

2012 OLYMPIC SUMMER GAMES – LONDON
AGREEMENT FOR THE SELECTION OF ATHLETES
FOR THE SPORT OF:

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The Olympic Council of Ireland (“OCI”) and Athletics Association of Ireland (“the National Federation”) agree the following nomination and selection standards and procedures for the selection of athletes for the 2012 Olympic Summer Games in London (the “Olympic Games”) for the sport of Athletics

The parties acknowledge and agree that the standards and procedures set out in this Agreement may exceed those stipulated by the International Olympic Committee (“IOC”) the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) and the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) (“International Federation”).

IT IS AGREED THAT:

1. OCI Selection

- 1.1 The parties acknowledge that under Paragraph 3 of Rule 28 of the Olympic Charter the OCI has the exclusive power for the selection and participation of the Irish Olympic Team at the Olympic Summer Games. The parties further acknowledge that under Paragraph 2.1 of the Bye-law to Rules 28 and 29 of the Olympic charter, the OCI is required to constitute, organise and lead its delegation at the Olympic Games and that the OCI has the exclusive power in accordance with that Bye-law, to “decide upon the entry of athletes proposed by their respective National Federations. The National Olympic Committees (NOCs) must ensure that the entries proposed by the National Federations comply in all respects with the provisions of the Olympic Charter”.

- 1.2 Under paragraph 2.3 of the bye-law to Rules 28 and 29 - They have the sole and exclusive authority to prescribe and determine the clothing and uniforms to be worn, and the equipment to be used, by the members of their delegations on the occasion of the Olympic Games and in connection with all sports competitions and ceremonies related thereto.

This exclusive authority does not extend to specialised equipment used by athletes of their delegations during the actual sports competitions. For the purposes of this rule, specialised equipment shall be limited to such equipment acknowledged by the NOC concerned as having a material effect on the performance of athletes, due to the specialised characteristics of the equipment. Any publicity in respect of any such specialised equipment must be submitted to the NOC concerned for approval if there is any reference, express or implied, to the Olympic Games.

- 1.3 In accordance with its exclusive authority, the OCI reserves the right to require any individual nominated by the National Federation to undergo a medical examination carried out under the control of the OCI Chief Medical Officer (and/or his/her appointed representative) at any time prior to, or during the Olympic Games to determine an individual's medical fitness to perform to the best of his/her ability at the Olympic Games and/or to determine whether or not an individual has breached any of the rules contained in or referred to under the Olympic Charter or the Team Member's Agreement in force at the time.
- 1.4 If, pursuant to and in accordance with the results of any such medical examination, the Chief Medical Officer considers in his/her reasonable opinion that an individual nominated and/or selected for the Olympic Games is not physically fit to perform and/or has breached any of the rules referred to in the Team Members' Agreement, the OCI may at its absolute discretion not select or may de-select such an individual.
- 1.5 No Team Member's selection will be ratified by the OCI until all relevant documentation and required procedures are fully completed.
- 1.6 The parties agree that pursuant to and in accordance with the OCI's exclusive authority, the OCI may at its absolute discretion refuse to select an individual nominated by the National Federation for selection to the Team.
- 1.7 The OCI agrees to notify the National Federation of its selection or refusal to select any nominated athlete as soon as reasonably practicable after the OCI receives the National Federation's relevant nomination.

2. National Federation Nominations

- 2.1 The National Federation agrees to submit to the OCI its nomination of any individual(s) or team(s) eligible for consideration under clause 3 below within the relevant deadlines set out in clause 9 below.
- 2.2 The National Federation agrees to provide the OCI with all such relevant documentation, including official results and ranking listings as the OCI may require in order to verify the eligibility of any individual so nominated by the National Federation at the time of nomination.

