



1st SUMMER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES **SELECTION POLICY 2010**

OBJECTIVE OF SELECTION POLICY

Grouped NOC's, in this case, Europe, has been invited to enter 5 Show Jumping competitors, ideally each NOC represented by no more than one competitor, for the 1st Summer Youth Olympic Games (YOG 2010) to be held in Singapore, 14-26th August, 2010. The competition will be on "borrowed" horses. The specific aim of the Selection policy is:

To select an athlete to deliver the best possible results for Great Britain and the European Group at the 1st Summer Youth Olympic Games 2010.

SELECTION PANEL

The Selection Committee will comprise of the World Class Performance Manager (TBC), Head of British Showjumping (BS) Performance Development Committee (Clare Whitaker), the World Class Development Discipline Coordinator for Show Jumping (Tina Goosen) and the BS Junior/ Young Rider Chef D'Equipe (Corinne Bracken). If the Performance Manager is not available for selection decisions he will not be replaced on the Panel.

General

Observer/s (non Voting) – Will Connell, Equestrian Performance Director

SELECTION POLICY

BACKGROUND

The YOG 2010 Selection Policy is worked out in agreement and consultation with the Chief Executive of The BSJA and The Performance Director. If required other NFs within Europe will be consulted.

ELIGIBILITY/AVAILABILITY FOR CONSIDERATION

To be eligible for the YOG, riders must be born between 1 January 1992 and 31 December 1993. The BSJA will make sure that all athletes available for selection have British Citizenship, have been granted a licence by the National Federation of Great Britain to compete in International Events according to Article 134 of the FEI Regulations, and that athletes are not for any reason, exempt from taking part in the forthcoming YOG 2010, or any competitions or activities regulated by the BOA, FEI, BEF or BS.

All athletes considered for Selection should either be part of the Equestrian World Class Programme or should have applied for Selection to the World Class Development Programme in February 2010. The Selectors reserve the right to select someone who does not meet these criteria in order to meet the aim of the Selection policy.

SELECTION TIMETABLE

The following dates show the planning time-table for the Selection Process

DATE MILESTONE

December 2009 Invitation to NOCs to submit preferences for NOC Universality Pls

March 2009 to May 2010 YOG 2010 IF qualification period

January 2009 Dates and venues of approved Challenge selection events to be published

June 2010 Final allocation of NOC Universality Places

June – 14 July 2010 Reallocation of unused NOC universality places and final reallocation period for unused quota places

15 July 2010 Entries deadline (by name) for all sports

CONFIDENTIALITY

It is vitally important for the integrity of the Selection Policy and those involved in its application both as athletes, Selectors or other officials, that there is at all times a high degree of confidentiality relating to information which may have a bearing on selection.

PROCESS OF SELECTION

During Selection, the following list of factors, which is not exhaustive, will be taken in to account;

- Athletes' personal health and fitness
- Athletes' ability to contribute to a positive Team atmosphere
- Athletes' level of equestrian knowledge and experience
- National results and International results
- The athlete's ability to cope with pressure
- The athlete's ability to adapt to new horses and produce maximum results from them
- The variety of horses the athlete has achieved results on
- The athlete's ability to be a good ambassador for Equestrian sport

- Results at a level equal to or higher than that of YOG 2010 1.40m

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Certificate of Capability to be obtained either through the Junior / Young Rider Continental Championship or the FEI Challenge Category A, a score of not more than eight penalties in the first round of any of the competitions. Riders allocated Universality places must also have Certificates of Capability

- **Deadline date for obtaining a Certificate of Capability:** May 2010.

The financial circumstances of riders considered for selection will not in any way influence the selection procedure.

The Athlete will be announced on or about the 15th July, 2010

The Selectors may or may not announce a reserve athlete

DISCRETION

The Selectors are entitled within this selection procedure to use their discretion to select athletes for the YOG 2010 provided that they can demonstrate that any discretion used was arrived at through a process of integrity where the information used and procedures taken were perfectly reasonable and justifiable.

CODE OF CONDUCT / TEAM MEMBER AGREEMENT

The athlete selected may need to sign the BOA Agreement before they are eligible to travel. Selection is subject to compliance with BOA, FEI, BEF and BS Rules on medication control for Humans.

SUBSTITUTION

Substitution of an athlete for a Reserve may occur at any time between the announcement of the athlete and the official declarations at the start of the competition (date to be confirmed). Substitution will only occur in the case of

- An athlete being unable to travel to the YOG 2010 for personal reasons
- An athlete being found guilty of misconduct under BSJA / BEF / FEI Rules between selection and departure. In this case the Performance Director will make the decision in consultation with the relevant Chief Executive.
- An athlete being considered medically unfit to compete

In the case of an athlete being considered medically unfit to compete the decision will be made following an examination by the Equestrian Team Doctor (or approved

Doctor) and in consultation with the World Class Development Discipline Co-ordinator for Show Jumping; this may involve the rider being asked to jump a certain height of fences on a horse of their own; being unfit to compete is best described as “not being able to ride a horse in a manner which allows the athlete to produce the standard of performance at which they were selected”.

SUPPORT STAFF

Discussions will take place with the other European NFs that qualify an athlete regarding Support Staff for the Team. These discussions will be through the Performance Director and BOA. All Staff will have to demonstrate the necessary experience and qualifications pertinent to their field. This may include coaching qualifications, CRB checks and Child Protection training.

CHANGES IN POLICY

The Selectors will have the right to amend or change selection policies where necessary at any time in order to fulfil the objectives of the Selection Policy as long as these changes and amendments are clearly communicated to all parties including the World Class Performance Director.

CANCELLATION / POSTPONEMENT

In the event of cancellation the relevant parties will be notified straightaway. In the event of postponement a situation might arise where a new athlete needs to be selected in which case all parties will be notified and normal procedure for selection will be followed.

FORCE MAJEURE

If, for some reason, beyond the NGB's control e.g. collapse of World Class funding, disease outbreak in horses or humans, war or terrorism, the Performance Director, in consultation with the Chief Executive of BOA, BS and BEF might make the decision either to change the selection policy or procedure which might include withdrawing the British athlete.

PUBLICATION/CIRCULATION

The Selection Policy will be available from the BEF World Class Programme office

APPEALS PROCESS AND PROCEDURES

Riders have the right to appeal against the decision of the Selectors. Appeals must be made in writing within 48 hrs of the announcements. Appeals must be sent to the BS Chief Executive. If the Chief Executive is not able to satisfy the appellant's

concerns the appeal will be forwarded to the BEF. The processes and procedures of the BEF Appeals process are set out in the BEF Rule Book.