

BBU OLYMPIC SELECTION & APPEALS PROCEDURE – OWG VANCOUVER 2010
(Revised 16 Sep 09)

(Note: This document does not refer to BBU “Team” Selection, for which a separate Policy is published)

MEN

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Only one male athlete can be nominated (not “selected”) to the BOA, on or before Sat 23 Jan 10, for their confirmation and their announcement of selection on or before Sun 24 Jan 10. The last race to be included in the OQS¹ time frame will be the World Cup (WC) 6 Sprint at Antholz ITA on Sat 23 Jan 10. **However the last race to be considered by the BBU Selection Committee² will be the WC 5 Sprint at Ruhpolding GER on Thu 14 Jan 10.** The WC 6 Sprint will only be taken into consideration if, as a result of any appeal, the BBU Appeals Panel³ decide to use it as a final choice in selection on a “winner takes all” basis. In this scenario, “winner takes all” means the best combined percentages⁴ of the WC 6 Individual on Wed 20 Jan 10 and the WC 6 Sprint on Sat 23 Jan 10. Also, in this scenario no further appeals will be allowed.
- 1.2. The BBU Selection Committee will announce their nomination to the athletes by 18:00 CET Thu 14 Jan 10, unless it has already been able to make this nomination on the grounds that only one athlete could possibly be so nominated (e.g. due to injury / retirement / disciplinary action etc).
- 1.3. Within 12 hours of nomination appeals are to be lodged in writing and personally handed to the Chairman of Selectors in Ruhpolding. The Appellant(s) is to include his reasons for appeal which may be based on performance or procedural reasons.

2. Probable Scenarios

- 2.1. Two or more athletes meet OQS. At the end of the 2008 – 09 Olympic qualifying season two athletes met the minimum of 2 x OQS. However by 14 Jan 10 three or more athletes could achieve the minimum of 2 x OQS. In either case the Selection Committee will consider all the factors listed in Annex A below before making their nomination on 14 Jan 10.
- 2.2. Only one athlete meets OQS. In the circumstances described in Para 1.2 above, one athlete could be nominated before 14 Jan 10.
- 2.3. In any Scenario only one athlete can be nominated to the BOA.
- 2.4. *Spare.*

¹ OQS = Olympic Qualifying Standard; see BOA Schedule 1 below for full details.

² Eddy Lowe (Chairman), Mark Goodson (Sec Gen), Walter Pichler (Team Coach).

³ Chairman BBU (David Cranston), Hon Legal Advisor BBU (Charles Brooks) plus one other person (not necessarily a Board Member, but not a Member of the Selection Committee).

⁴ For definition of “percentages” see Para 2 of Schedule 1 below.

3. Format of Appeals Panel

- 3.1. The BBU Appeals Panel will assemble, if required, in Ruhpolding GER at 12:00 CET 15 Jan 10 to hear any Appeals.
- 3.2. Except when the Panel wishes to adjourn and confer privately (which it may do at anytime), the Appellant(s) and the Selection Committee shall be present throughout, but unless directly questioned will be considered to be a "silent witness".
- 3.3. The Chairman of the Selection Committee will explain the reasons for their Nomination to the Panel; all Committee Members will be present for cross examination. The Selection Committee may call any witness or produce supporting evidence.
- 3.4. The Appellant(s) will present their case to the Panel. Appellant(s) will be permitted to call any witness or produce supporting evidence.
- 3.5. The Panel will ask the Selection Committee to answer any allegations.
- 3.6. The Appellant shall be entitled to make a closing statement.
- 3.7. The Panel will adjourn to consider their Decision.
- 3.8. The Panel will announce their Decision to all parties simultaneously.
- 3.9. Should the Panel's decision result in the removal of another athlete from Nomination that athlete will be entitled to appeal and the procedure in 3.2. to 3.8. will be repeated.,
- 3.10. The BBU will pay travel and any accommodation expenses for the Panel and Selection Committee and their witnesses, but will not pay the aforementioned expenses incurred by any Appellant(s) unless the Appeal is upheld. It will not pay any costs of any witnesses supporting the Appellant(s).
- 3.11. *Spare.*

WOMEN

4. Introduction

- 4.1. Only one female athlete can be nominated (not “selected”) to the BOA, on or before Sat 23 Jan 10, for their confirmation and their announcement of selection on or before Sun 24 Jan 10.⁵ The last race to be included in the OQS⁶ time frame will be the World Cup 4 Sprint at Oberhof GER on Fri 08 Jan 10. **However the last race to be considered by the BBU Selection Committee⁷ will be the WC 3 Sprint at Osrblie SVK on Sat 19 Dec 09.** The WC 4 Sprint will only be taken into consideration if, as a result of any appeal, the BBU Appeals Panel⁸ decide to use it as a final choice in selection on a “winner takes all” basis. In this scenario, “winner takes all” means the best result in the WC 4 Sprint on 08 Jan 10. Also, in this scenario no further appeals will be allowed.
- 4.2. The BBU Selection Committee will announce their nomination to the athletes by 18:00 CET Sat 19 Dec 09, unless it has already been able to make this nomination on the grounds that only one athlete could possibly be so nominated (e.g. due to injury / retirement / disciplinary action etc).
- 4.3. Within 24 hours of nomination appeals are to be lodged by Email to the Chairman of the BBU Appeals Panel (dappa@tiscali.co.uk); copy to the Sec Gen BBU (info@britishbiathlon.com). The Appellant(s) is to include her reasons for appeal which may be based on performance or procedural reasons.

