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The Olympic Council of Ireland (“OCI”) and Irish Clay Pigeon Shooting Association (“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 Clay Pigeon Shooting.

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 Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) (“International Federation”)

Accordingly, the parties agree that an athlete or team will not be considered eligible for selection as a member of the Irish Olympic Team for the Olympic Summer Games, even though he/she may have achieved the standard stipulated by the International Federation and/or the IOC, unless he/she fulfils the relevant criteria and/or achieves the relevant standard(s) pursuant to and in accordance with this Agreement.

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 NOC 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 Olympic Council of Ireland 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 Olympic Council of Ireland 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. 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.
- 1.6. 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.
- 1.7. No Team Member's selection will be ratified by the OCI until all relevant documentation and required procedures are fully completed.

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. 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 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 to provide the relevant information to the OCI.
- 3.2. 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.
- 3.3. The National Federation shall not nominate any athlete who is the subject of an anti-doping ban.
- 3.4. 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.
- 3.5. 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 Clay Pigeon Shooting is 27th February 2012

5. Appeals

5.1. The National Federation shall have an appeals process available to Team member's 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 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 OCI shall issue the agreement to all National Federations.
- 8.4. The NF shall publish this agreement subsequent to the OCI doing so.
- 8.5. The NF 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. Advance Information

- 9.1. Prior to 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.
- 9.2. Prior to 20th May 2011 the National Federation are required to submit their "fit to perform policy for approval by the Olympic Council of Ireland"

10. Key Deadlines

26th January 2011.

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

27th January 2012

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

27th February 2012

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

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

Date: ~~22~~
2/2/11

Signed by

Edmond O'Hara
Chairman
For and on behalf of
Irish Clay Pigeon Association

John McCormack
Hon. Secretary
For and on behalf of
Irish Clay Pigeon Association

Date: 20/01/11

INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING SPORT FEDERATION

Shooting

A. Events (15)

MEN'S EVENTS (9)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (6)
50m Rifle Prone Men (60 shots prone)	50m Rifle 3 Positions Women (3x20 shots)
50m Rifle 3 Positions Men (3x40 shots)	10m Air Rifle Women (40 shots)
10m Air Rifle Men (60 shots standing)	25m Pistol Women (30+30 shots)
50m Pistol Men (60 shots)	10m Air Pistol Women (40 shots)
25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men (60 shots)	Trap Women (75 targets)
10m Air Pistol Men (60 shots)	Skeet Women (75 targets)
Trap Men (125 targets)	
Double Trap Men (150 targets)	
Skeet Men (125 targets)	

B. Quota

	QUALIFICATION	TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES	HOST COUNTRY PLACES	TOTAL
Men	218	24	5	390
Women	139		4	
TOTAL	357	24	9	390

	QUOTA PER NOC
Men	18 (Max 2 per event)
Women Rifle/Pistol events	8 (Max 2 per event)
Women Trap event	1 (Max 1 per event)
Women Skeet event	1 (Max 1 per event)
TOTAL maximum quota per NOC	28

C. Athlete Eligibility

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY			
<p>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.</p>			
MINIMUM QUALIFICATION SCORES (MQS)			
<p>Only athletes who have attained the MQS can be entered in one or more events on the Olympic shooting program. MQS can only be obtained in eliminations and in qualification events at 2010 and 2011 ISSF World Championships, 2011 and 2012 ISSF World Cups, 2010, 2011, 2012 Continental Championships and in ISSF designated Qualification Competitions. The full list of events is published in the ISSF Events Calendar on the ISSF website. The MQS have been established as follows:</p>			
Women			
50m Rifle 3 Positions Women	555	10m Air Pistol Women	365
10m Air Rifle Women	375	Trap Women	58
25m Pistol Women	555	Skeet Women	60

Men			
50m Rifle Prone Men	587	10m Air Pistol Men	563
50m Rifle 3 Positions Men	1135	Trap Men	112
10m Air Rifle Men	570	Double Trap Men	118
50m Pistol Men	540	Skeet Men	114
25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men	560		

