



**2023 Commonwealth Youth Games (U18)**  
**4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023**  
**Trinidad & Tobago**

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**Overview**

This selection policy for the 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games outlines the selection process for athletes to represent Team England at the Commonwealth Youth Games.

England Athletics (EA) recognizes the importance of competitive international championship experience for young developing athletes, who have the potential to represent senior England Teams and Great Britain and Northern Ireland Teams at Commonwealth Games, European Championships, World Championships, Olympic and Paralympic Games.

EA will nominate the maximum team size of **27 athletes** within the team size quotas allocated by Commonwealth Games England (CGE).

This selection policy has been created to nominate a team to achieve the best possible results at the 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games in Trinidad & Tobago. The Selection Panel ("the Panel") therefore aim to select a competitive team of athletes, which they believe have the realistic potential to finish in the **top four in their primary event** at the Commonwealth Youth Games.

Unlike the other international age-group championships taking place in 2023, there is **NO trial** events for the Commonwealth Youth Games.

The England Athletics team will travel as part of the wider Commonwealth Games England team to these Games. All questions related to the selection policy, competition opportunities or team travel should be directed to [sgrace@englandathletics.org](mailto:sgrace@englandathletics.org)

**Competition Opportunities**

Due to the different implement weights, distances and hurdle heights used in the U18 age-group, England Athletics will work with competition providers to organise a number of competition opportunities to help athletes achieve these qualification standards.

To facilitate head-to-head performances, athletes will be encouraged to participate in competition opportunities against their peers.

Athletes/Coaches/Parents wanting more information on these competition opportunities and/or those wishing to register their email address for updates should contact; **Alison Potts Team Manager** at [apotts@englandathletics.org](mailto:apotts@englandathletics.org)

**Once confirmed, the 2023 competition opportunities will be listed here:** [Licensed Competitions](#))

### **Eligibility**

1. To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following:
  - a. be eligible to compete for England (i.e. full British passport holder);
  - b. be born in 2006 or 2007; and
  - c. have achieved a relevant England Athletics qualification standard within the relevant period (individual events only).
  - d. sign the Commonwealth Games England Team Members' Agreement ("TMA") and abide by its Terms and Conditions. Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition, will result in their selection being withdrawn.

The final selections will be determined by the numbers of places available and the relative prospects of each athlete achieving the best possible results at the games. **Therefore, no athlete can assume that they will be selected having achieved the qualifying standards set out herein.**

### **Qualification**

Please note that the Commonwealth Games Federation and Local Organising Committee (LOC) have selected a reduced competition schedule and **not all events** will be catered for at the 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games.

**The following events have been scheduled for the 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games:**

- **Track Events:** 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 100m Hurdles (Women) 110m Hurdles (men), 400m Hurdles.
  - **Field Events:** Long Jump, High Jump, Javelin, Discus and Shot Put.
  - **Mixed Relays:** 4 x 100m, 4 x 400m
2. Qualification performances must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 and **23:59 (BST) 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023**. U18 hurdles barrier heights and U18 implement weights apply:
    - Hurdle Heights Men - 110m H 91.4cm; 400m H 84cm /
    - Hurdle Heights Women - 100m H 76.2cm; 400m H 76.2cm
    - Men's – Shot Put 5kg; Discus 1.5kg; Javelin 700g
    - Women's - Shot Put 3kg; Discus 1kg; Javelin 500g

3. The England Athletics qualification standards are as follows:

Boys	Event	Girls
10.70	100m	11.85
21.60	200m	24.30
48.20	400m	55.1
1'51.0	800m	2'08.0
3'52.0	1500m	4'25.0
8'25.0	3,000m	9'40.0
13.85	110m/100m H	13.80
53.50	400m H	61.00
2.05	High Jump	1.74
7.15	Long Jump	5.90
18.00	Shot Put	15.50
55.00	Discus Throw	45.00
67.00	Javelin Throw	48.00

