



BRITISH BIATHLON UNION **TEAM SELECTION POLICY** **2006 – 2007**

@ 20 JUN 06

The Board of the BBU aims that this Selection Policy will meet the following priorities:

Men & Women

- *Ensure maximum GBR participation in World Cups, including Men's Relays, to score Nations Cup points to allow the retention of 2 start places in the "Top 25".*
- *To regularly achieve qualification of at least one athlete in Pursuit races.*

Men only:

- *To achieve an average of under 10% behind in all Relay races.*

1. Until mid Nov 06 all Senior Men and Senior Women athletes selected for summer training are known as the "National Senior **Squad**". The following athletes have been selected for the Squad:

Men

Note

Lee JACKSON	(GBR team Captain & Athletes' rep)
Simon ALLANSON	
Carl CARRIER	
Shane CLASH*	
Rob CHUDLEY*	
Steve HILL*	
Kevin KANE	
Paul WHIBLEY	
Joe BROOKS	(If available, post injury)

(Lance HODGKINS & Stuart PAINE* were selected but have declared themselves unavailable)

Women

Emma FOWLER
Adele WALKER

* All athletes are qualified by IBU rules for World Cups, except those asterisked*.

2. *(There is also a National Development Squad (NDS) but this is not considered further in this Policy document except where referred to in Para 6).*
3. The Squad will be based in Ruhpolding GER from 15 Jul – approx 14 Oct 06 and will train under the direction of the National Team Coach, Jason Sklenar ("the Coach"). The Coach and the Sec Gen BBU must agree exemptions. Some summer training will take place at other venues, as directed by the Coach.
4. Prior to 15 Jul it is accepted that a number of athletes will be on career courses, which are to be notified to the Coach and Sec Gen. However, unless further exemptions are agreed, all athletes will be expected to train as directed by the Coach, (primarily in Scotland (Norwegian Lodge) and Budleigh Farm TSC).



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5. The Coach may nominate a number of assessment events e.g. roller ski races. Athletes will be informed of these assessments and it will be in their interest to attend them.
6. The Squad will train on snow (venue expected to be Norway or Sweden) from approx 30 Oct 06 – 20 Nov 06. Selection races will be held towards the end of this period. Any British athlete (including any NDS) who thinks they have a chance of selection may apply to the BBU to take part in the selection races and each case will be considered individually pending past performance and recent training undertaken. The Selection Committee will confirm the format of these races.
7. To discourage athletes “peaking” in mid Nov, an overall “first past the post” scoring system based on the percentages behind the winner will not be the only criterion for final selection. Attendance at and assessment during Squad Training (Para 3), Assessment (Para 5), injuries, illness or other force majeure circumstances will all be taken into account.
8. No athlete can be selected for the WC Team until they are qualified under IBU rules - usually by EC performance standards (see Para 1). After the selection races the following **Teams** will be selected, and will be expected to remain the same (subject to injury) until Christmas:
 - a. World Cup (WC): 4 men plus up to 2 women
 - b. European Cup (EC): maximum 6 athletes (but note Para 12)
9. The composition of the Teams will be reviewed after WC 3, after WC 6 (for World Championship Selection), and at the end of the British Championships. After the British Championships the size of the EC Team may be increased with the addition of promising athletes. Race to race selection policy and criteria for entry to the European Championships will be promulgated later.
10. All Squad athletes, and any additional athlete later selected for GBR, will be required to pay summer and winter subscriptions (amount to be determined) and sign acceptance of this Selection Policy in their “Athletes’ Contract”. It is particularly important that all Squad athletes keep the Coach and Sec Gen informed of their current mobile phone and Email details.
11. The BBU can make no commitment of financial support to the EC team over and above any IBU event-to-event grant. The IBU grant is expected to support up to 4 male athletes.
12. The BBU expects to pay:
 - a. General admin / office costs; Squad and Team insurance costs; the expenses of the Coach; the salary and expenses for one Ski Technician.
 - b. Very limited travel and other expenses incurred by the Squad during summer training.
 - c. Up to 100% of the Squad costs of on snow training.
 - d. Up to 100% of costs associated with World Cups.
13. The Selection Committee is Eddy Lowe, Mark Goodson, (BBU Board Members) and Jason Sklenar (National Team Coach).



Mark Goodson
 Sec Gen
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