

PENTATHLON GB⁺

BIATHLE, TRIATHLE AND LASER RUN SELECTION POLICY

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Modern Pentathlon Association of Great Britain (“MPAGB”) is the governing body for Modern Pentathlon (“the Sport”) in Great Britain and is affiliated to the Sport’s International Federation the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (“the UIPM”).
- 1.2. Pentathlon GB (“PGB”) is the operational department within MPAGB that oversees and manages the development and grassroots formats for the sport of Pentathlon. This covers all athlete talent pathways from our family of sport selection, to pathway selection, and to performance squad selection for major events, including World Championships and Olympic Games.
- 1.3. This document will be subject to periodic review and may be amended post review to ensure that it takes account of any external rule or policy amendments. In the case of amendments, an updated policy will be published on the PGB website and will be circulated to members.
- 1.4. This document outlines the process and criteria that PGB will use to determine which athletes it wishes to select to represent PGB at the World/ European Biathle, Triathle and Laser Run Championships.
- 1.5. The aim of this process is to maximise the medal winning potential for PGB at European and World Championships and to provide opportunities for athletes to gain international experience who have potential to represent PGB with medal winning potential in future international events.
- 1.6. Where the Selection Panel reasonably believes that athletes do not meet the aim of the selection (1.5) it shall be under no obligation to select a representative or select all eight representatives to which PGB is entitled in any Event or discipline.
- 1.7. The Selection Panel will not take account of any verbal or written agreements with any individual athlete, whether or not they conflict with the published Policy and Process, meaning that no athletes should have any ‘legitimate expectation’ save as set out in this document.
- 1.8. Athletes seeking selection thereby agree to these Rules and to comply with and maintain the eligibility requirements and obligations referable to Athletes set out below.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. To become and remain eligible for selection each Athlete must at all times:
 - 2.1.1. Be a citizen of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and eligible to compete for GB & NI under the UIPM nationality rules;
 - 2.1.2. Hold a valid, individual PGB Membership;
 - 2.1.3. Hold a valid UIPM Licence;



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- 2.1.4. Be in compliance with UIPM and PGB Rules and Regulations, Code of Conduct and Policies in force from time to time and failure to do so may result in the PGB Selection Panel rescinding the athlete's nomination;
 - 2.1.5. Be in compliance with the World Anti-Doping Agency Code, UIPM and PGB Anti-Doping Rules and Procedures, and any other anti-doping rules that PGB enforces;
 - 2.1.6. Not possess, supply, use or encourage the use of any illegal or prohibited drug or technique;
 - 2.1.7. Not be serving a ban or be subject to a sanction issued by PGB, UK Anti-Doping or the UIPM or ECMP from participation in the sport for any reason (including as a result of being found guilty of a doping offence or being found guilty of an offence relating to betting, manipulation of results, corrupt conduct, inside information) at the time of selection and/ or at the time of the Event;
 - 2.1.8. Be available for testing in accordance with the UIPM/ PGB requirements;
 - 2.1.9. Support drug-free and ethical practices and where possible promote Anti-Doping educational programmes in relation to doping control and related matters;
 - 2.1.10. Immediately notify the UIPM, UK Sport/ NADO or PGB whenever required of their whereabouts for the purposes of Out of Competition testing as laid out in the UIPM/ PGB Doping Rules;
 - 2.1.11. Ensure that any Therapeutic Use Exemptions are fully documented to use as laid out in the UIPM/ PGB Doping Rules;
 - 2.1.12. Cooperate fully with the Doping programme both in and out of competition;
 - 2.1.13. Justify the opinion of the Management of the Team that selection of the Athlete will not adversely affect or jeopardise the efficient, safe and orderly management of the group during any trip the Athlete is required to make.
- 2.2. Failure to provide the information as required by the process prior to any stipulated deadline may result in the PGB Selection Panel rescinding the athlete's nomination.
- 2.3. Selection for all competitions will consider but not be finally governed by results achieved.
- 2.4. If any Competition is to be cancelled or postponed or there are changes in dates of competitions or to the selection policy, Athletes will be informed by e-mail or a message posted on the PGB website and/ or social media channels. The same applies to changes in dates of competitions or selection policy.

