**Northern Ireland & Ulster Team – Manchester International**

The 2017 event will be held in Sport City, Manchester, on Wednesday 16th August 2017.

**Northern Ireland & Ulster Teams:**

**Purpose –** The purpose of this competition, within the context of the Athletics NI Performance Pathway, is to prepare athletes for future international competition and work towards creating sustainable success.

**Places per events –**We aim to select one male and one female per event, dependent upon standards achieved and the overall team size. See standards table below.

**Team Size -** We will send an estimated team of 36 athletes and therefore athletes will be compared across events and genders using power of 10 senior rankings and percentage of standards achieved. Relay teams will be largely made up of athletes selected for individual events

**Selection Panel:**

Selections will be made by the Athletics Northern Ireland & Ulster Athletics selection panel comprising

a)The Athletics NI Chairman or other board member if unavailable (Voting)

b)The Director of Coaching and Athlete Development or other staff member if unavailable (voting)

c)A representative of the Athletics NI Track and Field Committee (Voting)

d) A representative of the Ulster Athletics Council (voting)

The Athletics Northern Ireland Chairman may also (at his discretion) seek assistance (in a non-voting capacity) from anyone else he/she feels may be of help.

Any voting member of the Selection Panel shall declare his or her conflict of interest in respect of any selection issue and shall not be entitled to vote on that issue.

**Selection Criteria**

1. To be eligible for selection Athletes must compete in the **Northern Ireland & Ulster Senior Championships on 10th June**. The only exception for this will be if an athlete has been given a dispensation from the Director of Athlete and Coaching Development.
2. Any athlete who wins the Northern Ireland & Ulster Senior Championships (or highest placed Northern Ireland & Ulster athlete) and who achieves the Selection Standard between 1 January 2017 and midnight on 24 July 2017 will gain automatic selection in that event.
3. Current form across all events will be a factor in selection. However, priority will be given to athletes who have competed at the Northern Ireland & Ulster Senior Championships in June.
4. Athletics NI are under no obligation to send athletes who have not achieved qualifying standards. Athletes without the qualifying standards may be considered where there is evidence of progression towards achieving the standard within 2 years. These selections will be based on the following points in priority order
5. Evidence of progression throughout 2016 and 2017
6. Power of 10 Rankings and Percentage of standard achieved
7. Performance at NI & Ulster Championships (Head to head)
8. Consistency of performance
9. Final Selection will be made on Monday 24th July.
10. We intend to send men's and women's relay teams. However these will largely be made up of athletes already competing in individual events.
11. The standards for this event are as follows:

*The qualification window for performances is from 1 January 2017 until 23 July 2017*

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| **Men** | **Event** | **Women** |
| 10.95 | **100m** | 12.06 |
| 21.90 | **200m** | 24.94 |
| 48.90 | **400m** | 56.00 |
| 01:51.80 | **800m** | 02:08.00 |
| 03:50.90 | **1500m** | 04:25.00 |
| 14:23.90 (08:13.80) | **5000m**  **(3000m)** | 16:19.5  (09:26.00) |
| 08:55.00 | **3000mSC** | 10:20.00 |
| 14.59 | **110m H /100** | 14.02 |
| 53.60 | **400mH** | 60.80 |
| 2.01 | **HJ** | 1.73 |
| 4.98 | **PV** | 3.85 |
| 7.22 | **LJ** | 5.79 |
| 14.44 | **TJ** | 12.16 |
| 16.43 | **SP** | 14.82 |
| 51.30 | **DT** | 51.30 |
| 58.66 | **HT** | 54.15 |
| 66.50 | **JT** | 47.00 |