3. Eligibility for Consideration

- 3.1 Only 'A' standards as agreed by the IOC/ANOC/IAAF will be acceptable
- 3.2 The parties agree that they shall not consider any individual or team eligible to participate as a member of the Irish Olympic Team at the Olympic Games (the "Team") unless he/she/ they have achieved or exceeded, as agreed with the OCI, the relevant qualification method or 'A' standard as set out by their International Federation and agreed with the IOC and the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) and complies with the nationality requirements as set out in the Olympic Charter and for the AAI to provide the relevant information to the OCI.
- 3.3 The National Federation agrees that it shall not nominate any individual whose form and/or consistency does not merit nomination. Further, the National Federation agrees to monitor, and if necessary test, an athlete on an ongoing basis in order to ensure his/her current form is of a standard to perform at the Olympic Games.
- 3.4 The National Federation shall not nominate any athlete who is the subject of an anti-doping ban.
- 3.5 The National Federation shall inform the OCI immediately of the results of any anti-doping test of any athlete who is on the long list submitted to the OCI.
- 3.6 The National Federation shall not submit nominations for athletes who have received Tripartite (IOC/ANOC/IF) invitations, re-allocated places or wildcards or who have achieved qualification by means other than that described in the IOC/ANOC/IF qualification system and in this agreement.

4. Close of Nominations to the OCI

- 4.1 The closing date of the nominations to the OCI of athletes for the sport of Athletics is 11th July for all events.

5. Appeals

- 5.1 The National Federation shall have an appeals process available to Team members and have submitted same to the OCI no later than 20th May 2011. Any internal appeals process must be concluded prior to nomination to the OCI.
- 5.2 Appeals to the OCI may be heard by the OCI Executive Committee or a sub-committee appointed by the OCI Executive Committee for that purpose. It is agreed by the parties that the decision of the OCI is final.

6. Team Members Agreement

- 6.1 Each team member is required to sign the OCI's Team Members Agreement.
- 6.2 Failure to sign this agreement will prevent entry to the Olympic Games.

7. The Announcement of Team Selection

- 7.1 The National Federation agrees not to disclose any nominated athlete's name to the press or any other media until the OCI have selected the team member for the London Olympic Games and announced it to the press and other media.
- 7.2 The National Federation further agrees not to make any announcement to the press or other media in any form relating to any individual or team selected or proposed to be selected by the OCI as a member of the Team unless any such announcement is made jointly by the OCI and the National Federation under the OCI 's management and control.
- 7.3 The parties agree that no commercial organisation shall be involved in any way in any publicity or advertising at any such joint OCI and National Federation announcement other than one or more of the OCI 's sponsors and/or commercial partners.

8. Communication of Information

- 8.1 The National Federation shall circulate the information contained in this agreement and its Schedule(s) to the athletes, team managers, coaches and other relevant individuals within its sport and shall procure their compliance with it.
- 8.2 The OCI and the National Federation shall publish this agreement and its schedule on their websites.
- 8.3 The National Federation shall publish this agreement subsequent to the OCI doing so.

- 8.4 The National Federation shall indemnify the OCI for any loss or damage suffered by it as a result of or in connection with the nomination procedure other than those arising from the OCI's negligence.

9 Athletics Specific Qualification Issues

9.1 Relay Teams and Field Events

- 9.1.1.** To be eligible for selection a relay team must be ranked in the Top 16 on the IAAF list on the deadline on 2nd July 2012 for the event in which the team is attempting to qualify.
- 9.1.2.** Relay qualification must be achieved at an event where at least three Nations Relay Teams from separate Nations, as selected by their National Federations, participate in the relevant relay.
- 9.1.3.** Field Events: All athletes attempting to qualify must be included on an agreed OCI/AAI list by 31st August 2011. Athletes on this agreed list are permitted to achieve qualification up to 8th July 2012