3. SELECTION

- 3.1. All selections are made by a Selection Panel led by the Head of Pathways. Representation from within PGB and/ or externally will form the remainder of the panel. There will be a minimum of 3 voting members of the Panel.
- 3.2. The selection panel is as follows (PGB reserves the right to make reasonable adjustments to the composition of this panel and to invite non-voting observer members as deemed appropriate):



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Position	Voting Right
Head of Pathways	Yes
Team Manager	Yes
Lead Coach	Yes
PGB Staff Member	No

Table 1. PGB Biathle, Triathlon and Laser Run Selection Panel Composition.

- 3.3. The Selection Panel (and his delegates) will act fairly in exercising the judgments and discretions in the operation and implementation of this Policy.
- 3.4. The Selection Panel reserves the right to select an athlete in a different age category to support the aim of this policy.
- 3.5. UIPM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS & EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (appendix A):
 - 3.5.1. Subject to meeting the satisfactory performance standards, the first five British finishers in each competing age class at an official PGB qualifying competition will be eligible for selection for the championships.
 - 3.5.2. Subject to confirmation of their eligibility meeting the criteria above, their selection will be confirmed following the selection meeting.
 - 3.5.3. In the event of less than five reaching the satisfactory performance standard, the selection panel have the right to amend the standard.
 - 3.5.4. The sixth, seventh and eighth places in the GBR team, will be determined by the selection panel, taking into consideration performances at the official qualifying races (appendix B), performances at any of the PGB sanctioned consideration races (appendix C) and any bye requests submitted prior to the date of the respective qualifier event.
- 3.6. Satisfactory Performance is deemed to be within 15% of the winners time for Laser Run and Biathle, and 20% of the winners time for Triathlon.
- 3.7. For Mixed Relay events, PGB may choose up to 3 relay pairs to compete. Relay partners will be determined by the selection panel with consideration made to the competitive standards of the male and female counterparts. Mixed relay teams are not subject to change unless an athlete is ruled out on medical grounds.
- 3.8. Whilst there is no automatic assumption, the Selection Panel may allocate relay teams based on the below finishing positions in the Qualifier.

Male	Female	Team
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1 st Place	1 st Place	Together as Mixed A Team
2 nd Place	2 nd Place	Together as Mixed B Team
3 rd Place	3 rd Place	Together as Mixed C Team

Table 2. Mixed Relay Pairing Selection Criteria.

- 3.9. Should the event hold Gender Relay events, PGB may choose up to 3 relay pairs to compete for each gender. Relay partners will be determined by the selection panel with consideration made to the competitive standards of the athletes who have qualified for the event. Gender relay teams are not subject to change unless an athlete is ruled out on medical grounds.
- 3.10. Whilst there is no automatic assumption, the Selection Panel may allocate relay teams based on the below finishing positions in the Qualifier.

Male	Female	Team
1 st Place	1 st Place	Together as Mixed A Team
2 nd Place	2 nd Place	2nd and 3rd in each sex category to compete as A Team.
3 rd Place	3 rd Place	2nd and 3rd in each sex category to compete as A Team.

Table 3. Mixed and Gender Relay Pairing Selection Criteria.

- 3.11. The composition of the remaining relay teams available for selection in the case of gender and mixed relay events will be determined by the selection panel.
- 3.12. PGB reserve the right to not fill their allocation of athletes in all available relay events.
- 3.13. Bye applicants are not eligible to be considered for a relay space where there are already athletes selected in their age category, who wish to compete in a relay event.
- 3.14. It is the responsibility of athletes to bring to the attention of the Selection Panel any special circumstances that they feel may be relevant.
- 3.15. The Selection Panel must declare any actual or potential conflict of interest and disqualify himself where the interest is material or could reasonably give rise to an impression of bias or unfairness.
- 3.16. Where the Selection Panel reasonably believes that selection of an athlete or athletes would either contravene the duty of care owed to that athlete or athletes or would pose an unreasonable, as determined by the Selection Panel, risk to an athlete or athletes, it shall be under no obligation to select a representative or select all of the representatives to which PGB is entitled in any Event or discipline.

