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2008 OLYMPIC SUMMER GAMES – BEIJING
AGREEMENT FOR THE SELECTION OF ATHLETES
FOR THE SPORT OF:

Athletics

The Olympic Council of Ireland (“OCI”) and Athletics Association of Ireland (“the National Federation”) agree the following selection standards and procedures for the selection of athletes for the 2008 Olympic Summer Games in Beijing (the “Olympic Games”) for the sport of Athletics

The parties acknowledge and agree that the standards and procedures set out in this Agreement are 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”). 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 31 of the Olympic Charter the OCI has the exclusive power for the selection and participation of the Irish Olympic Team at the Olympic Games. The parties further acknowledge that under Paragraph 8.1 of the Bye-law to Rules 31 and 32, 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 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.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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 nominations 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.

3. Eligibility for Consideration

- 3.1 Only 'A' standards as set out by IOC/ANOC/IAAF shall be acceptable (see appendix A).
- 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.

- 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, athletes 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 for the nominations to the OCI of athletes for the sport of Athletics in Track & Field is 16th June 2008 for Track / Road events of 10,000m or longer distance and 21st July 2008 for Track events of 5000m or shorter distance and Field events.

5. Appeals

- 5.1 The National Federation shall have an appeals process available to athletes and have submitted same to the OCI no later than 30th September 2007. 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 Beijing 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 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 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 in IAAF list on 8th July 2008 for the event in which the team is attempting to qualify in.
 - 9.1.2 A team ranked in the Top 16 in IAAF list may defend that position until 23rd July 2008 (Subject to IAAF confirmation).
 - 9.1.3 Relay qualification must be achieved at an event where at least four Nations Relay Teams participate in the relevant relay event and subject to the conditions set out in 9.2 below.
 - 9.1.4 Field Events: All athletes attempting to qualify must be included on an agreed OCI/NF list by 9th June 2008. Athletes on this agreed list are permitted to achieve qualification up to 21st July 2008.

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 at the start of the 2007 and 2008 seasons.
- 9.2.2 The meets in 9.2.1 must have electronic timing and a doping control by WADA.
- 9.2.3 Meets in 9.2.1 which will be used for qualification attempts must also be approved by the NF 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 added to the agreed OCI / NF 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 NF must receive not less than 3 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 2 days before the meet.

9.4 AAI National Championships

- 9.4.1 Disciplines of 5000m or shorter, and Field disciplines as defined in 9.1.1 and 9.1.2 will be classified as Olympic Qualifying events at the AAI National Championships if held after 16th June and before 21st July 2008, subject to receiving IAAF approval.

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:

26th January 2007

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

27th January 2008

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

8th June 2008

Field athletes not already listed and agreed by OCI and NF are no longer eligible for selection.

16th June 2008

Nomination for Track / Road events of 10,000m or longer distance, subject to the IOC/ANOC/IF agreed date for final qualification not being prior to this date.

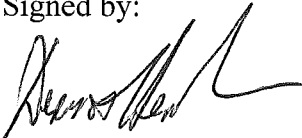
9th July 2008

Nomination of relay teams in a world top 16 position.

21st July 2008

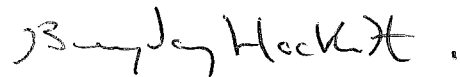
Nomination for Track events of 5000m or shorter distance and Field events and of relay teams subject to the IOC/ANOC/IF agreed date for final qualification not being prior to this date.

Signed by:



Dermot Henihan
Chef de Mission
For and on behalf of
Olympic Council of Ireland

Signed by



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Patsy McGonagle
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Ireland

Date: 16th March 2007

Date:



19/2/07.

Appendix A

6. QUALIFICATION STANDARDS

MEN		EVENT	WOMEN	
A	B		A	B
10.21	10.28	100m	11.32	11.42
20.59	20.75	200m	23.00	23.20
45.55	45.95	400m	51.55	52.35
1:46.00	1:47.00	800m	2:00.00	2:01.30
3:36.60	3:39.00	1500m	4:07.00	4:08.00
13:21.50	13:28.00	5000m	15:09.00	15:24.00
27:50.00	28:10.00	10,000m	31:45.00	32:20.00
2h15.00	2h18.00	Marathon	2h37.00	2h42.00
8:24.60	8:32.00	3000m SC	9:46.00	9:55.00
13.55	13.72	110m H / 100m H	12.96	13.11
49.20	49.50	400m H	55.60	56.50
1h23.00	1h24.30	20km Race Walk	1h33.30	1h38.00
4h00.00	4h07.00	50km Race Walk		
8,000 points	7,700 points	Decathlon / Heptathlon	6,000 points	5,800 points
2.30	2.27	High Jump	1.95	1.91
5.70	5.55	Pole Vault	4.45	4.30
8.20	8.05	Long Jump	6.72	6.60
17.10	16.80	Triple Jump	14.20	14.00
20.30	19.80	Shot Put	18.35	17.20
64.50	62.50	Discus Throw	61.00	59.00
78.50	74.00	Hammer Throw	69.50	67.00
81.80	77.80	Javelin Throw	60.50	56.00
Best 16 National Teams		4 x 100m Relay	Best 16 National Teams	
Best 16 National Teams		4 x 400m Relay	Best 16 National Teams	