



Representative opportunities for Road Running

Leeds 2 Mile Road Relays, 15th August, 2021

England Athletics value the importance of competitive road running opportunities both for athletes looking to gain first time international experience, as well as established internationals and those athletes preparing for future England or Great Britain teams at major competitions. The cancellation of races and uncertainty around travel during the COVID-19 pandemic has restricted international team opportunities and so we are delighted to announce our intention to send an England Team to compete in the Inter Area 2 Mile Road Relays taking place at the Brownlee Centre in Leeds on 15th August 2021.

A male and female team of 5 athletes each (+ reserves) will be selected to compete against teams including Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland, BUCS, British Triathlon, Armed Forces, ERRA and Area Teams over a two lap, 2-mile road course.

The England Athletics representative opportunities aim to reward and acknowledge road specialists in their own right, as well as providing opportunity for athletes transitioning from or to the track or cross-country. England Athletics therefore intend to select athletes for competitive opportunities who the Selection Panel believes meet these broad aims.

England Athletics welcomes expressions of interest from athletes with current form, either indoors, on the country or on the roads. **Expressions of interest should be received no later than midnight 4th July 2021.**

Eligibility

To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following:

- a. Be eligible to compete for England (i.e. full British passport holder).
- b. Have achieved a relevant England Athletics development standard within the qualification period.

Qualification

The England Athletics standards are as follows:

Men	Event	Women
3:48.00	1500m	4:30.00
8:30	3000m	9:40
14:40	5km	16:40

Qualification standards must be achieved between 00:00 (BST) 01 April 2019 and 23:59 4th July 2021 (GMT)

Selection process

1. The team will be selected week commencing 5th July 2021.
2. England Athletics will select 5 male athletes and 5 female athletes to form the team with 2 reserves per team.
3. The Selection Panel will select reserve athletes based on athletes' form, fitness and competition history up to and including 4th July 2021.

4. Qualification performances must be achieved in ratifiable UKA or World Athletics competitions under standard race licensing and competition rules.

5. In exceptional circumstances only England Athletics reserve the right to select athletes without a current standard.

6. England Athletics reserves the right to amend this policy or cancel / postpone the team selections if Government guidance is changed with regard to Covid 19.

Appeals: There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the England Team made by the Selection Panel. The provisions of the UK Athletics Selection and Nomination “Fast” Appeals Procedure” do not apply to the England team selections for the 2021 Leeds 2 Mile Road Relays.

Additional Notes: Any selected athlete with doubts over their fitness in the lead up to the race may be required to evidence a fitness test. England Athletics reserve the right to deselect athletes who the selection panel feel are not fit or competitive enough in the final month before the event.

Athletes who withdraw themselves for reasons other than illness or injury may also be liable to cover the costs of their travel.

Expressions of Interest

Please send expressions of interest to Road Running Manager, Tom Craggs on tcraggs@englandathletics.org no later than **5pm Sunday 4th July 2021**