



2026 NORDIC U20 CHAMPIONSHIPS AND MATCH – 4th – 5th July 2026 – VAASA, FIN.

SELECTION POLICY – published January 2026

Overview

- Danish Athletics selects teams for Nordic Championships with the aim of giving athletes and coaches the opportunity to learn the key skills, abilities and behaviours needed to progress along the international competition pathway
- The key purpose, for Danish Athletics, of age-group championships is the development of athletes to senior global championships.
- The Selection Panel therefore aim to select athletes who will make the most of this competition experience, with the aim of qualifying for the World U20 Championships
- The Nordic U20 Championships athlete contribution for this competition will be DKK 4500

Selection Process

The team will be selected in one selection meeting on **Monday 15th June**

The voting panel members will be made up of

- Danish Athletics Team Leader for this event
- Danish Athletics Event Group Leads and/or Pathways Leads. One per event group:
 - Sprints, hurdles and relays
 - Endurance
 - Throws
 - Jumps
 - Combined Events

Voting will be by the majority and in the event of a tie, the Team Leader shall have the casting vote.

The team will be announced on **Wednesday 17th June**

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Nordic U20 Championships is seen as a development opportunity for U20 athletes.



The team will be selected with 2 athletes per event using the below criteria, which are not listed in any priority order. For avoidance of doubt, athletes do not need to satisfy all criteria, rather, each bullet point will be considered when comparing athletes against each other.

- Performances achieved from 1st January 2026.
- Head-to-head performance record from 1st January 2026.
- Performances from 2025 outdoor season may be considered if those performances demonstrate clear top 16 potential at the 2026 World Athletics U20 Championships.
- Previous age-group competition history.
- Current form and fitness.
- Any other factors the panel deem relevant.
- To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following:
 - be eligible to compete for Denmark (i.e. full Danish passport holder);
 - be born in 2007, 2008, 2009; 2010;

Selection will take place on **Monday 15 June 2026.**

DESELECTION

Following selection, an athlete may be de-selected by the Selection Panel or Danish Athletics in the event of:

1. The athlete ceasing to comply with the eligibility criteria set out in this Selection Policy, WA rules and regulations
2. Failure to sign the Athlete Code of Conduct
3. Failure or partial failure to comply with any conditions or part of conditions of selection set by the Selection Panel.
4. Any anti-doping rule violation or provisional suspension.
5. Any serious misconduct or suspension due to misconduct.
6. A breach of any Danish Athletics policy.
7. Danish Athletics reasonably considering that the athlete will be unable to perform at the level required or expected due to any reason including loss of form or failure to recover fully or as expected from injury or illness, or:
8. Failure to opt-in to team training or team activity.

GENERAL PROVISIONS



Danish Athletics reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy at any time at its discretion and will make any amended version publicly available (including the date on which any amendment was made) at <https://dansk-atletik.dk/atleter/elite-og-talent/mesterskabskrav/>

TEAM MANAGEMENT

Katja Salivaara – Nordic U20 Team Leader

Sive Brassil – Nordic U20 Team Manager

APPENDIX 1 – GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Be eligible to compete for Denmark and be the holder of a full and current Danish passport.
2. If competing in an endurance event (800m – marathon), complete Team Denmark/DAF RED-S screening and comply with any follow-up action.
3. Comply with all European Athletics and competition rules relevant to the category and/or event they wish to compete in.
4. Is not serving a period of ineligibility from the sport (as determined by Danish Athletics) or from any other sport. For example, due to misconduct and/or disciplinary reasons.
5. Not under investigation or been charged by Danish Athletics or any other relevant organisation with misconduct or any disciplinary, safeguarding or criminal offence.
6. Completed all anti-doping requirements.
7. Not committed a criminal, disciplinary or safeguarding offence that in the reasonable opinion of the Board of Danish Athletics renders the athlete unsuitable for selection.
8. Has not, whether by an act or omission, brought Danish Athletics into disrepute.
9. Meet the standards and behaviour expected by Danish Athletics, as published in the Code of Conduct <https://dansk-atletik.dk/atleter/elite-og-talent/code-of-conduct/>