

## PENTATHLON GB SENIOR TEAM SELECTION POLICY

2026 SEASON

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## 1. Overview

- 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 is responsible for the day-to-day delivery of the World Class Programme ("WCP") and this policy has been structured to support PGB WCP in its delivery of LA Performance Objectives.
- 1.3 This document outlines the process and criteria that PGB will use to determine which athletes it wishes to select to represent PGB at the respective competitions in 2026 listed below:
  - 1.3.1 Other International Competitions (not mentioned below)
  - 1.3.2 Worlds Cup Series
  - 1.3.3 European Championships
  - 1.3.4 World Championships
- 1.4 The above competitions will have either a "Performance Aim" or a "Potential Aim" that will guide the selection objective for that event (See section 6).
- 1.5 The "Performance Aim" is used within this policy to select athletes who are most likely to make the final in the competition they are selected for and be able to win a medal at that competition.
- 1.6 The "Potential Aim" is used within this policy to select athletes who are deemed on track to meet the WCP Performance Objectives and who need competition exposure for their individual performance development. In alignment with the PBG Performance Strategy of developing "Physically Dominant Athletes", when considering athlete selection under the 'Potential Aim' the selection panel will consider and place emphasis on each Athletes' Tri Scores ('Tri score' being defined as the Swim and Laser Run points combined).
- 1.7 PGB is not obliged to select athletes to fill all the entry places available to PGB at any competition and may decide that neither the Performance Aim nor the Potential Aim warrant selection into all or any of the available entry places.
- 1.8 The Appeal Procedure set out at the Schedule below, does not apply in respect of the selection decisions relating to the 1.3.1 "Other International Competitions" and 1.3.2 'World Cup Series' (for which there is no appeal).
- 1.9 Self-funded international competition trips (i.e. where an athlete has not been selected for that competition under this policy) are permitted only if they are first agreed in consultation with an athlete's lead coach and the Performance Director, and subject to any conditions or reasonable requirements imposed.
- 1.10 This document will be subject to periodic review to ensure that it takes account of any change in competition calendar, external rule or policy amendments and includes any

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relevant feedback. In the case of any amendments, an updated policy will be published and circulated to all athletes.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 To be eligible to be selected for PGB under this policy, each athlete shall:

- 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 be a member of Pentathlon GB;
- 2.1.3 have signed the PGB Athlete Agreement, or, in the case of non-World Class Programme members, a PGB National Training Centre Agreement;
- 2.1.4 hold a valid UIPM Licence; and
- 2.1.5 not be subject to any sanction or serving a ban from participation in the sport (sometimes referred to as '*a period of ineligibility*') for any reason (including as a result of being found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation or being found guilty of an offence relating to betting, manipulation of results, corrupt conduct, inside information).

## 3. SELECTION PANEL

3.1 Selections under this Policy will generally be made by a Selection Panel chaired by the PGB Performance Director (or another individual appointed by the Performance Director).

3.2 The selection panel is made up as follows (Pentathlon GB reserves the right to make reasonable adjustments to the composition of this panel and to invite additional non-voting observer members as deemed appropriate):

### 3.2.1 Voting Members

- I. PGB Performance Director – Jamie Cooke;
- II. Head of Performance Support – Clare Lobb;
- III. PGB Head of Pathways – Rhys Edwards;

### 3.2.2 Non-Voting Members

- I. Lead Performance Coach – Tom Toolis;
- II. Lead Pathway Coach – Russell North;
- III. Data Scientist – Luke Barton;

3.3 However, during competitions or where the circumstances require an urgent selection decision (including a decision around an athlete's eligibility) the Performance Director will be entitled to take that decision alone and may rely on the advice and opinion of any other person with relevant knowledge.

3.4 The chair of the selection panel (Performance Director) is responsible for ensuring that any material conflict that could reasonably be said to give rise to partiality of the selector is identified, and that the member of the Selection Panel concerned is withdrawn from the decision-making process.

