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Selection Policy

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Athlete Selection Policy

Introduction

1. This selection policy has been agreed by Scottish Athletics Limited (**scottishathletics**) Board and Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS) and includes the Commonwealth Youth Games Nomination Standards. It provides detail on the process by which **scottishathletics** will arrive at its nominations for selection of athletes within the Scottish Team in Samoa 2015 which will be submitted to CGS for consideration.
2. In all cases, selection by **scottishathletics** represents a nomination to CGS for ratification. The final decision in selection to the 2015 Youth Games lies with CGS. Achievement of the selection criteria therefore represents **eligibility for nomination**, not selection or even nomination.
3. **scottishathletics** will nominate only those athletes that have qualified under the selection criteria stated in this policy.

Selection Policy Aim

4. To select a team of athletes capable of competing with distinction for Scotland at the 2015 Commonwealth Youth Games and who have the potential to win medals for Scotland at future Commonwealth Games.

Scottish Commonwealth Youth Games Athlete Eligibility

5. To be eligible to compete for Scotland in the Commonwealth Youth Games in the Samoa, the eligibility criteria of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF), Article 24, must be met by all nominees, see Appendix 1.
6. Where prospective team members do not comply with the above they will only be nominated for final selection if they receive prior dispensation from the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF).
7. The eligible age category for Athletics in Samoa is the IAAF's Youth age category: Boys and Girls: 16 - 17 years of age (athletes born in 1998 or 1999).

Games Competition Format

8. The following events will be included in the track and field athletics programme over 3 days (7 – 9 September 2015) for men and women:

100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m, 110mH (M), 100mH (W), 400mH, 4 x 100m Relay (TBC), 4 x 200m Relay (TBC), 4 x 400m Relay (TBC), HJ, LJ, SP, DT, JT

9. Further information relating to heights and weights of equipment:

Boys Events: 110m Hurdles (0.914m)
400m Hurdles (0.840m)
Shot Put (5kg)
Discus Throw (1.5kg)
Javelin Throw (700g)

Girls Events 100m Hurdles (0.762m)
400m Hurdles (0.762m)
Shot Put (3kg)
Discus Throw (1kg)
Javelin Throw (500g)

10. Up to a maximum of two entries per event. Relay athletes will only be nominated from individually selected athletes.

Sport Specific Selection Criteria

11. CGS has allocated Scottish Athletics 6 places on Youth Team Scotland. The final number of places available may be increased by the organisers as some CGAs may not take up their full allocation of places. This will not be known until 2015.
12. The maximum number of athletes per event is two. Where more than two athletes attain the nomination standard in an event then head-to-head results and Championship performances (Scottish National level and above) in 2015 will be considered.
13. Where more athletes achieve the standard than there are places available, **scottish**athletics will nominate athletes in order of priority, based on the following criteria:
- Performance points system (see below)
 - Highest probability to repeat that performance or improve it at the Games
 - Quality of competitions at which the standard was achieved
 - Consistency and past achievement at age group Championships
 - Athletes who are considered to have the best development potential and ability to perform at major Games in the future
 - Competitive ability under pressure

In 2015 performances in the following championship will be used to generate an overall ranking score for each athlete:

- UK U20 (20 - 21 June 2015)

Scoring will be based on the following points system:

Performance basis	Scoring
Achieving the nomination standard at UK U20 Championships	3
PB at UK U20 Championships	2

14. Performances will only be accepted if they are achieved within an official competition organised as follows:
 - Field events must have at least three qualified officials present and the Referee must be level 3
 - A fully approved automatic timing device must be used in all track events up to and including 400m
 - In endurance events of 800m and longer, where automatic timing is not used, the performance must have been timed by three timekeepers each of whom should be level 3
 - In the sprints, sprint hurdles, long jump and triple jump performances where wind conditions are greater than +2.0m/s will not be considered. The wind gauge must be sited in accordance with IAAF rules and a graded official must also be present to ratify wind speeds
 - In the throwing events no performance will be considered if it is achieved in a mixed age group competition where lighter weight implements are in the same pool
 - IAAF Rule 147 will apply to performances achieved in mixed gender events
 - The onus of providing evidence of the achievement of a performance rests with the athlete/coach
15. Athletes seeking selection must compete in the UK U20 Championships (20/21 June 2015), unless there is a very good reason not to. This would need to be agreed with the Director of Coaching, the Team Manager and the athlete's personal coach before the start of the outdoor season.
16. Current form and future potential of athletes will also be of major consideration in nominating any athlete for selection to the Commonwealth Youth Games Team.
17. Indoor performances can only be used as supplementary evidence to support a case for nomination.
18. Athletes who are ill or injured and unable to take part in the Championships must produce evidence from a doctor or physiotherapist of their illness or injury. This must be produced at the **scottishathletics** office prior to nominations being confirmed to the athletes by **scottishathletics** on 23 June

2015. If the athlete has achieved the standard, their previous performances will be considered in support of their selection. Injuries caused during the qualifying rounds or final will be taken into consideration in the selection process.

