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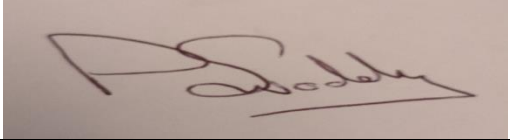
Nomination Policy and Consideration Standards

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The information in this Nomination Policy is accurate as at June 2025 but remains subject to change.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This nomination policy has been agreed by the Athletics Northern Ireland Management Board. It provides detail on the process by which Athletics Northern Ireland will arrive at athlete nominations for Glasgow 2026.
- 1.2 The names of the athletes nominated by Athletics Northern Ireland, in priority order, will be submitted to Commonwealth Games Northern Ireland (CGNI) for consideration and for final selection to Team Northern Ireland 2026 in accordance with the CGNI Athlete Selection Policy (Annex A).
- 1.3 Achievement by an athlete of individual Consideration Standards, detailed in this document, is only the first step. In all cases, selection by Athletics NI represents only a nomination to CGNI for ratification. The final decision on selection to the 2026 Commonwealth Games lies with CGNI.
- 1.4 Athletics NI may amend this nomination policy and shall publicise any change made to it at the earliest opportunity.

SELECTION POLICY AIM

- 1.5 Athletics NI will nominate a team with the targets:
 - To achieve a medal(s)
 - To maximise the number of top eights achieved by the team
 - Developmental: For those on an upward trajectory within Athletics NI performance system with the potential to obtain a top 8 position at the Commonwealth Games in 2030.

2.0 SELECTION

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 To be eligible to compete for Northern Ireland in the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow 2026 the eligibility criteria of the Commonwealth Games Federation, Byelaw 16 must be met by all nominees (see Annex B).
- 2.2 Where prospective team members do not automatically comply with the above criteria, they will only be nominated for final selection if they receive prior approval from the Commonwealth Sport under their guidelines.
- 2.3 For the avoidance of any doubt and as agreed by UKA, Commonwealth Sport and the Home Nations Commonwealth Games Associations, where the 2026 Games are

concerned Home Nation athlete eligibility on grounds of birth will be based on the nationality of the athlete, the athlete's parents or the athlete's grandparents.

2.4 In the circumstances that a prospective team member who is currently outside the Athletics NI pathways system, considers themselves eligible to compete for Northern Ireland they must make an application to the Athletics NI Performance Lead by **1st August 2025**, outlining their rationale to allow sufficient time for review and if required any submission to Commonwealth Sport. To note this application requirement does not apply to prospective team members who are already known to Athletics NI.

2.5 In addition to be considered for nomination, athletes must

- Compete in the 2025 or 2026 NI & Ulster Senior Track and Field, 10,000m Track or Combined Events Championships within the qualification window.
- Sign the Athletics NI Code of Conduct and abide by its terms and conditions.
- Sign the Team NI Team Members Agreement and abide by its terms and conditions
- Complete and meet the Clean Sport/Clean Games anti-doping education and other requirements for Team NI as determined by UK Anti-Doping;

PERFORMANCE CONSIDERATIONS

2.6 Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics (WA), its Area Associations or its Member Federations and published on the World Athletics Global Calendar (<https://worldathletics.org/competition/calendar-results?offset=3200>)

2.7 Performances must be achieved in a competition conducted according to World Athletics Competition and Technical Rules

2.8 UK Domestic competition performances will only be recognised if they are achieved in a

- British Athletics Level 2 Permit competition or higher, or in an Area or County Championship (See <http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/competitions/rules/> for an explanation of British Athletics' competition permit levels).

2.9 Performances in mixed events between male and female participants, held completely in a stadium, may be accepted under specific circumstances (see WA rule 9 Mixed Competition): <http://www.worldathletics.org>

2.10 Wind-assisted performances (or performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available) for events held completely in a stadium will not be considered. (see World Athletics rules 260.14(c), 260.17 (b) and 260.18)

2.11 Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110/100m hurdles, 400m hurdles and 4x100m relay will not be accepted.

2.12 A fully approved automatic timing device must be used in all track events up to and including 400m.

2.13 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m hurdles, 400m hurdles performances at altitudes of above 950m will not be accepted.

2.14 For the Combined Events the conditions set in World Athletics rule 11.4 (or any revised or amended rule relating to wind readings in combined events in force at the time) will be applied for qualification purposes. This requires that at least one of these conditions must be met: -

- The wind velocity in any individual event shall not exceed plus 4 metres per second.
- The average wind velocity (based on the algebraic sum of the wind velocities, as measured for each individual event, divided by the number of such events) shall not exceed plus 2 metres per second.

