



UK SPORTS ASSOCIATION
FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITY

GB SELECTION POLICY

2010 European Championships
- CYCLING

Idanha Nova, Portugal
8th – 14th June 2010

2010 INAS-FID European Championships - Cycling

GB Team Criteria

- 1) To be considered, the athlete must be recognised by their relevant home country as a 'cyclist'. The Home Country must endorse their nomination.
- 2) The cyclist must be competent and able to compete in the event(s) they are to be entered for. This includes having the correct equipment, experience of the event (ie a road race or time trial) and show examples of having competed over the required distances.
- 3) The cyclist must be currently in training for the sport and show commitment to an organised training programme.
- 4) In terms of qualifying times over distance, there are a number of factors which can/may influence this:
 - a) The type of course ie hilly or flat
 - b) The weather conditions
 - c) The technical standard of the bike itself
 - d) The race structure ie mass start or individual start
 - e) The race tactics

Given the above the following times over distance will be used as consideration times.

10 Miles	28 Minutes 30 seconds
25 Miles	1 Hour 15 minutes

These times over distance reflect a reasonably high standard of performance and have taken into consideration the results of the 3rd INAS –FID World Cycling Championships.

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Definitions of Terms used within this Policy:

Programmed/Scheduled Championship events

The events being held at the 5th European Cycling Championships

GB Consideration Times

The times set by UKSA to be seen as a reasonable objective to be considered for selection to the GB Team.

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1. Minimum Standards and Consideration for Selection

- a) To qualify to be *considered* for selection to the GB Team, each athlete will be required to have met the criteria published earlier in this document and illustrate performances from a recognised event between 1st January 2009 and 30th April 2010.
- b) A recognised event is one that is endorsed by Scottish Disability Sport, WSAPLD, Disability Sport Northern Ireland or Mencap or endorsed by the relevant Sports Governing Body in Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland or England. The event must have fully qualified referees and officials and have published results available.

2. Classification

- a) Each athlete must have a full "April 2005", INAS-FID Classification number by the selection date to be considered for selection to the European Cycling Championships.

3. Illness and Injury

- a) If an athlete is unable to compete at a recognised competition due to illness or injury, that athlete will be required to submit a valid, original medical certificate to UKSA to show the reasons why they were unable to compete during the selection period. In exceptional circumstances, and only where a medical certificate is produced, UKSA may consider times from another recognised event

UKSA, at their discretion will consider the time and the athlete's likely health and fitness levels and make their decision. The decision of UKSA is final.

- b) It is the responsibility of the athlete to inform the GB Head Coach of any illness/injury as described in 3 (a).
- c) It is the responsibility of the GB Head Coach to immediately inform the UKSA office of any illness/injury as described in 3 (a) and (b), making recommendation on a way forward.

4. Other Selection Criteria & Considerations

- a) Athletes must be in current training and retain an appropriate level of training in their particular events that is commensurate to European International performance and continue in that training through to the Championships.

- b) It is advisable and preferred, that athletes do not take holidays immediately prior to the Championships, which might, in the opinion of UKSA be detrimental to their performance at the Championships. Athletes should seek the advice of the UKSA before booking a holiday in the period between selection and the Championships.
- c) Athletes must keep in regular contact with the UKSA from selection through to the Championships to ensure their preparation is at the right level and on track. There is equal responsibility on both Head Coach and the athlete to maintain this contact.
- d) If, in the reasonable opinion of the UKSA Selection Committee or the GB Team Manager/Head Coach, an athlete is not at an appropriate fitness, training or competitive level to appropriately represent Great Britain at the Championships, then that athlete may be de-selected from the Team.

5. GB Team Staff

- a) Ratio of staff will depend on number of cyclists selected, however the UKSA normal ratio is that of 1:4, with a minimum of 2 official staff. If only one cyclist is selected, consideration will be given to how best the minimum support requirements can be met, balancing the needs of the athletes against costs associated with entry.
- b) Additional Staff may be selected once the full support needs of the Team have been identified.

i) Qualifications

For the European Championships, the following should be taken into account

- a) Given the very small number of likely cyclists, it would make sense to select a coach from the cyclists' own area.
- b) The coach should have a proven record in the sport of cycling and in this case, be actively involved in the coaching of the cyclist.
- c) The coach should also be competent as a cycle mechanic and be able to deal with any likely mechanical issues that may arise in the duration of the games.