9.2 Agreed Events for Olympic Qualification

- 9.2.1 Qualification can only take place at IAAF Approved meets which are on the IAAF Calendar for the 2011 and 2012 seasons.
- 9.2.2 The meets in 9.2.1 must have electronic timing and doping control operated by WADA or by WADA Agents.
- 9.2.3 Meets in 9.2.1 which will be used for qualification attempts must also be approved by the National Federation and communicated to and agreed with the OCI.
- 9.2.4 Only events listed in the published official programme of the meet may be used for qualification attempts. Events subsequently added to the programme will be ineligible for qualification purposes.
- 9.2.5 Meets at which qualification may be attempted and which are subsequently added to the agreed OCI / National Federation list of such meets must also have IAAF approval
- 9.2.6 Retrospective IAAF approval will not be accepted.
- 9.2.7 No other events or meets will be eligible for qualification purposes.

9.3 **Advance notice of qualifying attempts**

9.3.1 The National Federation must receive not less than 4 days notice, to include details of discipline(s), from an athlete entering a meet in order to attempt qualification.

9.3.2 The notice referred to in 9.3.1 must be forwarded to the OCI via email not less than 3 days before the meet.

9.4.

9.4.1 The final selection of all athletics athletes shall be determined by the OCI and their decision shall be final.

10. Key Deadlines

10.1. The National Federation agrees to supply to the OCI the following information to be received before 23:59 (Dublin time) on or before the dates set out below:

1st February 2011.

The 'Long List' of all potential team members to be submitted by NF and received by the OCI.

20th May 2011

The National Federation must submit their selection policy of Athletes for the Olympics for recommendation to the Olympic Council of Ireland and the approval of the Olympic Council of Ireland.

20th May 2011

The National Federation are required to submit their "fit to perform policy for approval by the Olympic Council of Ireland"

27th January 2012

Revised (Short) list to be submitted by National Federation and received by the OCI.

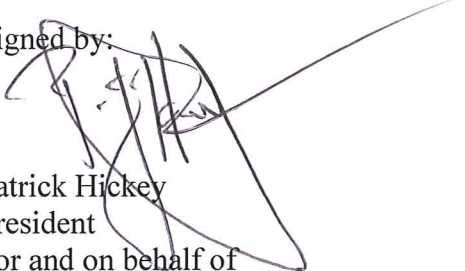
2nd July 2012

National Federation nominations for Relay Teams to be received by the OCI with all supporting information.

8th July 2012

National Federation nominations for Road, Track and Field events to be received by the OCI with all supporting information.

Signed by:



Patrick Hickey
President
For and on behalf of
Olympic Council of Ireland




Dermot J. Sherlock
Honorary General Secretary
For and on behalf of
Olympic Council of Ireland

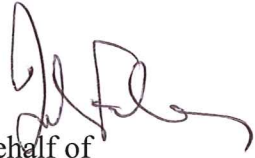
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8th Feb 2011

Signed by



Liam Hennessey
President
For and on behalf of
Athletics Association of
Ireland



John Foley
For and on behalf of
Athletics Association of
Ireland

Date:

8th Feb, 2011

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATHLETICS FEDERATIONS

Athletics

A. Events (47)

MEN'S EVENTS (24)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (23)
<u>Track</u>	<u>Track</u>
100m	100m
200m	200m
400m	400m
800m	800m
1500m	1500m
5000m	5000m
10,000m	10,000m
110m Hurdles	100m Hurdles
400m Hurdles	400m Hurdles
3000m Steeplechase	3000m Steeplechase
4 x 100m Relay	4 x 100m Relay
4 x 400m Relay	4 x 400m Relay
<u>Field</u>	<u>Field</u>
High Jump	High Jump
Pole Vault	Pole Vault
Long Jump	Long Jump
Triple Jump	Triple Jump
Shot Put	Shot Put
Discus Throw	Discus Throw
Hammer Throw	Hammer Throw
Javelin Throw	Javelin Throw
<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Decathlon	Heptathlon
<u>Road</u>	<u>Road</u>
Marathon	Marathon
20km Race Walk	20km Race Walk
50km Race Walk	

B. Quota

The target number of athletes for the sport of Athletics is 2,000.

