

2017 Athletics Facts

Fact File 62

GB Athlete numbers for the 2017 London World Championships and their medal chances

Previous Fact Files. From time to time ABAC has looked at the numbers of GB athletes performing at Olympic and World Championships. The last one analysed the 2013 World Championships in Moscow and recorded that in 2013 UKA sent one of the smallest teams comprising 29 men and 30 women.

<http://www.britishathleticsclubs.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/FF23v2.pdf>

2017 World Championships London. Normally GB athletic teams for the Olympics are larger than those sent to World Championships. It is to be applauded that as the 2017 meeting is in London a larger than normal team should be entered and a number of late additions has resulted in record team size. For comparison:-

- Olympics. 2012. GB team comprised 44 men and 33 women. Total 77.
2016. GB team comprised 35 men and 33 women. Total 68.
- Worlds. 2013. GB team comprised 29 men and 30 women. Total 59
2017. GB team comprises 45 men and 47 women. Total 92

What chances of medals? Previous Fact Files have recorded that more than 80% of medals at track and field Championships have gone to top 10 ranked athletes.

The table below, compiled from the *topsinathletics* website lists for each event, the 2017 performance of the top 10 ranked athlete in the world and lists the British Athletes ranked in the World's top 10. It is noted that some ranked athletes will not be at the championships. The GB athletes rankings in the World Top 10 are as of August 1st 2017.

Men	Std(10 th)	British Men	Women	Std(10 th)	British Women
100	9.97	None	100	10.95	None
200	20.04	10th Mitchell-Blake	200	22.41	None
400	44.51	None	400	50.29	None
800	1.44.41	None	800	1:58.34	9th Lynsey Sharp
1500	3.32.88	None	1500	4:00.59	7th Laura Muir
5000	13:05.85	4th . Mo Farah	5000	14.43.89	None
10000	27:30.00	3rd . Mo Farah	10000	31.19.00	None
Mara	2:06:07	None	Marathon	2:21:37	None
3000 St	8:11.82	None	3000 St	9:19.09	None
110H	13.15	8th . Andy Pozzi	100H	12.61	None
400H	48.40	None	400H	54.29	None
HJ	2.32	None	HJ	1.96	10th Morgan Lake
PV	5.83	None	PV	4.73	6th Holly Bradshaw
LJ	8.30	None	LJ	6.83	4th Lorraine Ugen
TJ	17.27	None	TJ	14.38	None
SP	21.82	None	SP	18.86	None
DT	66.30	None	DT	64.09	None
HT	77.72	None	HT	73.97	10th Sophie Hitchon
JT	86.71	None	JT	64.47	None
Dec	8334	None	Hep	6421	4th K J Thompson
20kW	1:19:23	None	20kW	1:28:15	None
50kW	3:48:15	None			

Comments. With only three men and seven women ranked in the World's top 10 as we enter the London World Track and Field Championships it would appear that the UK Sport medal target of 6 will be hard to achieve. From time to time the GB relay squads have contributed to the medal count but this year we see little chance of that happening.

ABAC sends best wishes to all the British athletes.