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England Cross Country International Fixtures winter 2026-2027

Overview:

Our Policy is to support English athletes in their ongoing development who are on an upward trajectory by offering opportunities and experience competing for England in international cross-country competition either in the UK or abroad.

Eligibility:

To be considered for selection for this team:

- Athletes must be eligible to compete for England in accordance with World Athletics eligibility rules. This includes holding a full British passport.
- Athletes must not be currently serving a period of ineligibility or a provisional or permanent suspension for a doping violation or for any other reason of misconduct.
- Athletes must be registered as a member with England Athletics, directly or through a club.
- Athletes will be required to sign the England Athletics Team Members' Agreement ("TMA") and abide by its terms and conditions. Any athlete failing to do so before the date of the competition will result in their selection being withdrawn.
- Athletes wishing to be selected must complete the expression of interest. The link to the expression of interest can be found here

Selection Process & Criteria:

- Athletes are expected to have competed at Liverpool in the European Cross Trial in 2025 or 2026 (for races in 2027), or if unable to do so demonstrated personal ambition by competing previously in the National Cross-Country Championship or European Cross Country Trial.
- This opportunity is for athletes needing the next level of competition as an opportunity beyond national championships to progress in the sport. If you have not finished in an acceptable high position in the event's named above you will not be ready for International competition and will not be considered for selection.
- The above is a pre-requisite for selection along with current form.
- Athletes are expected to complete an expression of interest via this link - here

Race Dates and selection meetings:

- Race 1 - Roeselare
  - Roeselare, Belgium 25th October 2026.
  - Selection has been based on previous cross-country form from January to March 2026 and current endurance performances up to selection date on 5th October.
- Race 2 - Home Countries International
  - 16th January 2027 Glasgow, UK. Home Countries and Celtic International + area match.
  - Selection date: week commencing 14th December
  - Selection Window - selection primarily based on European Trial 2026 + other recent form taken into account.

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- Race 3 - Elgoibar
  - 17th January 2027 Elgoibar, Spain.
  - Selection date: week commencing 14th December
  - Selection Window - selection primarily based on European Trial 2026 + other recent form taken into account.

- Race 4 - Hannut
  - 24th January 2027 Hannut, Belgium
  - Selection date: week commencing 14th December
  - Selection window - selection primarily based on European Trial 2026 + other recent form considered since the trial.

For more information, please contact specific team managers or visit the ECCA website.

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