D. Qualification System

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Quota places can be obtained in ISSF supervised Competitions / Championships according to the ISSF Rules and Regulations. They are:

- ISSF World Championship 2010 & 2011
- ISSF World Cups 2011
- Continental Championships 2010/2011/ 2012

Each shooter who wins or obtains one of the following named places in the qualification events obtains one starting position for his NOC in the Olympic Games:

QUOTA PLACES IN DETAILS for London Olympic Games 2012

Qualification Discipline Event	Total	Men Rifle 50m3x40	Men Rifle 50mProne	Men Rifle AR60	Men Pistol 50mPistol	Men Pistol AP60	Men Pistol RFP	Men Shotgun Trap125	Men Shotgun DT150	Men Shotgun Skeet125	Women Rifle 50m3x20	Women Rifle AR40	Women Pistol AP40	Women Pistol 25mPistol	Women Shotgun Trap75	Women Shotgun Skeet75
2010 ISSF World Championships	69	5	5	6	4	6	2	5	3	5	5	6	6	5	3	3
2011 Separate Shotgun WCH	5							1	1	1					1	1
2011: 1st and 2nd places in all events but first three in air rifle/pistol events	136	8	8	12	8	12	8	8	8	8	8	12	12	8	8	8
Continental Champs 2010/2011/2012																
Europe	48	4	3	4	3	4	2	5	1	5	4	4	4	3	1	1
America	31	2	2	3	2	2	1	3	1	3	3	3	2	2	1	1
Asia	35	3	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	4	3	2	2	3	1	1
Africa	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Oceania	18	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Host Nation	9	1				1	1	1		1		1		1	1	1
	366	25	23	29	21	29	18	30	18	30	25	30	28	24	18	18
	24	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places														
Total	390															

Men	223	Rifle	77	Pistol	68	Shotgun	78
Women	143	Rifle	55	Pistol	52	Shotgun	36
Total	366	plus 24 Tripartite Commission Invitation Places					

Qualification Procedure:

One quota place is one starting position for the Olympic Games. The quota places are granted to the NOC and not to the athletes who obtained them.

The quota place can be achieved by a shooter in the Olympic shooting events at special designated competitions. A quota place can only be achieved if the result obtained is higher than the Minimum Qualification Score (MQS) in that event.

One shooter can obtain only one quota place for his NOC. If a quota place is achieved by a shooter who has already won a quota place in any event, the quota place will be granted to the next ranked shooter in that competition. The same rule applies when the NOC of a shooter has already obtained the maximum number of quotas per event.

Ties for quota places will be broken in accordance with Chapter 12.0 and/or 14.0 of the appropriate discipline rules in the Olympic Shooting Disciplines.

Double Starters at Olympic Games:

Each shooter, who has been entered in one event in a quota place by his/her NOC, can be entered as a double starter in other events if he/she has also obtained the MQS in the other events and it is possible within the NOC quotas of athletes per event.

For Trap and Skeet events for women each NOC is limited to one (1) athlete quota only, but may enter up to two (2) athletes if the second athlete is a double starter.

If an NOC enters one (1) athlete as a double starter in any event in which it has also obtained the maximum number of quota place(s), the quota place must be returned to the ISSF/IOC to be granted as an additional quota place.

Qualification Competitions:

The ISSF Executive Committee will designate the location of those international competitions which will receive the status of ISSF World Cup and qualification events.

For all qualification events, the appropriate Discipline Rules will apply.

For World Cups or separate MQS competitions the maximum entry per ISSF member federation is three (3) participants per event for the quota places and a maximum of two (2) additional participants for obtaining the minimum qualification scores.

HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION

For the Host Country (NOC) one quota place (starting position) is reserved in the following events:

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
50m Rifle 3 Positions Men	25m Pistol Women
25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men	10m Air Rifle Women
10m Air Pistol Men	Trap Women
Trap Men	Skeet Women
Skeet Men	

The remaining events may be entered as double starters.

TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES

24 Tripartite Commission Invitation Places are made available for eligible NOCs.

On 1 November 2011, the International Olympic Committee will contact all those NOCs who are eligible to apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places.

The deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places is 16 January 2012. In relation to the end of the qualification period, the Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the respective NOCs between 1 May and 9 July 2012.

Detailed information on Tripartite Invitation places is contained in the – Tripartite Commission Invitation Places - Information Paper for NOCs – which is included in the Games of the XXX Olympiad, London 2012 Qualification and Participation Criteria.

E. Confirmation process for quota places

CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

The ISSF will establish a list of the quota places obtained for each event. In this list the maximum number of quota places per NOC will be entered.

This list of quota places and a list with the names and scores of all athletes who have obtained a MQS will be submitted to all NOCs, and all ISSF Member Federations by 27 February, 2012. All NOCs must inform the ISSF by 12 March, 2012 as to how many of their quota places in each event will be used. Each NOC decides the number of entries to fill quota places and selects the athletes in each event from the ones with minimum qualification scores.

On request of an NOC/ISSF Member Federation the maximum of one (1) quota place in one event can be changed for one (1) quota place in any other event if available. The application for a change must be received by the ISSF by 12 March, 2012.

F. Reallocation of unused quota places

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES

Unused IF quota places will be reallocated to the NOC(s) with the largest number of MQS athletes which has not yet qualified a quota place for the London 2012 Olympic Games.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Should the Host NOC not use the Host Country quota place(s) they will be reallocated to the NOC(s) with the largest number of MQS athletes, which has not yet qualified for the London 2012 Olympic Games.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED TRIPARTITE COMMISSION PLACES

Any unused Tripartite places will be reallocated by the Tripartite Commission. Should the Tripartite Commission not be able to reallocate the quota place(s) they will be reallocated the NOC(s) with the largest number of MQS athletes, which has not yet qualified for the London 2012 Olympic Games.

G. Qualification timeline

DATE	MILESTONE
July 2010 to July 2012	Quota places can be obtained in special quota qualification competitions
29 July – 11 August 2010	50 th ISSF World Shooting Championship (Munich, GER)
18 - 28 November 2010	American Continental Championships (Rio de Janeiro, BRA)
21 - 25 February 2011	African Continental Championships - 10m Air Events (EGY)
1 - 10 March 2011	ISSF World Cup (Concepcion, CHI)
21 - 30 March 2011	ISSF World Cup (Sydney, AUS)
11 - 19 April 2011	ISSF World Cup (Changwon, KOR)
19 - 28 April 2011	ISSF World Cup (Beijing, CHN)
14 - 22 May 2011	ISSF World Cup (Fort Benning, USA)
16 - 23 June 2011	ISSF World Cup (Munich, GER)
7 - 17 July 2011	ISSF World Cup (Gaj-Maribor, SLO)
9 - 15 July 2011	African Continental Championships - Shotgun events – (MAR)
31 July – 14 August 2011	European Continental Championships (Belgrade, SRB)
27 August – 5 September 2011	ISSF World Shotgun Championships (Belgrade, SRB)
September 2011	African Continental Championships - 25m & 50m Events (RSA)
1 November 2011	IOC will contact all NOCs who are eligible to apply for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
15 - 24 November 2011	Pan-American Games (Guadalajara, MEX)
11 - 22 January 2012	Asian Continental Championships (Doha, QAT)
16 January 2012	Deadline for NOCs to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission Invitation Places
14 - 20 February 2012	European Continental Championships - 10m (Vierimäki, FIN)
Date TBC	Oceania Continental Championships

DATE	MILESTONE
27 February 2012	ISSF sends list of quota places obtained to NOCs/ISSF Member Federations
12 March 2012	Deadline for NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota place(s)
March – June 2012	Reallocation of unused quota places
1 May – 9 July 2012	The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of Invitation Places to NOCs
9 July 2012	Deadline for London 2012 Organising Committee to receive entry forms