



## **NatWest Island Games 2019**

**6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Gibraltar**

### **Selection Policy [Version 1.0: Published September 2017]**

#### Overview

Guernsey Athletics recognises the profile of the NatWest Island Games and has set a selection policy aimed at maximising medal chances at the 2019 Games. The policy also considers the NatWest Island Games' role in developing upcoming athletes and will therefore set applicable standards aimed at progressing such athletes. Strong performances at the home Games scheduled for 2021 are a clear goal for some development athletes to progress to following the 2019 Games.

The A Standards are largely based on what is usually required to make the top 6 at the NatWest Island Games. In some events, the use of IAAF Performance Tables has been utilised in refining the A and Development Standards. The Half Marathon standards are set in line with the concept of fielding a "team" in that event. Athletes must bear in mind that it is currently unconfirmed whether long throws or steeplechase will be available in Gibraltar.

#### Eligibility

1. To be considered for selection, athletes must:

- a. Be eligible to compete for Guernsey (i.e. by birth or been a resident for a minimum of 12 months prior to the Opening Ceremony of the Island Games);
- b. Be 15 years or older on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019.

#### Qualification

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- a. Qualification performances must be achieved on or after 1 January 2018 – unfortunately due to issues experienced for the 2017 Island Games, it is not possible for Guernsey Athletics to confirm a likely selection deadline. Athletes should consider that it could be necessary to qualify by the end of the indoor/road season 2019.
- b. Performances must be achieved during competitions where the results are eligible to be entered on to the Power of 10 database;
- c. For all relevant track and field events, wind assisted performances (performances with a wind value more than 2.0 m/s) shall not be accepted as formal qualifying marks but will be considered when assessing form or head to heads;

d. Hand timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 100m/110m hurdles and 400m hurdles shall not be accepted as formal qualifying marks but can be considered by the panel when assessing form or head to heads;

e. Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 100m or longer shall be accepted;

f. Performances in road races (if eligible for Power of 10) will be accepted for 5,000m and 10,000m;

3. The Guernsey Athletics qualification standards are as follows:

Event	Men		Women	
	A Standard	Development Standard	A Standard	Development Standard
100	11.20	11.50	12.80	13.20
200	22.70	23.20	26.20	26.90
400	50.80	51.80	59.50	60.75
800	1:58.00	2:00.25	2:18.50	2:21.50
1500	4:04.25	4:09.00	4:45.00	4:55.00
5000	15:40.00	16:15.00	18:10.00	18:50.00
10000	33:10.00	33:45.00	38:35.00	39:45.00
3000SC	10:00.00	10:20.00	12:00.00	12:40.00
110H/100H	15.60	16.00	15.80	16.40
400H	56.40	58.50	67.00	69.00
High Jump	1.87	1.80	1.57	1.53
Pole Vault	4.00	3.60	3.40	3.00
Long Jump	6.55	6.20	5.05	4.85
Triple Jump	13.55	13.00	10.70	10.40
Shot Putt	12.50	11.60	10.30	9.75
Discus	40.00	36.50	31.25	28.00
Hammer	43.50	41.00	34.50	33.00
Javelin	54.00	49.50	32.50	30.00
Half Marathon	1:14:20	1:16:20	1:27:00	1:29:30
<i>Half Marathon 10 mile equivalent</i>	<i>55:20</i>	<i>56:50</i>	<i>65:05</i>	<i>67:00</i>

Selection process

4. The team will be selected in one selection meeting in spring or summer 2019;

5. Athletes will be contacted immediately following the meeting. This will be via email except in the case of borderline decisions or non-selections, which will be advised by phone if the athlete has provided their/parents' mobile phone details. The team will be formally announced 24 hours later;

6. A maximum of two athletes may be selected in each event with the exception of the Half Marathon where three athletes may be selected. Up to six athletes may be selected for each relay event;

7. The Selection Panel will pick the team in line with the following principles (outlined in numbers 8 to 13);

8. No athlete can attain “automatic selection” for Gibraltar. Two A standards will however be considered as automatic selection where there are two or fewer athletes who achieve this. Where more than two athletes achieve two A standards the panel will select the athletes based on the points listed below (number 13);

9. Athletes who attain one A standard will be selected in events where there are still spaces providing they have shown form in 2019 (in training or formal races). (Priority will be given to the athletes who achieve two A standards as outlined above in criteria 8);

10. Athletes who attain the Development Standard will be selected for the team in events where there are still spaces providing they have shown form in 2019 (in training or formal races), (Priority will be afforded to those who fulfil criteria 8 and 9) and if they are one of:

i. An under-20 athlete (including lower age groups) who the panel believe has the mental aptitude, maturity and focus to absorb and thrive in the environment of a week-long senior competition;

ii. A would-be debutant at the Island Games;

iii. Are identifiable as a developing athlete with the ability to achieve a top 6 finish in 2021/2023;

11. Athletes who achieve the Development Standard but do not fit into the criteria described in number 10 can be selected where spaces in the team are not filled – but do not have the right to selection;

12. Relay squads of six athletes can be selected. Where athletes do not have individual standards, it is the panel’s decision whether to add them to the team for the relay. The panel may opt to utilise athletes who are already selected in individual events over those who are not yet selected;

13. Where multiple athletes have achieved the same relevant selection criteria, the following will be considered:

i. Seasons bests 2018 and 2019 (the latter if applicable depending on selection date);

ii. Current form (including training if competitions are not possible due to selection date);

iii. Future individual medal potential at Island Games, National Age Group or Senior Champs & Commonwealth Games (including Commonwealth Youth Games);

iv. Head-to-heads;

v. Previous competition history (specifically Island Games history where applicable);

vi. Injury status;

vii) In the Half Marathon, the leading Guernsey athlete in Guernsey’s 2018 June Half Marathon, providing they have A standard, will be given preferential consideration;

14. Finally, where applicable, the Athletics Development Officer and the Island Games Athletics Team Manager (if they are not the same person) have ultimate discretion over any selections. This includes judgements over junior athletes’ ability to cope with all aspects of a senior competition. They also have the ability to select athletes without qualifying times in exceptional circumstances.