



UK SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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GB TEAM SPORTS SELECTION COMMITTEE (SSC) & APPEALS PROCEDURE

All selections and letters of invitation have been sent to athletes and staff following deliberations by the newly formed GB Team Sports Selection Committee (SSC), in the relevant sport. A separate Committee for each sport.

Objectives of the SSC for each sport

- 1) To manage the selection and direction of the GB Squad on a sports specific basis.
- 2) To ensure the development and maintenance of a credible, transparent, appropriate and fair system of selection of both athletes and staff to GB squads.
- 3) To keep in mind and to make decisions based upon the need to uphold the principles in (2) and in light of the need to develop a process that will work in unison with sports governing bodies policies and procedures to facilitate the incorporation of learning disability athletes at GB level into Sports Governing Body Squads where appropriate.
- 4) To uphold the principles, ethos and objectives of the UK Sports Association for People with Learning Disability.

Who is on this Committee?

- 1) Chaired by UKSA office representative (eg. Tracey McCillen and/or Geoff Smedley) (UKSA Office representative there as advisers to the process and where appropriate to provide further background information). This would be a non-voting position except where a vote is split when the chair would have the casting vote.
- 2) Appropriate Sports Specific Adviser (x 4). One Adviser appointed from each Home Country in membership of UKSA. Each Adviser will retain one vote.

- 3) An appropriate Independent Sports Specific Advisor co-opted for the purpose of the Agenda of a specific meeting as appropriate. (approved by UKSA Directors upon suggestions made by UKSA office). This advisor is independent of any Home Country Structure. Non-voting.
- 4) The Committee will function on an event by event basis with a minimum of 3 members, two of which must be Sports Advisors.

A Sports Specific Advisor may, if the situation arises, hold a staff or Team Manager position on a GB squad, but would withdraw from voting and/or discussions relating to the position to which he/she wishes to be considered.

Appeals Procedure and Process - Athlete and Staff Selection

- 1) Letters of invitation will be sent to successful athletes and staff from the UKSA office.
- 2) Letters to unsuccessful athletes and staff will be sent from the UKSA Office.
- 3) Appeals regarding selection or non-selection of staff or athletes must be lodged with the UKSA Office.
- 4) An *intention* to Appeal any selection must be lodged by the appellant, within three working days of receipt of the letter of invitation or letter to unsuccessful athletes and staff.
- 5) Such an intention to Appeal may be lodged by the Appellant by letter, telephone, fax or email to the UKSA office.
- 6) A *written appeal* must be received by the UKSA office within five working days of the Appellant lodging an intention to Appeal. The Appeal must be in a prescribed format and on the pro-forma available from the UKSA office.
- 7) All Appeal letters received in accordance with these procedures will be forwarded to the SCC members who made the selection decisions.
- 8) The SSC will endeavour to provide a written response to the Appeal within three working days of receipt of the Appeal.
- 9) The response of the SSC to the Appeal will be forwarded to the Appellant, wherever possible within five working days of the decision of the SCC.

The decision of the SSC following the Appeal is final.