2.15 Short track (indoor) performances for all field events and for races of 400m or longer shall be accepted

CONSIDERATION STANDARDS

2.16 **Qualification Period:** To be considered as part of the nomination process, athletes must achieve one standard within the qualification period: **00:00(GMT) 1 April 2025 and 23.59 (GMT) 14 June 2026.**

Table 1: Athletics NI Consideration Standards

MEN	EVENT	WOMEN
10.20	100m	11.30
20.64	200m	23.15
45.75	400m	51.85
1.46.70	800m	2.01.00
3.53.50 3.36.50	Mile (1500m)	4.24.50 4.05.00
13.30.00	5,000m	15.20.00
28.00.00	10,000m	32.10.00
8.35.00	3000m Steeplechase	9.49.00
13.60	110m/ 100m Hurdles	13.15
50.00	400m Hurdles	56.60
41:30	10,000m Racewalk	46:00
2.20	High Jump	1.85
5. 20	Pole Vault	4.30
7.85	Long Jump	6.45

16.20	Triple Jump	13.30
19.00	Shot	17.00
60.00	Discus	54.50
68.50	Hammer	64.00
78.00	Javelin	54.00
7200	Decathlon/ Heptathlon	5550
38.90	4x 100m	44.90
3.15.70	4x 400m Mixed Relay	3.15.70

2.17 Any athlete achieving one or more eligible standard(s) as detailed on Table 1 within the qualifying period will be considered for nomination.

SELECTION PROCESS

2.18 CGNI will allocate Athletics NI a maximum team size covering all events as listed in section. The number of athletes nominated both per event and overall will be in accordance with the CGNI allocation.

2.19 To note Para-Sport athletes will receive an invitation to compete from Commonwealth Sport, based on a quota system adopted by Commonwealth Sport in line with WPA Commonwealth rankings. Para events do not count towards the maximum team size allocated to Athletics NI by the CGNI.

2.20 Within the spirit of this policy, Athletics NI will nominate to CGNI the maximum possible number of athletes, prioritising those athletes who have achieved the consideration standards and are most likely to contribute to the aim of winning a medal and maximising the number of top eight positions at the Games.

2.21 Should more athletes achieve the Consideration Standards than the total number of places allocated by CGNI, then Athletics NI will rank athletes in priority order in accordance with its overall policy aims and nomination criteria outlined in section 1.5. The final decision on team selection will then lie with CGNI.

2.22 Nominations will be made by the Athletics Northern Ireland nomination panel to include and not limited to:

- A Chairperson nominated by the Athletics NI Board (casting vote)
- Chair of Performance Pathways Committee (voting)
- One Independent coach (voting)
- Two representatives appointed by the Athletics NI Selection Committee (voting)

2.23 Legal guidance and supporting technical evidence, expert advice and statistics shall be provided by:

- Relevant ANI coaching and development staff (including The Commonwealth Games Performance Lead (non -voting) and statisticians with a breadth and depth of knowledge in athlete trajectories and elite performance (non-voting)

- To ensure a fair and transparent process, an independent observer will be in attendance (non –voting).
- A minute taker will be appointed (non- voting)

2.24 The Chair of the Panel may also (at his/her discretion) seek assistance (in a non-voting capacity) from anyone else he/she feels may be of help.

2.25 All selection panel members will be required to declare any conflicts of interest and will not participate in any discussions or vote relating to athletes with whom such a conflict has been declared.

2.26 In deciding nominations, the nomination panel (Section 2.22) will consider a combination of the following criteria, in no specific order, as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant to achieving the aims of the policy:

- Compliance with eligibility requirements as laid out in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.5 of this policy
- The achievement of consideration standard(s) within the nomination period and under competition conditions as detailed within paragraphs 2.6 to 2.17 of this policy
- Potential for a top 8 finish based upon Commonwealth ranking using the athlete's single best performance obtained during the qualification window. This ranking will be based on three athletes per nation and take into consideration any other relevant factors at the time of the meeting
- Number of performances above and close to the consideration standard
- Consistency of performances
- Current form and fitness. Performances achieved closer to the selection date will be given increased weighting. In the unfortunate circumstances of illness/ injury, athletes will be subject to demonstrating their proof of fitness as set out in the Athletics NI Fitness to Perform Policy before their nomination can be considered.
- Head-to-heads, within the qualification period

2.27 The consideration and prioritisation of athletes will be decided at a single nomination meeting. This meeting will be held on Monday 15 June 2026.