NOCs may enter up to three athletes for each event on the athletics program, provided they have achieved the A standard. In addition they can enter one reserve athlete for the same event provided he/she has also achieved the A standard.

NOCs may enter one athlete for each event on the athletics program if he/she has achieved at least the B standard. In addition they can enter one reserve athlete for the same event provided he/she has also achieved at least the B standard.

C. Athlete Eligibility

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY
All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.

Junior Athletes

Any athlete aged 18 or 19 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 1993 or 1994) may compete in any event except the Marathon and 50km Race Walk.

Youth Athletes

Any athlete aged 16 or 17 years on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 1995 and 1996) may compete in any event except the throwing events (male athletes only), Decathlon, 10,000m, Marathon and Race Walk.

Athletes Younger than 16

No athlete younger than 16 years of age on 31 December in the year of the competition (born in 1997 or later) may be entered.

D. Qualification System**QUALIFICATION PATHWAY****1. Qualification Standards**

In order to be entered in the Olympic Games Athletics competition, an athlete will be required to achieve the appropriate Qualification Standard in the event(s) in which he/she is entered. The Qualification Standards and relevant criteria shall be established by the IAAF in the year preceding the Olympic Games and confirmed by 15 April 2011 for all events.

2. Qualification Period

Athletes must reach the standards as set by the IAAF during the following prescribed periods:

- 10,000m, Marathon, Race Walk and Combined Events: 1 January 2011 to 8 July 2012
- All other individual events: 1 May 2011 to 8 July 2012
- Relays: 1 January 2011 to 2 July 2012 (see 5).

3. Qualifying Events

All performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations in conformity with IAAF Rules. Results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised. Performances achieved in mixed events between male and female participants, held completely in the stadium, may be accepted under specific circumstances and conditions (see IAAF Rule 147). Wind-assisted performances will not be accepted. Hand timing performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles and 4x100m Relay will not be accepted. Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 400m and longer, will be accepted. For the running events of 400m and over (including combined events), performances achieved on oversized tracks shall not be accepted.

4. Marathon & Race Walk

A list of qualifying competitions for the Marathon and Race Walking events, which meet the IAAF's qualifying criteria, will be produced by the IAAF by 1 January 2011. The first 20 runners in the Men's Marathon and in the Women's Marathon in the World Championships in Athletics of Daegu (Republic of Korea) 2011 and the top 10 finishers at the IAAF Gold Label Marathons in 2011 and 2012 (held during the qualification period) will also be considered as having achieved the "A" qualification standard.

5. Relays

- a. There shall be a maximum of 16 qualified teams in each relay event, based on the aggregate of the two fastest times achieved by national teams in the qualification period of 1 January 2011 to 2 July 2012. For the results to be valid for qualification purposes, a minimum of three international teams must compete in the race.
- b. A total of six athletes may be entered for a relay team. Should an NOC have entered individual athletes and a relay team in the same distance, the entered individual athletes (including the eventual reserve) must be included in the total of six athletes entered for the relay events.

- c. The deadline for national relay teams to record qualifying performances for the Olympic Games Athletics competition is 2 July 2012. On 3 July 2012, the final rankings (top 16 teams) in each of the relays will be published on the IAAF website. The IAAF will inform the NOCs of each of these national teams of their eligibility to compete in the Olympic Games relay competitions.

6. Non-Qualified Athletes

- a. NOCs for which no male or no female athlete has reached the required qualification standard will be allowed to enter their best male athlete and their best female athlete in one athletic event each, with the exception of the Combined Events, 10,000m and 3000m Steeplechase.
- b. This applies equally to unqualified female entries from an NOC with qualified males, and vice versa.
- c. Acceptance of unqualified entries in Field Events will be at the discretion of the IAAF Technical Delegates, based on the technical standard of the athlete and the numbers of qualified athletes in the respective event. In order to allow the IAAF Technical Delegates to assess the technical level of athletes requesting entries through this process, applications must be submitted by NOCs to the IAAF by 15 June 2012. The application must specify the event in which the entry is requested and the proof of the technical level and international participation of the nominated athlete. The IAAF shall subsequently confirm, in writing to NOCs, with a copy to LOCOG and IOC Sport, the approval or otherwise of the entry of the specified athlete(s).

