

COMMONWEALTH GAMES – MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA
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scottishathletics **SELECTION POLICY**

1 Introduction

This selection policy has been agreed by Scottish Athletics Limited and the Commonwealth Games Council for Scotland and includes the Commonwealth Games Selection Standards. It is developed under principles established by CGCS and should be read in conjunction with the CGCS selection standards.

2 Appointment of Team Managers and Coaches

The Team Manager is Leslie Roy who was selected following interview.

The Team Coaches are: Hugh Murray (Throws), Eamon Fitzgerald (Jumps and CE), Darcy Cumming (Sprints and relays), Mike Johnston (Endurance).

The Head Coach is still to be appointed.

Where there is an athlete selected in a discipline – sprints, endurance, jumps or throws, it is proposed that an appropriate Team Coach will be selected.

3 Scottish Commonwealth Games Eligibility

Eligibility is as determined by the Commonwealth Games Federation and is detailed in the Commonwealth Games Council for Scotland General Selection Policy. In summary this is: -

To be eligible to compete for Scotland in the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne 2006 an athlete must be a Citizen of a Commonwealth Country.

The following criteria must also be met:

Be Born in Scotland

or

Born in the UK, but with a parent(s) born in Scotland

or

Have previously competed for Scotland in the Commonwealth Games or Commonwealth Youth Games.

or

Be resident in Scotland for five years prior to the Games.

If you do not fit these categories then you currently may not be eligible to compete and you should contact **scottishathletics** immediately. If eligibility criteria are amended by the Commonwealth Games Federation this will be published in due course.

4 Selection Policy

Below are the key selection details:

- 4.1 The time period for achieving the Commonwealth Games Selection Standard (CGSS) is 1 January 2005 until 4 September 2005 with the exception of the Marathon which is 1 January 2005 until 30 September 2005.
- 4.2 No performances achieved in mixed sex events will be considered.
- 4.3 Indoor performances can be used to demonstrate form providing the meeting meets the criteria outlined in paragraph 4.12, however they will not be accepted as having achieved the standard.
- 4.4 The CGSS will be used by Scottish Athletics Selectors to make final nominations for the Commonwealth Games Team. These will take place on Wednesday 7 September 2005. Nominations will be forwarded by Scottish Athletics to the CGCS who have the responsibility to select the team.
- 4.5 In order to compete in the Commonwealth Games an athlete must have achieved the appropriate Commonwealth Games Selection Standard, not withstanding 4.6 below. The achievement of a standard may not guarantee selection.
- 4.6 In exceptional circumstances SAL may nominate for selection an athlete who has not achieved the selection standard within the time scale identified in paragraph 4.1. Previous performances in Major Championships will be the determining factor if this clause is used.
- 4.7 Current form will be a primary consideration in nominating any athlete for selection to the Commonwealth Games Team. Where there may be three or more athletes that attain the standard in an event head to head and Championship performances will be considered.
- 4.8 The first competitor in each event at the Scottish Championships who is eligible to compete for Scotland in the Commonwealth Games, and who has achieved the CGSS at the time of selection will be nominated by Scottish Athletics to the CGCS for selection. The second and third athletes may also be considered if they have achieved the appropriate CGSS.
- 4.9 Any athlete carrying an injury who is put forward for selection will be required to prove fitness before the team departs for Australia.