3.5 The Selection Panel will exercise its discretion fairly and without bias in making its decisions.

3.6 Decisions will be made by majority vote. In the event of a tied vote, the Performance Director shall have a second and casting vote.

## 4. NATIONAL RANKING COMPETITIONS

4.1 Athletes wishing to be selected for PGB Teams are required to compete in all three of the National Ranking Series Competitions ("NRSC") listed below.

4.1.1 NRSC 1 (December 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>) – National Training Centre (Bath)

4.1.2 NRSC 2 (January 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>) – National Training Centre (Bath)

4.1.3 NRSC 3 (February 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>) – National Training Centre (Bath)

4.2 NRCS will be held over two days using a Qualification and a Final format. A Fencing Ranking Round will be held on the day of Qualification which will also double as the Fencing Seeding Round for the Finals.

4.3 The Performance Team will create a Senior and Junior ranking list (*'the 2026 National Ranking List'*) based on the performances achieved by athletes taking part in the NRCS.

4.4 This will be constructed using the table in Appendix A, which follows the same format as the UIPM World Ranking Category A Competitions.

4.5 Athlete ranked highest in the 2026 National Ranking List will be crowned "National Champion" in their respective age group and gender.

4.6 Athletes taking part in all the NRSCs (who wish to qualify for the PGB Representative Teams) must complete all disciplines. However, if an athlete has to withdraw from an NRSC due to injury or illness the provisions of 4.7 will apply.

4.7 If an athlete is unable to compete in one or more of the NRSC due to illness, injury or other exceptional circumstance, which is established to the reasonable satisfaction of the Selection Panel (including by the submission relevant medical information and additional performance testing data), then the Selection Panel will make reasonable and fair adjustments to this policy with regard to that athlete when compiling the 2026 National Ranking List.

4.8 If any of the NRCS events are cancelled or postponed, Athletes will be informed by e-mail and/or a message posted on the Pentathlon GB website and the consequential changes to this Policy will also be announced.

4.9 The most recent edition of the UIPM Competition Rules will be applied for all disciplines in NRCS.

## 5. SELECTION CRITERIA

- 5.1 In coming to their decisions, the Selection Panel will consider the following factors set out in 5.1 – 5.5, attributing such weight as the Selection Panel sees fit (and the specific requirements for the various levels of competition set out in section 6):
- 5.1.1 The aim that PGB has identified as the primary aim for that competition as set out in section 6 for each event;
  - 5.1.2 The National Ranking Series and other past performances within the timeframe set out by the respective event;
  - 5.1.3 The respective TRI Score consideration standard when considering the Potential Aim;
  - 5.1.4 Potential to raise performance (Trajectory) from their NRSC results or results at other competitions being considered for the event in question;
  - 5.1.5 Any illness or injury concerns and whether competing might jeopardise an Athlete's general health and wellbeing;
  - 5.1.6 Attitude and Commitment to the Programme including in training and competition, and the likelihood that the behaviour of the athlete might adversely affect or jeopardise the performance environment and the efficient, safe and orderly management of the group during the competition for which selections are being made;
  - 5.1.7 Any other factor(s) that may affect an Athlete's likely performance at the event under consideration.
- 5.2 The above selection criteria assumes that athletes have complied with the below obligations:
- 5.2.1 Have a full performance monitoring dashboard prescribed by the WCP and WCP Sports Science and Medicine Team including providing self-monitoring data;
  - 5.2.2 Athletes will have fully complied with the WCP Sports Science and Medicine Team's performance-monitoring and screening protocols and where relevant prescribed rehab/prehab advice and requirements.
- 5.3 It will be compulsory to attend PGB official pre-competition training camp(s), briefing(s), media session(s) and promotional or marketing session(s) details of which will be notified to them. Failure to attend without a reasonable explanation may result in non-selection or de-selection.
- 5.4 In any selection process the Performance Team may request and consider the results of additional performance testing or other evidence or information to help decide an Athlete's selection.
- 5.5 If any NRSC or International Competition is cancelled or postponed or there are changes in dates of competitions or to the Team Selection Policy, Athletes will be informed by e-mail or a message posted on the PGB website, and the Selection Panel may make reasonable and consequential adjustments to accommodate the change in circumstances.

