



BLACKHEATH & BROMLEY HARRIERS AC

Blackheath & Bromley Harriers AC Team Eligibility and Selection **Summary for Athletes and Parents**

Introduction

Blackheath & Bromley Harriers Athletics Club (the Club) is committed to providing fair competition for its members and appropriate support to their volunteers. Team selection is the primary responsibility of the Team Manager (TM) in consultation with the relevant coaches, and it should be noted that many factors contribute to selection. This summary aims to provide a clear overview of the criteria for team selection.

Selection Criteria:

1. **Eligibility:** Athletes must be registered Club members with fully paid subscriptions or a qualifying 2nd claim or higher competition member with the appropriate subscription paid. They must also be registered with England Athletics (EA).
2. **Performance:** Current season's best, results, consistency, and head-to-head comparisons will be considered. Recent performances carry more weight.
3. **Training Commitment:** Regular training attendance is important. Athletes should ensure that all reasons for absence are communicated to the TM and the relevant coach.
4. **Team Dynamics:** Participation in relay team practice(s) is crucial, focusing on changeovers and team cohesion. It should be noted that foot speed alone will not guarantee selection.
5. **Availability & Reliability:** Athletes must inform Team Managers (TMs) of their availability and promptly communicate any injuries.
6. **Conduct & Attitude:** Dedication, behaviour during training/competitions, and being a supportive team player are key.

Important Considerations

- **Event Suitability:** Athletes should not be pressured to compete in events for which they are untrained.
- **Last-Minute Changes:** In the event of changes on competition day, the TM will consider athlete workloads and event clashes.
- **Non-Selection Concerns:** If an athlete has concerns about not being selected, they should discuss it politely with the TM in the first instance. The decision of the TM is final. However, if an athlete can demonstrate that the selection criteria outlined above has not been followed, the Head of Athletics will review the decision.