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FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITY

# GB SELECTION POLICY

2018 INAS EUROPEAN SUMMER GAMES  
**ATHLETICS**

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**GB Team Standards**  
**Inas Class II1 – Intellectual Impairment**

<b>MEN</b>	<b>EVENTS</b>	<b>WOMEN</b>	
<b>GB Standard (MQS)</b>		<b>GB Standard (MQS)</b>	
11.70	100m	13.40	
23.40	200m	26.90	
50.00	400m	61.00	
1.57.00	800m	2.22.00	
4.00.00	1500m	4.52.00	
	3000m	11.51.00	
16.07.00	5000m	20.00.00	
35.00.00	10000m		
	100m hurdles (0,84m)	21.00	
18.30	110m hurdles (0,91m)		
	400m hurdles (0,76m)	80.70	
61.50	400m hurdles (0,84m)		
10.08	3000m Steeplechase		
TBC	5000m Walk	37.30	
tbc	4x100m Relay	tbc	
tbc	4x400m Relay	tbc	
6.12	Long Jump	5.11	
1.69	High Jump	1.20	
12.06	Triple Jump	10.90	
2.00	Pole Vault	TBC	
11.93	Shot Put	12.65	
32.05	Discus	37.80	
41.50	Javelin	24.10	
28.30	Hammer	32.00	
GB standard in at least 4 events At least Inas standard in other	Heptathlon	GB standard in at least 4 events. At least Inas standard in other	

**GB Team Standards**  
**Inas Class II2 – trial group for athletes with a**  
**More significant intellectual impairment**  
(Demonstration basis only at 2018 Summer Games)

<b>MEN</b>	<b>EVENTS</b>	<b>WOMEN</b>	
<b>GB Standard (MQS)</b>		<b>GB Standard (MQS)</b>	
14.74	100m	22.49	
67.67	400m	2.01	
3.45	Long Jump	2.07	
8.46	Shot Put	4.30	

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## SELECTION POLICY

### Definitions of Terms used within this Policy:

#### *UKSA GB Team Standard*

The minimum standard that an athlete must achieve to be considered for the GB Team to the Inas European Summer Games Athletics Team. Consideration is no guarantee of selection.

#### *Programmed/Scheduled Championship events*

The events being held at the 2018 Inas European Summer Games in Athletics.

#### *Inas Event Qualifying Times*

Times set by Inas Organisers as the minimum qualifying standard (MQS) for entry.

#### *UKSA GB Qualifying Times*

The times set by the UKSA Sports Selection Committee as the standard to be considered for selection to the GB Team.

#### *Inas classes*

- II1 - for athletes with an intellectual impairment (T/F20 in athletics)
- II2 – trial group for athletes with a more significant intellectual impairment\*

\*includes athletes with Down syndrome

#### *Sport and Selection Committee (SSC)*

The Committee set up by UKSA to set the Selection Policy, select staff and athletes to the GB Team and manage the sport at a Great Britain level on behalf of UKSA.

#### *UKSA (UK Sports Association for People with Learning Disability)*

The official Inas member nation for Great Britain. The recognised national charity, operating UK wide that facilitates and supports talented sports people with learning disability in the UK to train, compete and excel in national and international sport. UKSA manages the eligibility and classification system across all sports for athletes with learning disability. UKSA is a member of the British Paralympic Association and is recognised by UK Sport.

#### *Home Country Association*

References Scottish Disability Sport (SDS), Disability Sport Wales (DSW), Disability Sport Northern Ireland and Mencap Sport in England.

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#### 1. GB Team Minimum Performance Standards and Criteria for Selection