- 4.10 Athletes will be nominated by SAL to the CGCS for selection. Selection is subject to proving fitness prior to departure for Australia. The nature and time-scale for any fitness test or medical examinations will be discussed on an individual basis with the athlete, coach, **scottish**athletics Performance Development Manager and CGCS.
- 4.11 Only performances achieved at an appropriate standard meeting will be considered. Performances should be achieved within an official competition organised as follows:
- Field events must have at least three graded officials and the Referee must be at least grade 1 or 2.
 - A fully approved electric timing device must be used in all track events up to and including 400m.
 - In endurance events of 800m and longer, where electronic timing is not used, the performance must have been timed by three timekeepers each of whom should be Grade 1 or Grade 2.
 - In the Sprints, Sprint Hurdles, Long Jump and Triple Jump wind conditions greater than +2.0m/s will not be considered. The wind gauge must be sited in accordance with UKA rules and a graded official must also be present to ratify wind speeds
 - The onus of providing evidence of the achievement of a performance rests with the athlete/coach.
- 4.12 Athletes seeking selection must compete in the 2005 Scottish Senior Track & Field Championships. Priority will be given to athletes who win the Scottish Championships and who have achieved the standard.
- 4.13 Athletes who are ill or injured and unable to take part in the 2005 Scottish Senior Track & Field Championships must produce doctor's or physiotherapists evidence of their illness or injury. This must be produced to the **scottish**athletics office prior to midday on Monday 5 September 2005. Evidence received after this date will not be considered. If the athlete has achieved the Selection Standard their previous performances will be considered for selection. Injuries or illness caused during the qualifying rounds or final of the 2005 Scottish Senior Championships will be taken into consideration in the selection process. Documented evidence of this illness or injury will still need to be presented to the **scottish**athletics office in accordance with the procedure above.
- 4.14 If nominated and selected for an event athletes will be expected to compete to the maximum of their ability. Athletes will not be selected on the basis of using the Commonwealth Games as preparation for other competitions.
- 4.15 If an athlete makes a selection standard in an event then the athlete must compete in that event. Entry in other events will be at the discretion of the selectors and only if other athletes have not qualified

and it will not negatively impact on the original event for which the athlete was selected.

5 Events and Relays

- 5.1 There will be a maximum of 3 individual entries per team allowed for each event (Subject to the Federation Meeting ratification).
- 5.2 Relay teams may be entered based on validated evidence of the ability of the relay team to either:
 - 5.2.1 make the final (relays) if all potential competitors in the team have achieved individual event standards;
 - 5.2.2 or be a genuine medal chance if potential competitors in the relay team do not all meet individual event standards.
- 5.3 Reserves may be considered to cover injury and identified competition/training schedule conflicts.
- 5.4 Once an entry is agreed, the relay team composition is at the discretion of the Head Coach but individual relay commitments for each competitor shall be stated when nominations are made. Agreement to compete in a relay event, if required, shall be a condition of each competitors selection unless the competitor is injured or a replacement is made with the Head Coach's agreement.

6 Team Size

The team size will be determined by the CGCS but all athletes proposed by the **scottishathletics** Selection Committee to the CGCS for selection must have achieved the Selection Standard not withstanding paragraph 4.10

7 Appeals Process

- 7.1 The **scottishathletics** Selection Committee will telephone and write to all selected nominated athletes on 8 September 2005. The selectors will also contact by telephone, in confidence those athletes whom they consider were very close to selection but not successful – this is as a courtesy to these athletes before the nominations are announced. The nominations will be announced by **scottishathletics** on 9 September. Athletes who have not been nominated by the **scottishathletics** selection committee may appeal against their non- selection. This must be a written appeal (letter or e-mail) and be submitted to the **scottishathletics** office by 4pm on 14 September 2005. This appeal will be heard by the **scottishathletics** Appeals Panel.
- 7.2 The Appeals Panel will be made up of three representatives from **scottishathletics** (who were not involved in the initial selection). This panel will sit on 15 September 2005 to consider the appeal. Should the **scottishathletics** Appeals Panel uphold an athlete(s) appeal they will add that athlete(s) to the **scottishathletics** nominations.

- 7.3 **scottishathletics** will also have the opportunity to appeal to the CGCS if athletes that have been nominated by **scottishathletics** are not selected. All CGCS appeal decisions will be made by 1 November 2005. Individuals do not have the right to appeal direct to the CGCS.

2006 COMMONWEALTH GAMES ATHLETICS STANDARDS

Men	Events	Women
Nomination Standards		Nomination Standards
10.22	100	11.45
20.65	200	23.30
45.55	400	52.60
1.47.50	800	2.03.00
3.40.00	1500	4.13.5
13.40.00	5000	15.45.00
28.40.00	10000	33.20.00
8.38.00	3000sc	10.10.00
2.17.00	Mar	2.40.00
13.90	110/100mh	13.40
51.00	400 h	57.50
2.18	HJ	1.84
7.65	LJ	6.25
5.25	PV	4.00
16.20	TJ	13.00
17.80	SP	15.65
56.00	DT	54.00
66.00	HT	60.00
75.00	JT	52.00
7400	CE	5700
1.29.30	20km W	1.43.00
4.15.00	50km W	-