Selection process

19. The time period for achieving the Commonwealth Youth Games Selection Standard (CYGSS) is 1 January 2015 until 21 June 2015.
20. **scottishathletics** will inform athletes of final nominations for the Commonwealth Youth Games Team by 23 June 2015. Nominations will be forwarded by **scottishathletics** by 25 June 2015 to CGS who have the responsibility to select the team.
21. CGS will confirm the final team selections by 28 June 2015

De-selection

22. Athletes may be deemed ineligible for selection or deselected for the following reasons:
 - Anti-doping: Athletes suspended by **scottishathletics** as a result of ongoing or concluded anti-doping violation allegations will not be considered for selection, and if previously selected, will be de-selected from Youth Team Scotland.
 - Form and Fitness - Injury Management: Where form and fitness issues are identified at or after selection, a fitness test may be used to determine that the athlete is capable of performing to the level that they were selected for the Youth Games. The format will be determined by CGS after discussion with the Athletics Team Management. This will be specific to athletics and the athlete's condition and may include input from CGS medical staff. Any selection or de-selection decision, following such a test, will be final.
 - CGS Policies: Athletes in breach of CGS policies, code of conduct and Youth Team Agreement may be de-selected.

Appeals Process

23. An appeal against CGS non-selection on behalf of an athlete may only be submitted by **scottishathletics** and not by any individual athlete. If an appeal is submitted to CGS by **scottishathletics**, a CGS Appeal Panel will consider the case along with any additional information provided. The appeal must be made in writing within 24 hours of notification of selection outcomes to **scottishathletics** by CGS.

Any appeal against non-nomination to CGS by **scottishathletics** is entirely a matter for the athlete and **scottishathletics**. Following the **scottishathletics** announcement of nominated athletes by 23 June 2015, appeals will be heard in accordance with **scottishathletics**'s internal appeals process:

- Any appeals should be made in writing to **scottishathletics** by 12 noon on 24 June 2015. Three representatives from **scottishathletics** (who were not previously involved in the initial selection) will consider the appeal process.

- In all instances, **scottish**athletics will respond in writing to the athlete within three days, notifying them of the outcome of the Appeal Process
- Should the **scottish**athletics appeals panel uphold any athlete appeal(s) they will amend the **scottish**athletics nominations to be forwarded to CGS, ensuring that nominations do not exceed the allocated number of places.
- Grounds for appeal are limited to cases where it is felt that a decision has been reached on the basis of an error of fact.

Appointment of Team Staff

24. Mark Pollard has been appointed as the Athletics Team Manager/Coach. The final complement of Athletics Team staff attending the Games will ultimately depend upon team composition and will be determined by CGS in consultation with **scottish**athletics.

Performance Standards

25. The outdoor performance standards shown in Table 1 below will be used by **scottish**athletics for selection purposes and will be effective from 1 January 2015 to 21 June 2015.

Table 1: Athlete performance standards – Commonwealth Youth Games 2015

Men (Time / Distance)	Event	Women (Time / Distance)
10.75	100m	11.90
21.70	200m	24.30
48.50	400m	55.90
1:52.50	800m	2:07.50
3:51.00	1500m	4:25.00
8:27.00	3000m	9:35.50
14.60 (U18 – 91.4cm)*	110mH/100mH	14.40 (U18 – 76.2cm)**
54.50 (U18 – 83.8cm)***	400mH	63.85 (U18 – 76.2cm)
7.10	LJ	5.75
2.02	HJ	1.75
16.05 (U18 - 5kg)	SP	14.00 (U18 - 3kg)
51.00 (U18 - 1.5kg)	DT	42.75 (U18 - 1kg)
60.10 (U18 - 700g)	JT	45.00 (U18 – 500g)
NA	Relays	NA

*Due to the potential lack of opportunity to record a hurdles performance at U18 level, performances to an U20 standard of 14.90 and an U17 standard of 13.30 will also be considered for selection

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Eligibility and Conditions for Representation

Competitor eligibility and conditions for representing Scotland shall be as outlined in the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) Constitution and Regulations. This is as follows:

ARTICLE 24

Eligibility

1. Subject to Article 24(2), as a condition of entry to compete in the Commonwealth Games, all competitors must be citizens or subjects of the Commonwealth Country that enters them and must:

(a) not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the Federation, or their respective Affiliated CGA or IF or under the World Anti Doping Code;

(b) comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Federation, their respective IFs and the World Anti Doping Code as may be modified and applied by the Federation to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed.

2. Subject to Article 24(3), where a competitor was born in a Commonwealth Country that has common citizenship/passport with other Commonwealth Countries, the competitor may initially represent either the competitor's Commonwealth Country of birth; or the Commonwealth Country of birth of his or her father or mother that shares the same citizenship/passport.

3. After having represented one Commonwealth Country at the Commonwealth Games, a competitor may not represent another Commonwealth Country unless he or she receives the approval of the Federation, the relevant IF and the Affiliated CGAs of the two Commonwealth Countries concerned.

4. It is the responsibility of all Affiliated CGAs to ensure that their competitors are fully aware of and comply with the eligibility rules of the Federation.

5. The Executive Board shall have the power to waive the provisions of Articles 24 (1-3) in its discretion.

In relation this clause, the CGF Executive at its meeting in August 2004 gave the following guidelines.

If an athlete has previously represented a country at a Commonwealth Games they may continue to represent that country at future Games.

Athletes wishing to compete for a country on the basis of residency must show they have resided in that country for five years immediately prior to those Games.

Further guidelines were given in August 2005 as follows:

Athlete Eligibility- Athlete Dispensation Criteria

The General Assembly noted the Executive Boards decision that in accordance with Article 25 (5) dispensations would be granted to athletes where common passports exist in that an athlete may represent the new country subject to having fulfilled all the requirements of the relevant International Federation.

6. All nominations for selection must fulfil the requirements as outlined above, and in addition, be members of, or affiliated to, the Scottish governing body of the sport by which they are nominated either directly, or indirectly through their club or other such organisation.

7. Commitment by competitors to future availability for competition for Scotland as a member of either constituent governing body or for CGS Teams will be taken into account by both the Scottish governing body of the sport and CGS when applying selection guidelines.