##### Performance Standards

- a) To qualify to be *considered* for selection to the GB Team, each athlete will be required to have competed at a recognised event. A recognised event will be one where the results to appear on Power of 10 and are recognised by the relevant home country athletics governing body and/or be International Paralympic Committee (IPC) endorsed.
- b) Only athletes who have met the GB standard and demonstrated consistency in performances during the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 will be considered.
- c) To be considered, athletes should show at least 2 eligible performances within this time frame which must be listed on Power of 10 under the T/F20 classification and at a recognised event.
- d) An athlete must meet minimum criteria to be considered. Consideration does not mean every athlete will be selected or invited to the GB Team. Athlete's selection will be based on a number of factors, including, but not limited to, number of times MQS has been achieved, rankings, current form, performances, injury/illness, relative strength of class at Championships and potential to reach podium.
- e) The relevant Home Nation Disability Sports Organisation must endorse the athletes' selection and ensure all selection criteria, including sports performance and financial endorsement are met. For clarification, the Home Nation organisations recognised by the UKSA SSC are Scottish Disability Sport (SDS), Disability Sport Wales (DSW), and Mencap Sport in England. UKSA may also consult the relevant Home Country National Governing Body of Sport.
- f) The SSC reserve the right to consider indoor performances over the indoor season 2017/2018 if further information is required to select an individual. This will be at the discretion of the SSC, and only in exceptional circumstances. Indoor performances will not be considered for every athlete.
- g) The (SSC) reserves the right to ask for further current performances and additional information for any athlete, to satisfy themselves that the athlete is performing well and at a level that is expected for the GB Team.
- h) If an athlete is a British Athletics funded athlete, has been invited by British Athletics to a programme, GB Team or event, that athlete will also be required to consult with British Athletics to ensure training and selection for the Inas European Summer Games Athletics does not hinder their British Athletics commitments. For these athletes, UKSA will need to receive formal written approval from the British Athletics, Head Para Coach. IPC events are a priority.

##### Eligibility and Classification

- a) Each athlete must have a current Inas classification number and be approved to appear on the Inas Master List by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to be considered for selection to the Championships.
- b) Only Inas class II1 athletes who hold a full Inas T/F20 Classification and appear as active on the Inas master list by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 will be considered for selection.

- c) Only Inas class II2 athletes who hold a full II2 Inas classification and appear as active on the Inas master list, by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 will be considered selection.
- d) Any athlete who has been given an ineligible status from the sports specific classification (Stage 2 classification), from IPC cannot be considered for selection to the GB Team or compete at the Championships.
- e) Any athlete invited to the GB Team must have paid their 2018 UKSA GB fee, their IPC licence fee (if required), and the Inas International Service Fee for 2018 and appear as 'active' on the Inas master list. UKSA will consider those that have paid fees to UKSA, but are awaiting for their details to update on the Inas master list.

## Relays

- a) The decision to enter relay teams will be considered by the SSC once the individual athlete selections are made.
- b) If relays are entered, the 2018 GB Team Manager and Head Coach may at their discretion, hold relay practices at the Championship event at any time and location after the GB Team has been selected, after which final selection to the relay team may be made.
- c) The 2018 GB Head Coach and GB Team Manager will decide the relay team to run in either heats or finals at his or her discretion, giving consideration to performance strength, athlete programmes and achieving strongest outcome for GB. The final decision will remain with the Head Coach in each of these matters and is final.

## Other Selection Criteria

In addition to criteria set in earlier sections, an athlete must also meet the following in order to be considered:

- a) An athlete and his or her coach must provide information to show:
  - 1) That the athlete is following a regular coach led training programme and the content of that programme.
  - 2) Evidence that the athlete is injury/illness free. It is the responsibility of the athlete to inform the SSC and GB Head Coach of any illness/injury prior to and after selection. If an injury or illness is not declared by an athlete or coach and is found to be hindering an athlete on arrival at or during the event, UKSA and the GB Team Manager reserve the right to remove that athlete from competition taking into account the athletes overall best interests. UKSA reserve the right to reclaim from the athlete any costs that it has incurred in this situation that could have been avoided if a declaration had been made. Each situation will be considered on its own merits
  - 3) That the athlete is able and competent to travel as part of GB Team; can and will adhere to instructions given by GB Team Staff in the interest of their performance, their welfare and that of other athletes and coaches and has the ability and experience to cope with the demands and pressures of a performance sport environment.
  - 4) If an athlete and his or her coach cannot provide the required information, then the athlete cannot be considered for the GB Team.
  - 5) Any invitation extended by the SSC, is done so on the basis
    - i) that the athlete is liable for the costs as laid down by UKSA and that these will be paid in full within the timeframe set by UKSA.
    - ii) That the athlete has the ability to meet the full costs set out by UKSA and ability to ensure these will be paid in full within the timeframe set by UKSA.