5. Probable Scenarios

- 5.1. Two or more athletes meet OQS. At the end of the 2008 – 09 Olympic qualifying season no athlete had met the minimum of 2 x OQS. However by 19 Dec 09 one or more athletes could achieve the minimum of 2 x OQS. In either case the Selection Committee will consider all the factors listed in Annex A below before making their nomination on 19 Dec 09.
- 5.2. Only one athlete meets OQS. In the circumstances described in Para 4.2 above, one athlete could be nominated before 19 Dec 09.
- 5.3. In any Scenario only one athlete can be nominated to the BOA.

6. Format of Appeals Panel

- 6.1. The BBU Appeals Panel and Appellant(s) will meet electronically and / or by conference call before 24 Dec 09 and further assemble, if required, in the UK at a time (but no later than 30 Dec 09) and place (probably a London airport), most convenient to the Panel & Selection Committee to hear any Appeals.
- 6.2. The procedure laid down in Para 3.2 – 3.10 above will then be followed.



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⁵ Notwithstanding any nomination by the BBU the BOA can only select one female if offered an unallocated place – see Para 3 of Schedule 1 below.

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Schedule 1

Vancouver 2010

BIATHLON

1. The maximum number of athletes per NOC is based on the results in the Individual, Sprint, Pursuit and Mass Start competitions in the IBU points score at the 2008 Östersund and 2009 Pyeongchang World Championships:

	Register	Start	Total
	qualified place	per event	
MEN			
Place 1-5	max. 6	4	30
Place 6-20	max. 5	4	75
Place 21-28	max. 1	1	8
TOTAL			113
Place 29-*	max. 1	1	on reallocation only
WOMEN			
Place 1-5	max. 6	4	30
Place 6-15	max. 5	4	50
Place 16-20	max. 4	4	20
Place 21-27	max. 1	1	7
TOTAL			107
Place 28-*	max. 1	1	on reallocation only

* In the event that an NOC does not fill its Olympic athlete quota, the respective competition position will be assigned by reallocation to places 29 (men) or 28 (women) and the following until the total quota is reached.

2. The BOA will accept as qualification for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games any individual man who achieves two results in 2008-2009 season or in the Olympic season within 15% of the average time of the first three athletes in the World Cup or World Championships Individual, or Sprint race (as calculated by the IBU).
3. The BOA will only accept as qualification for the 2010 Olympic Games any remaining unallocated individual women quota places, where an individual women achieves two results in 2008-2009 season and/or in the first three World Cup events of the Olympic season within 15% of the average time of the first three athletes in the World Cup or World Championships Individual or Sprint race (as calculated by the IBU).
4. The BOA will consider eligible for selection individual athletes who have been nominated under the BBU Policy for Vancouver by the agreed qualification deadline of **23 January 2010**.

BBU SELECTION FACTORS

Selection Committee Decisions

- A.1. The Selection Committee has to take the full burden of responsibility and will make their nomination based on numerous factors. In general these will reflect their own experience, integrity and professionalism, but specifically they will consider many “selection factors”. These are listed below, but are not exhaustive, and are in no particular order of importance or priority.
- A.2. The Board of the BBU has decreed that whilst it is impossible to place an overall “score” on any factor, each factor is to be considered wherever possible on its objective rather than subjective merits.

Possible Selection Factors for Consideration

- A.3. Which athlete has the most OQS in the Olympic season?
- A.4. Which athlete has the most OQS over both seasons?
- A.5. Overall form (percentages) during the Olympic season.
- A.6. Overall form (percentages) over both seasons.
- A.7. What is the balance between Individual & Sprint OQS in the Olympic or both seasons?
- A.8. How many races has each athlete competed in during the Olympic season?
- A.9. Results in Pursuit and Relay Races.
- A.10. Ski times against Shooting scores.
- A.11. Possible removal of best and worst results during Olympic season to give a better balance.
- A.12. Consideration of a “count back” from 14 Jan 10 (Men) / 19 Dec 09 (Women) to where the athlete achieved his first (or last?) OQS to determine best percentages from that time.
- A.13. Weather and course conditions or exceptional circumstances, when athletes did not all race on same day.
- A.14. Illness / Injury or other force majeure problems.
- A.15. Which athlete is likely to perform best for GBR in Vancouver given his / her likely mental / physical condition / state of mind and professional approach and respect to representing BOA / BBU / IBU on the Olympic stage.