3.17. Para Selection

- 3.17.1. Para athletes will be selected using the same criteria as able-bodied athletes (3.5).



- 3.17.2. Para qualification events are listed distinctly in Appendix B.
- 3.17.3. Para athletes must have a national certified para classification to be eligible.

4. COMMUNICATION OF PGB SELECTION DECISIONS

- 4.1. The selection panel will meet week beginning 27th April, 2026, to confirm athletes for the 2026 European Biathlon, Triathlon and Laser Run Championships. PGB may change this date for operational reasons and will communicate this through an updated selection policy. This will be updated on the PGB website and will be communicated to members accordingly.
- 4.2. The selection panel will meet week beginning 6th July 2026, to confirm athletes for the 2026 World Biathlon, Triathlon and Laser Run Championships. PGB may change this date for operational reasons and will communicate this through an updated selection policy. This will be updated on the PGB website and will be communicated to members accordingly.
- 4.3. PGB will communicate selections in writing by email within 24hours of the respective selection panel meeting. Athletes must be aware of this and routinely review such communication channels to ensure that they receive the selection decision on a timely basis.

5. FITNESS TO PARTICIPATE

- 5.1. Every selection decision under this Policy will take account of the illness and/ or injury status of each athlete. The Selection Panel will gather all relevant information ahead of the relevant meeting and where it appears to the Selection panel that an athlete's performance is likely to be adversely affected as a result of illness or injury (including the issue of a loss of form due to time off) they shall take this into account and may decide not to select an athlete as a result.

6. BYE APPLICATION PROCESS

- 6.1. All athletes that wish to be considered for selection that have exceptional mitigating circumstances for not attending the qualifying event must complete a bye application form which arrives prior to the start of the qualifying event. Failure to submit a bye application form by this deadline may result in non-selection for an athlete.
- 6.2. Should the athlete be unable to attend a qualifier event and wish to submit a bye application request, they must indicate on the bye request form which consideration race they will attend to demonstrate current form to the selection panel.
- 6.3. Bye applications should be submitted online, via the form on the Pentathlon GB [website](#).



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- 6.4. There is no right for automatic selection through submission of a bye application.
- 6.5. All bye applications received will be reviewed and considered by the selection panel during the selection meeting providing they meet the aim for selection and eligibility criteria.

7. RESERVES AND DE-SELECTION

- 7.1. Following selection of athletes that will make up the team, the Selection Panel may also consider reserve places for some or all Events.
- 7.2. Any athletes considered for reserve places must meet the eligibility criteria and aims of the selection process set out in this document.
- 7.3. The number of reserve places offered will be at the discretion of the Selection Panel. Reserves may not necessarily be identified for every event and will be selected using the same criteria listed above.
- 7.4. Any reserves identified may be prioritised in number order by the Selection Panel. There will be no right to appeal this order. The Selection Panel may change the order of reserves if it believes this best serves the aim of the process. If the requirement to use a reserve athlete does arise, there will be no subsequent right of appeal for any unused reserves.

8. APPEALS

- 8.1. PGB operates a formal appeals procedure for UIPM Championships only. The Appeals Procedure must be instigated within 48 hours (excluding weekends and bank holidays) of email notification being sent to those athletes for the relevant Event.
- 8.2. Any appeal shall be managed in accordance with the Pathway Events Selection Appeals Policy available on the Pentathlon GB website
- 8.3. Any appeal form must be completed and sent to appeals@pentathlongb.org
- 8.4. To lodge an appeal, a £15 administration charge is applicable – payable to Pentathlon GB.