- iii) that an athlete's Home Country Organisation or other organisation must provide within 5 day of selection a letter to say that in the event an athletes' costs remain unpaid and expenditure is unrecoverable via insurance or legally due to be paid that the Home Country Association or other agency will pay these costs where required by UKSA.
- iv) An athletes' Home Country Association must provide in advance, and no later than the point of selection, a guarantee that in the event of emergency whilst part of the GB Team that they will support logistics, athletes needs and provide the financial means in advance to:
  - a) Ensure the viability of the GB Team for the athletes from their country
  - b) Provide the support and if necessary financial means, in advance to repatriate the athlete from their country back to the UK in the event of an emergency and where the athlete is unable to do so.
  - c) Ensure logistical support to UKSA and athletes from their country to ensure deadlines are met, payments are submitted and the Team is ready for competition.
- c) If an athlete's payment is late, or defaulted then this may lead to the athlete being de-selected.
- d) If a Home Country Association is unable to provide the support outlined in section 5 (i to iv) then the athlete cannot be selected.

### **Selection and Invitation**

- a) The SSC will consider all the information available at time of selection to decide who should be selected and invited to the GB Team. An athlete reaching a performance standard is no guarantee that an athlete will be selected. Each athlete will need to meet all of the selection criteria set out in this policy.
- b) Selection and invitation is at the discretion of the SSC based on all of the information available at the time of selection.
- c) Invitations to the GB Team will be made by the end of April 2018.

### **Other Selection Criteria & Considerations**

- a) It is advisable and preferred, that athletes do not take holidays immediately prior to the Championships. Holidays should be discussed with the UKSA Head Coach before booking.

Anything that may affect a training plan in the lead up to the Championships, which might, in the opinion of UKSA and/or GB Head Coach, be detrimental to their performance at the Championships, should be discussed with the Head Coach. This includes taking holidays. UKSA and the GB Head Coach reserve the right to advise athletes to postpone holidays where it is considered it may impact adversely on their preparation and performance for the GB Team.

- b) Athletes are expected to keep in regular contact with the UKSA GB Head Coach from selection through to the Championships to ensure their preparation is at the right level and on track. There is equal responsibility on both Head Coach and the athlete to maintain this contact.
- c) An athlete may be de-selected from the Team if, in the reasonable opinion of the UKSA Selection Committee or the GB Team Manager and Head Coach, an athlete is not at an appropriate fitness level or is not at the expected competitive level to appropriately represent Great Britain at the Championships.
- d) Athletes are expected to sign, agree and comply with UKSA policies and procedures, plus promote UKSA, Inas and sport in the UK in a positive way both in the UK and overseas. Athletes who do not work within UKSA policies and procedures may be de-selected from the Team.

## **Schedule – Payment and Finance**

- a) Athlete payments must be received by UKSA as follows:
- Payment 1 At least 50% of athlete costs, including kit costs within 5 days of invitation.
  - Payment 2 Full remaining costs by 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at the latest.

## **Post Selection and Appeals**

- a) Any appeals against selection in relation to this Championships Selection Policy must be made in accordance with the UKSA Appeals procedure. A copy of the Policy is available on request from UKSA.
- b) The GB Team will be announced by UKSA once those invited are confirmed.
- c) All athletes and staff selected by UKSA, will be required to comply with UKSA policy, procedures and values.

## **Staff Selection**

Staff appointments will be by invitation only and at the discretion of the UKSA SSC (athletics).

## **Disclaimer**

UKSA reserves the right to

- i) Alter the GB standards once the Inas minimum qualifying standards are published.
- ii) Alter the Team staff structure and athletes on Team where deemed necessary to ensure the welfare, competitiveness and viability of the GB Team entry is preserved.
- iii) Request additional finances where necessary to cover Team athlete and staff costs in the event that costs rise due to exchange rates, delayed payments from athletes or other reasons beyond the control of UKSA.
- iv) De-select athletes and/or staff as outlined in this policy or where such individual brings or has the potential to bring UKSA, the GB Team or sport into disrepute.
- v) remove or alter its entry, in full or in part, from the Inas European Summer Games where given consideration to all of the circumstances and in UKSA's reasonable opinion the viability of the Team in relation to athlete/staff welfare, competitiveness, competency, or financial undertakings are at an unacceptable risk level or where a relevant Home Country Association or other does not fully meet and act upon its obligations under this policy.

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