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## 6. COMPETITIONS

### 6.1 OTHER INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

6.1.1 The Selection Panel will use 1.3.1 "Other International Competitions" as an experience and exposure opportunity and will select athletes in alignment with their individual athlete plan (neither the Potential Aim nor the Performance Aim are engaged).

6.1.2 The PGB Performance Team reserve the right to first entry. If the PGB Performance Team do not fill the full quota of spots available at the competition in question, in discussion with the athlete's Lead Coach and with agreement of the Performance Director, athletes shall be entitled to attend these competitions on a self-funded basis.

### 6.2 2026 WORLD CUP SERIES

6.2.1 For WC1 (Cairo, EGY) the "Performance Aim" shall govern selection decisions.

6.2.2 Results from the 2026 National Ranking List and the "Budapest Indoor" competition will be considered.

6.2.3 If there are still athlete quota spots (maximum 8) available for WC1 after the "Performance Aim" has been applied, the Selection Panel will consider if any athlete should be selected against the 'Potential Aim' but will be under no obligation to make any selection under the Potential Aim.

6.2.4 To be considered for selection you must be ranked in the top 10 male and female athletes on the 2026 National Ranking List.

6.2.5 For WC2 (Pazardzhik, BUL) and WC3 (Budapest, HUN) the "Potential Aim" shall govern selection decisions.

6.2.6 Results from the 2026 National Ranking List and the "Budapest Indoor" competition will be considered.

6.2.7 To be considered for selection you must be ranked in the top 10 male and female athletes on the 2026 National Ranking List.

6.2.8 According to UIPM entry rules and procedures, up to 8 athletes may be selected to compete in a World Cup (in either the male or female category). However, if more than 4 athletes are selected for any World Cup the GB Performance Team may in their discretion, and at the time of selection, nominate the athletes that will not progress to the semi-final stage of the competition in the event that more than 4 Pentathlon GB athletes qualify for the semi-final.

## 6.3 WORLD CUP FINAL

- 6.3.1 For the UIPM World Cup Final, athletes earn a quota place for PGB to compete in accordance with the rules and regulations as set out in the "UIPM Competitions Rules and Regulations General Aspect Section 1.19.4" ([Link to Document Here](#)).
- 6.3.2 Where an athlete has earned a quota place to compete in the World Cup Final, they have no automatic right to participate and still need to be selected to compete as they represent PGB as part of a PGB team.
- 6.3.3 Selection for WCF criteria is as follows:
- 6.3.3.1 The "Performance Aim" shall govern selection decisions.
  - 6.3.3.2 Athletes who are selected and compete at both WC1 and WC2 and who qualify for the final in both WC's will be automatically selected.
  - 6.3.3.3 In the case that three or more athletes qualify for the WCF the order of selection will follow the UIPM World Cup Ranking List.
  - 6.3.3.4 Athletes who don't meet the above criteria set out in 6.3.3.2 will be considered based of performances at WC1 and WC2 with the "Performance Aim" in mind.
  - 6.3.3.5 Athletes selected for and who compete at WC3 will not be eligible for the WCF.
- 6.3.4 If the Performance Team deem an athlete is not fit to compete, that athlete will not be nominated to the UIPM and the next best ranked qualified athlete will become selected.

## 6.4 2026 SENIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 6.4.1 The "Performance Aim" shall govern selection decisions.
- 6.4.2 Results from the 2026 National Ranking List, Budapest Indoor, World Cup Series and World Cup Final will be considered.
- 6.4.3 If there are still athlete quota spots (maximum 8) available after the "Performance Aim" has been applied, the Selection Panel will consider if any athlete should be selected against the 'Potential Aim' but will be under no obligation to make any selection under the Potential Aim.
- 6.4.4 A 'WITT Q for the Final' (What it takes to qualify for the Final) TRI Score will be constructed from the "World Cup Series" and "World Cup Final" results. Only athletes who have reached the 'WITT Q for the Final' points total on their individual performance dashboard can be considered for selection under the 'Potential Aim'.