2.28 The following process will be used to rank the athletes

- **Round 1:** Athletes that have achieved the consideration standard(s) will be ranked in order based on their likelihood to achieve a top eight performance using the criteria as set out in 2.26
- **Round 2: (Relays).** In this round the Nomination Panel may consider (but not necessarily nominate) additional athletes to create squads for the men's and women's 4x100m and mixed 4x400m relays. Relay Teams will only be selected on the basis of top 8 potential.
- At the conclusion of the nomination rounds: Consideration will then be given to athletes who wish to enter additional events other than their primary discipline. They will be allowed to do so only if this will not detract from their performance in their primary event, including the relays.

2.29 Athletics Northern Ireland will forward final nominations to CGNI in priority order on **22 June 2026**. CGNI will confirm final selections shortly afterwards.

2.30 Athletics Northern Ireland will contact all nominated athletes following the Athletics Northern Ireland nomination meeting and will also contact, in confidence those athletes who were not successful.

APPEAL PROCESS

2.31 Athletes may appeal their non-selection but only after the prioritisation and nomination of athletes on the 15 June 2026 and only according to the procedure laid out in the Athletics Nomination Appeals Policy which can be found on the Athletics NI website.

OTHER FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION

2.32 For avoidance of any doubt all nominated athletes must comply with the requirements set out in Section 2.5

2.33 In signing the Team NI Team Members agreement, athletes commit to attending mandatory team meetings, any anti-doping education, and abiding by all policies related to the games including those associated with the use of social media and late withdrawal from the team for reasons other than acute injury.

2.34 Athletes who do not agree to be bound by the terms of this agreement will not be nominated for selection to the CGNI.

3.0 DE-SELECTION

ANTI-DOPING:

3.1 Athletes suspended by their governing body because of an ongoing or concluded anti-doping violation allegations, will not be considered for selection, and if previously selected, will be deselected from Team Northern Ireland 2026.

3.2 All nominated athletes and reserves must undertake approved anti-doping education provided by Athletics NI. Athletes who fail to attend this compulsory anti-doping education (or refuse to follow up by way of a webinar if out of the country for legitimate training or competition reasons) will not be nominated for selection to the CGNI.

3.3 Late replacements to the team must undertake anti-doping education before arrival at the Games village.

FORM AND FITNESS / INJURY MANAGEMENT

3.4 Athletes who become unfit due to illness or injury at any time following their nomination must notify the Performance Lead immediately and will be subject to the Athletics NI Fitness to Perform Policy. They will be required to undertake a full medical examination by Sport Northern Ireland Sports Institute (SNI SI) Medical Staff, which may result in the athlete being de-selected from the team.

3.5 Athletes may be subjected to training observation sessions and/or medical tests at any time following their nomination and/or selection. Any athlete judged to be unfit by Athletics NI, following tests conducted by Athletics NI, or their authorised representatives, may be de-selected from the team.

3.6 At any time prior to the Team NI team being formally entered into the Games, Athletics NI reserves the right to withdraw an athlete's nomination should they no-longer be eligible or be deemed unfit to Participate. Ineligibility includes but is not limited to:

- Bringing the sport into disrepute.
- Failure to abide by the ANI Code of Conduct.
- Failure to abide by the Team NI Team Member Agreement; or
- Failure to meet the Clean Sport/Clean Games anti-doping requirements of Team NI.

3.7 If an athlete is de-selected from the team prior to the final nominations being submitted to the CGNI, then the highest priority athlete on the reserve list if athletes are available will be nominated to take their place.

3.8 Once the final team is selected by the CGNI, late replacements will be at the complete discretion of CGNI to replace the withdrawn athlete. That athlete may be from a different sport but is deemed to have a better chance of meeting the criteria within CGNI Athlete Selection Policy.

4.0 SELECTION POLICY AMENDMENTS

4.1 Athletics NI reserves the right to amend this policy at its sole discretion and will make any amended version publicly available (including the date on which any amendment was made) at Competition Opportunities for Athletes | Competition Opportunities | Athletes in Northern Ireland | Athletics Northern Ireland (athleticsni.org)

Annex A

CGNI Selection Policy

[CGNI Selection Policy for Glasgow 2026](#)

Annex B

Commonwealth Sport Byelaw 16

[CGF Byelaw 16](#)