*See EA Conditions for additional information.*

## **Selection Process**

4. The team will be selected in one selection meeting on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**
  5. The voting panel members will be made up of representatives of each event group as nominated by England Athletics, based on their knowledge and expertise and the Team Leader for these Games. The panel will also include an independent observer and a member of the Athlete's Commission. If any member of the Selection Panel has an actual or potential conflict of interest in respect of any selection matter, the member shall declare that interest prior to the start of the selection meeting.
  6. The final selection decisions will then be ratified by Team England.
  7. The team will be announced immediately after ratification by Team England.
  8. All qualified athletes will be considered for selection. However, achieving an Entry Standard does **not** guarantee selection. Due to the restriction in team size of **27 athletes** maximum, it will not be possible to select all athletes who have achieved the qualification standards. No more than 2 athletes for each individual event will be selected. The Selection Panel ("the Panel") will select the team in 2 rounds, outlined in paragraphs 9 to 10 below.
  9. **Round 1 – clear top 4 potential:**
    - a. Athletes will only be selected in this round if the Panel believe they have clear potential to achieve a top 4 finish at the 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games.
    - b. If more athletes satisfy all the criteria outlined above than there are places available, athletes will be selected based on the Panel's consideration of a combination of the following criteria (which are not listed in priority order), in addition to any other factors that may be deemed relevant:
      - i. 2023 Performance record and consistency;
      - ii. 2023 Commonwealth Youth ranking;
      - iii. Current form;
      - iv. Previous National & International championship performance;
      - v. Head-to-heads within the qualification period; and
      - vi. Injury/illness status.
      - vii. Future individual medal potential at indoor or outdoor major events;
  10. **Round 2 – clear final potential (top 8):**
    - a. Athletes will only be selected in this round if the Panel believe they have clear potential to progress to the final of the 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games.
    - b. If more athletes satisfy all the criteria outlined above than there are places available, athletes will be selected based on the Panel's consideration using the same criteria set out in paragraph 9.b.i to vii.
- Any relays teams will be made up from those athletes selected in Round 1 and 2. There will be no additional rounds for Relay athletes only.**
11. The Panel reserves the right to make value judgments on situations that they consider to be exceptional circumstances within the reference framework and the spirit of the general policy.
  12. The maximum **team size is 27 athletes.**

13. Any athlete wishing to be considered for the Commonwealth Youth Games, must complete the online information requested for these Games, via the Plus 1% portal and by the set deadline. Athletes identified on our Long List will be sent a link directly (after 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023) and asked to complete this online information. If you have not received an email relating to the above by the 10<sup>th</sup> April and feel you should have, please contact us immediately. **Please note, completing this information does not guarantee selection, but it is an important process, to ensure we have all the required information for those athletes successfully selected.**

### **Conditions**

14. Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Domestic competitions will only be accepted if they are achieved in License Level 2 competition (or higher) OR any of the following License Level 1 competitions:

- All County Championships
- All County Schools' Championships
- All divisions of the National Athletics League
- All premier division UK Youth Development League (YDL) matches (upper age-group).

Level 1 license competitions not listed above will NOT be valid for qualification purposes. Any athlete/coach who is unsure as to which competitions will be acceptable for qualification purposes are advised to review the competition calendar on the England Athletics website ([Licensed Competitions](#)) or contact Scott Grace – Team Leader - [sgrace@englandathletics.org](mailto:sgrace@englandathletics.org) at the earliest opportunity.

15. Wind-assisted performances (or OUTDOOR performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available) will not be accepted.
16. Performances achieved in mixed events held completely in a stadium will not be accepted. This includes male paced, female distance events.
17. Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 100m/110m Hurdles and 400m Hurdles **will not** be accepted;
18. Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m or longer **will** be accepted.

### **Appeals**

19. There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the Commonwealth Youth Games Team made by the Selection Panel. The provisions of the EA Selection and Nomination "Fast" Appeals Procedure do not apply to the EA team selections for the 2023 Youth Games.

### **Amendment**

20. England Athletics reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy at its sole discretion and will make any amended version publicly available (including the date on which any amendment was made) at [www.englandathletics.org](http://www.englandathletics.org).

## **Team Management**

Scott Grace – England Athletics Team Leader  
Alison Potts – England Athletics Team Manager

*\* Please note the age group for the Commonwealth Youth Games (U18s) is set by World Athletics, where the competition year runs for the 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December. This means that any athlete wishing to compete in an U18 competition must be 16 or 17 years on 31st December in the year of the competition.*