## 6.5 2026 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 6.5.1 The "Performance Aim" shall govern selection decisions.

- 6.5.2 Results from the 2026 National Ranking List, Budapest Indoor, World Cup Series, World Cup Final and Senior European Championships will be considered.
- 6.5.3 If there are still athlete quota spots (maximum 8) available after the "Performance Aim", The Selection Panel will consider if any athlete should be selected against the 'Potential Aim' but will be under no obligation to make any selection under the Potential Aim.
- 6.5.4 When considering athletes under the 'Potential Aim' the Panel will establish a 'WITT Q for the Final' TRI Score based on results from the "World Cup Series", "World Cup Final" and "Senior European Championships". Only athletes who have reached the 'WITT Q for the Final' points total on their individual performance dashboard can be considered for selection under the 'Potential Aim'.

## 7. COMMUNICATION OF SELECTION DECISIONS

- 7.1 The Performance Team will meet week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2026 to confirm athletes for the 2026 World Cup Series.
- 7.2 The Performance Team will meet week beginning 22<sup>th</sup> of June 2026 to confirm athletes for the 2026 World Cup Final. Due to the condensed UIPM Competition Calendar PGB may change this date for operational reasons and will communicate this immediately.
- 7.3 The Selection Panel for 2026 European Championships will meet the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2026. PGB may change this date for operational reasons and will communicate this immediately.
- 7.4 The Selection Panel for 2026 World Championships will meet the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2026. Due to the current unknown dates and location of the Senior WCHs PGB may change this date for operational reasons and will communicate this immediately.
- 7.5 The Performance Director will communicate selection decisions in writing by email within 24 hours of the respective selection Panel meeting.

## 8. FITNESS TO PARTICIPATE

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 Selected athletes for all competitions governed by this Policy may be required to undergo an assessment (performance, physiological, medical etc.) in the period between the selection date and the Event if the Chief Medical Officer ("CMO") or PGB

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Performance Director has reason to believe they are not fit to compete or no longer meet the aims of the process for the relevant competition, as set out in this document.

- 8.3 All assessments will be conducted by an appropriate individual identified by the PGB Performance Director or Chief Medical Officer ("CMO"). Where the assessment results reasonably lead the CMO or the Performance Director to conclude that an athlete is not fit to compete then at the discretion of the PGB Performance Director such athletes may be de-selected, and this decision is not subject to appeal.

## 9. RESERVES AND DE-SELECTION

- 9.1 Following selection of athletes that will make up the team, the Selection Panel may also consider reserve places for some or all Events. The reserves will not travel to the competition unless deemed necessary by the Performance Team.
- 9.2 Any athletes considered for reserve places must meet the eligibility criteria and aims of the selection process set out in this document.
- 9.3 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.
- 9.4 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.

## 10. APPEALS

- 10.1 PGB operates a formal appeals procedure for UIPM World and ECMPA European 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.
- 10.2 Any appeal shall be managed in accordance with the Major Event Selection Appeals Policy available on the Pentathlon GB website - <https://www.pentathlongb.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Major-event-appeal-policy.pdf> or upon request from [performance@pentathlongb.org](mailto:performance@pentathlongb.org). **Guidance: a form of Notice of Appeal is provided by Pentathlon GB - this can either be found on the Pentathlon GB website or athletes can email [performance@pentathlongb.org](mailto:performance@pentathlongb.org) to request a copy. Athletes should use this form when making an appeal.**

## 11. DATA PROTECTION

- 11.1 Personal data collected as part of this process will be managed in line with our Athlete Data Protection and Privacy Policy. For more information, please contact the [performance@pentathlongb.org](mailto:performance@pentathlongb.org) email.

## Appendix A

### UIPM Points Table

Place	
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1	80
2	75
3	70
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5	63
6	60
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