UKSA to invite nominations from Home Countries to fill available positions, paying attention to the following minimum levels of qualification:

Each staff member appointed will, as normal, take on a pastoral support role as part of their overall appointment. UKSA will announce the proposed staffing structure once athlete numbers and disciplines are known and reserve the right to revise the staffing structure if deemed necessary.

Criminal Record Bureau Checks

In order to be nominated to the SSC, it was agreed that any nominee must already have a valid CRB (Enhanced) Disclosure through their Home Country Association or Sports Governing Body that is not more than 18 months old on the day after the group returns OR have already submitted a CRB (Enhanced) disclosure application to their Home Country Association or Sports Governing Body. Details of the current CRB must be declared with their nomination.

ii) Additional Factors considered

- Staff must have the ability and skills to meet the support and pastoral care needs of the Team.
- Medical staff (where in place) must have the ability and skills to provide medical and/or physiotherapy support to the Team.
- Staff will be required to undertake a number of varying tasks to support the needs of the Team and must have proven ability to work on their own initiative in an elite environment under extreme pressure.
- Staff may be required to demonstrate other disability awareness eg. deaf awareness or be willing to undergo appropriate training.
- Staff should be available to travel between the given dates of the event allowing for arrival and departure and at least between 7th and 15th June 2010.

UKSA reserve the right to remove positions from the staffing structure if deemed necessary taking into account athlete numbers and experience of nominees for consideration.

6. General – Athletes and Staff

The conditions relevant to either athlete or staff member, outlined below must be met to be considered for selection:

- a) Only athletes eligible to represent Great Britain and Northern Ireland at the INAS-FID Global Games will be selected.
- b) Athletes must be in regular training in their respective Home Country as outlined in the consideration criteria.
- c) Athletes must hold a current valid April 2005 INAS-FID Registration and no later than at the point of selection.
- d) UKSA and the relevant Home Country will also consider each athlete's overall personal ability to fit the GB Team profile, plus pastoral needs, past history and facts known to them at the time of selection.

- e) If INAS-FID withdraws an event from the programme after the final entry date an athlete may be de-selected from the Team. This may affect Team numbers and therefore UKSA reserve the right to restructure the staffing needs, including invited escorts, which may result in staff being deselected also.
- f) All Team members will be required to sign and comply with any UKSA policy and codes relevant to the competition i.e. doping controls, child and vulnerable adult protection policies etc.
- g) Athletes and staff must have met the requirements of their own Home Country.
- h) Athletes and staff will be required to either raise funds to meet the costs of their travel and entry to this event, or have the means to source the funds through other means – for example, sponsorship applications etc.
- i) Staff are expected to supply CVs and be endorsed by their own Home Country Association prior to consideration. Athletes are expected to submit their “expression of interest” and performances to UKSA by 5pm on 9th April 2010. Staff should submit their CVs to UKSA via their Home Country Association by 5pm on 9th April 2010.

7. Schedule – Final Selection (Athletes & Staff)

- a) Final Selection will be made on 30th April 2010. Final Selection will only be confirmed where in the opinion of UKSA and the Home Country Association, an athlete continues to train at a level appropriate to competing at a European Championship level event and is fit, healthy and able to travel to that event. The GB Team will be announced by UKSA once those invited have confirmed their acceptance.

b) Staff & Athlete Selection schedule is as follows:

9 th April 2010 (5pm)	Athlete Expression of interest & performances to UKSA Staff CV's to UKSA via Home Country
30 th April 2010	Final selection & confirmed Team

- c) Any appeals against selection and de-selections in relation to this Selection Policy must be made in accordance with the UKSA Appeals procedure. A copy of the Policy is available on request from UKSA.