



## BRITISH BIATHLON UNION (BBU)

### SELECTION POLICY FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES INNSBRUCK 13 – 22 JANUARY 2012

#### Eligibility

1. To be eligible for the 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games (WYOG), athletes must be born between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1995. (*International Olympic Committee (IOC) Ruling*).

#### Quota

2. The quota available to each National Olympic Committee (NOC)<sup>1</sup> is determined by the final Biathlon World Cup Nations Cup Ranking from the season prior to the WYOG (2010 - 2011 season):

##### **Men's Nation Cup Score**

Place 1 – 20: 2 entries each

Place 21 – 29: 1 entry each (**GBR finished 23<sup>rd</sup> = maximum one athlete**)

##### **Women's Nation Cup Score**

Place 1 – 20: 2 entries each

Place 21 – 29: 1 entry each (**GBR finished 26<sup>th</sup> = maximum one athlete**)

3. The selection of athletes will be made by the respective NOC. There is no International Biathlon Union (IBU) qualification system for personal qualification – the NOC is to enter its best athletes. (*IBU Ruling*).

#### BBU Qualification System (BBU QS)

4. All potential BBU athletes are to have:
  - a. Competed in Biathlon for GBR (following selection at the British Championships 2011) in the European Youth Olympic Winter Festival 2011 and / or have competed for GBR in an IBU sanctioned race in the season 2010–11 or 2011–12.
  - b. Registered (i.e. be accredited as a “current athlete”) with the IBU.
  - c. Attended any 2011 BOA pre-WYOG training camps (e.g. Loughborough) / study days etc.
  - d. Attended the GBR National Selection Races (in Scandinavia 16 - 20 Nov 11 – venue tbc), if there is more than one male and one female athlete in contention at that stage.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The NOC for Great Britain (GBR) is the British Olympic Association (BOA).

<sup>2</sup> It should be noted that @ 11 Jul 11 there are currently only 2 male athletes in contention, and no females.

### **BBU Nomination to BOA**

5. The BBU National Selection Committee<sup>3</sup> will select the athletes to be nominated to the BOA based on results of the November races (but see Para 4d). The Selection races will be the prime factor but injury, illness and “career history” will be taken into account.
6. On 20 Nov 11 (or earlier if there is only one athlete in contention) the BBU will inform the athlete(s) to be nominated to the BOA. The period between 21 & 24 Nov 11 will be available for any appeal to be lodged to the BBU Appeals Panel<sup>4</sup>.
7. The BBU Appeals Panel will meet at London Heathrow, if required, on 24 Nov 11. Any Appellant and Witnesses and /or Adult over the age of 18 they wish to call, will be responsible for their own travel and other costs.
8. The BBU will nominate their selection to the BOA on 25 Nov 11 or earlier if there is no Appeal, or there is only one athlete in contention.

### **BOA Notification and Conditions**

9. Athletes nominated by the BBU are not selected for the WYOG until the BOA makes its own announcement (deadline 16 Dec 11). Neither nominated athletes, nor the BBU, are to publish nominations through the Media or in websites / social networks etc prior to the BOA announcement.
10. Once selected by the BOA, athletes are effectively “under command of the BOA”. They (and accredited Support Staff) will be required to sign BOA Contracts as well as any statutory Anti-Doping or WYOG specific agreements etc.
11. The BOA, and not the BBU, will be responsible for the travel, accommodation and infrastructure support of athletes and BOA accredited support staff attending the WYOG. The BBU will be responsible for any additional support staff.
12. The BBU may nominate “Reserve(s)” and the BOA may implement a “Late Replacement Programme” under IOC regulations in the event of late injury / illness / withdrawal etc.



Mark Goodson

Sec Gen  
on behalf of the Board of the BBU

11 Jul 11

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<sup>3</sup> Sport Director, Sec Gen and 2 x National Coaches – Sport Director has the casting vote.

<sup>4</sup> BBU Chairman, BBU Hon Legal Advisor and a 3<sup>rd</sup> Member appointed by the Board, who need not be a Board Member, but who will not be a Member of the BBU Selection Committee.