- 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 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)
 - 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

Individual Selection Criteria

4.7 Any eligible athlete who achieves a Performance Standard within the Qualification Period for the particular event will be considered for selection.

- 4.7.1 20km RW Performance Standards will be accepted for athletes seeking selection in the 35km RW. However, athletes must have previously achieved a result over 35km RW to be considered for selection in the 35km RW event

After Selection

4.8 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.

- 4.8.1 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).
- 4.8.2 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.

4.9 An athlete who enters the Athletics Ireland Team Camp and/or the 2025 European Racewalking Team Championships 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).

- 4.9.1 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.

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

Selection Queries

4.11 Athletes can contact the Athletics Ireland [Performance Director](#) with any queries regarding selection requirements for this event.

Non-Selection Appeals Process

4.12 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.

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

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

4.13.2 Submit an appeal 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.

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

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

4.15.1 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

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

Selectors Meetings

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

4.17 Final selection meeting for all events will be on **5 May 2025**.

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 participation rules and/or guidelines. Any amendment to the criteria will be published on the Athletics Ireland website.

Funding

5.2 Athletes may receive funding for the event under their Athletics Ireland Athlete Agreements. The decision whether to provide funding to an athlete who has been selected and the extent of any funding will be made by the Performance Director.

6. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:

Men		Women
46:45	U20 10km	51:45
1:26:30	Senior 20km	1:39:00
1:30:00	Senior 20km (U23 Athletes)	1:43:00
2:42:00 / 1:26:30 (20km)	Senior 35km*	3:07:00 / 1:39:00 (20km)

*See clause 4.7.1