9. AMENDMENTS

- 9.1. PGB may amend and publish changes to this procedure at any time but not in a way unfairly affecting any current appeal.
- 9.2. PGB relies on funding from UK Sport and Sport England. PGB reserves the right to make changes to selection policy and representation at competitions in the event of exceptional circumstances particularly those dictated by exterior funding requirements. The UIPM International Calendar is subject to change after official publication. PGB reserves the right to alter the Selection Policy in any event and particularly consequent upon on changes of the UIPM International Calendar.



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10. DATA PROTECTION

10.1. Personal data collected as part of this process will be managed in line with our Data Protection and Privacy Policy. For more information, please visit our website.

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Appendix.

Appendix A – Major Championships Dates*

(*Updated and Confirmed Correct as of 27th March 2026, ECMP/UIPM)

2026 European Championships:

22nd – 28th June – Machico, Madeira

2026 World Championships:

26th October – 1st November – Funchal, Madeira

Appendix B – PGB Biathle, Triathle and Laser Run Qualifying Events*

Event Format	Event Type	Event Date	Event Location
Biathle	European Qualifier	26 th April, 2026	Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
Biathle	World Qualifier	7 th June, 2026	Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
Triathle	European Qualifier	19 th April, 2026	Leweston, Dorset
Triathle	World Qualifier	14 th June, 2026	Leweston, Dorset
Laser Run	European Qualifier	18 th April, 2026	Leweston, Dorset
Laser Run	World Qualifier	30 th May, 2026	Liverpool, Merseyside

(*Updated and Confirmed Correct as of 1st February 2026, PGB)

Para Qualifying Events

Event Format	Event Type	Event Date	Event Location
Para Biathle	European / World Qualifier	12 th April, 2026	Harrogate, North Yorkshire



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Para Biathlon	European / World Qualifier	26 th April, 2026	Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
Para Laser Run	European / World Qualifier	15 th March, 2026	Accrington, Manchester
Para Laser Run	European / World Qualifier	18 th April, 2026	Leweston, Dorset
Para Triathlon	European / World Qualifier	*Athletes must have competed in a Biathlon and Laser Run Qualifier Event to be considered for Triathlon Selection	

(*Updated and Confirmed Correct as of 1st February 2026, PGB)

Appendix C – PGB Sanctioned Biathlon, Triathlon and Laser Run Consideration Races*

Event Format	Event Date	Event Location
Biathlon	12 th April, 2026	Harrogate, North Yorkshire
Biathlon	12 th April, 2026	Leweston, Dorset
Triathlon	TBC	TBC
Laser Run	16 th May, 2026	Basingstoke, Hampshire

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**This appendix will be updated as additional PGB sanctioned consideration races are confirmed.
Once updated, this will be uploaded directly onto the PGB website and communicated to members.*

Appendix D – Biathlon, Triathlon, Laser Run Selection Confirmation Timeline – European Championships*

Date	Timeline Description
26 th April, 2026	Final European Qualifier
Week Beginning 27 th April, 2026	European Selection Meeting
1 st May, 2026	European Appeals Deadline
4 th May, 2026	European Selection Acceptance Deadline
10 th May, 2026	European Selection Payment Deadline
6 th May, 2026	European Selection Kit Order Deadline

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**This appendix will be updated should the timeline for Selection Confirmation change.
Once updated, this will be uploaded directly onto the PGB website and communicated to members.*



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Appendix E – Biathlon, Triathlon, Laser Run Selection Confirmation Timeline – World Championships*

Date	Timeline Description
14 th June, 2026	Final World Qualifier
Week Beginning 6 th July, 2026	World Selection Meeting
10 th July, 2026	World Appeals Deadline
13 th July, 2026	World Selection Acceptance Deadline
19 th July, 2026	World Selection Payment Deadline
*Week Beginning 13 th July, 2026	World Selection Kit Order Deadline

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**Exact Date for Kit Order Deadline will be confirmed and communicated to members and those selected.*

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