7. Reserve Athletes

Reserve athletes may be selected to replace another entered athlete up until the time of the Final Confirmation for the respective event. At that time, if the reserve athlete is confirmed, the accreditation status of the replaced athlete will be transferred to the confirmed athlete who will then have access to the Olympic Village, the Warm-Up Venue and the Olympic Stadium. At the same time, the replaced athlete shall leave the Olympic Village.

E. Confirmation process for quota places

CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

NOCs shall enter all athletes to LOCOG by the Entry by Name deadline of 9 July 2012. The entry process will then be considered closed. These entries shall be verified and approved by LOCOG in liaison with the IAAF Technical Delegates.

F. Reallocation of unused quota places

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES

Should an NOC confirm to the IAAF that they will not enter a qualified relay team, the place will be reallocated to the NOC with a relay team which has recorded the next fastest aggregate time in accordance with the IAAF’s criteria for the qualification of relay teams.

G. Qualification timeline

DATE	MILESTONE
1 January 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start of the qualification period for 10,000m, Marathon, Race Walk, Combined and Relay events. • IAAF to confirm a list of qualifying competitions for the Marathon and Race Walking events.
15 April 2011	IAAF to confirm the qualification standards for all events. The standards will be distributed to all NOCs and NFs.
1 May 2011	Start of the qualification period for all other individual events.
15 June 2012	Deadline for NOCs wishing to enter unqualified athletes in the field events to apply to the IAAF for approval.

DATE	MILESTONE
2 July 2012	End of qualification period for relay teams.
3 July 2012	IAAF to publish the list of 16 qualified teams for each relay event.
8 July 2012	Deadline for athletes to achieve the qualification standards in individual events
9 July 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAAF to confirm in writing to LOCOG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - list of approved unqualified athletes in field events - list of qualified relay teams • Deadline for London 2012 Organising Committee to receive entry forms

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ENTRY STANDARDS

Approved by IAAF Council – Daegu, Korea – 11/12 April 2011

Men		Event	Women	
A Standard	B Standard		A Standard	B Standard
10.18	10.24	100m	11.29	11.38
20.55	20.65	200m	23.10	23.30
45.25	45.70	400m	51.50	52.30
1:45.60	1:46.30	800m	1:59.90	2:01.30
3:35.50	3:38.00	1500m	4:06.00	4:08.90
13:20.00	13:27.00	5000m	15:15.00	15:25.00
27:45.00	28:05.00	10,000m	31:45.00	32:10.00
2:15:00	2:18:00	Marathon	2:37:00	2:43:00
8:23.10	8:32.00	3000m SC	9:43.00	9:48.00
13.52	13.60	110m H / 100m H	12.96	13.15
49.50	49.80	400m H	55.40	56.55
2.31	2.28	High Jump	1.95	1.92
5.72	5.60	Pole Vault	4.50	4.40
8.20	8.10	Long Jump	6.75	6.65
17.20	16.85	Triple Jump	14.30	14.10
20.50	20.00	Shot Put	18.35	17.30
65.00	63.00	Discus Throw	62.00	59.50
78.00	74.00	Hammer Throw	71.50	69.00
82.00	79.50	Javelin Throw	61.50	59.00
8200	7950	Decathlon / Heptathlon	6150	5950
1:22:30	1:24:30	20km Race Walk	1:33:30	1:38:00
3:59:00	4:09:00	50km Race Walk		
Top 16 teams		4x100m	Top 16 teams	
Top 16 teams		4x400m	Top 16 teams	

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