

COMMONWEALTH GAMES SELECTION POLICY

ENGLAND FULL BORE TARGET RIFLE

Introduction

1. The English Twenty Club (XX Club) has the responsibility of recommending to the English Target Shooting Federation (ETSF) 2 individuals to represent England at the Commonwealth Games Full Bore Target Rifle events to be held at Brisbane in April 2018. The ETSF in turn recommends selection to Commonwealth Games England (CGE).
2. CGE is the ultimate decision maker as to whether and if so who is to represent England at the Games. It is important for those aspiring to selection to understand that CGE must be satisfied that each individual has a genuine medal winning potential.
3. There are 2 Full Bore Target Rifle events. The Pairs match where 2 individuals compete as a team shooting over an aggregate of a Queens Second and Third Stages. Each team member acts as a coach for the other. In addition there is an Individual match where both individuals compete over an aggregate of a Queens First, Second and Third Stage.
4. We can only select 2 individuals. This necessarily means they must compete in both events.

5. This document sets out the XX Club policy on selection procedure.

Selection

6. The XX Club has appointed 3 selectors, they are P.N. Hinchliffe QC (Chairman), S. Belither and J.P.S. Bloomfield. They are responsible for formulation of policy, selection of the training squad and selection of the 2 individuals together with a reserve. They recommend to the Council of the XX Club who in turn recommend the individuals to ETSF.
7. Given the unique situation of 2 Full Bore Target Rifle Events the current policy is to select 2 individuals who together give the best chance of securing medals in the Pairs event. This has been the policy since the current selectors were appointed prior to the 2002 Games (Manchester – held at Bisley). It is necessary also to ensure that these individuals have a realistic prospect of achieving a medal in the individual event. The selection of the pair involves some element of subjective analysis given the assessment of the synergistic effect each member of the pair has on the other. History has shown that selecting 2 individuals for the individual event does not necessarily produce the best pair, whereas those selected as the best pair do have good prospects of individual medals.
8. The selectors will select a Training Squad of at least 4 individuals. Selection for this squad will primarily be based on individual success. No one can be included who does not fulfil the criteria, which is to have been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any of the

following: HM Queens Prize, NRA Grand Aggregate or British Open Championship. This is in the 4 year period prior to the year in which the Games is to be held. In addition, any person winning a medal at the Commonwealth Games at the previous Games is also eligible for consideration.

The selectors are of the view that it is necessary to ensure an objective basis for selection to the Training Squad. The training will primarily focus on the pairs event which also enhances individual shooting skills and provides a Team ethos of mutual support and assistance which furthers the overall objective of winning medals in both events. This policy has resulted in medals being won in both events at the last 3 Games; Melbourne 2006 (Pairs Gold and Individual Silver), Delhi 2010 (Pairs Bronze and Individual Gold) and Glasgow 2014 (Pairs Gold and Individual Gold and Bronze).

9. The selectors have so far chosen 4 individuals to be part of the Squad for 2018. They are:
 - G.C.D. Barnett
 - D.C. Luckman
 - P.M. Patel
 - J.D. Warburton

10. Any individual may apply to be considered for inclusion in the training squad providing they can demonstrate the required ability as evidenced by success in the specified competitions. Such success does not guarantee inclusion in the squad.

11. Any individual who feels aggrieved at any decision taken by the Selectors which directly affects them as to the membership of the Training Squad or recommendation for selection to compete at the Commonwealth Games has the right to appeal to the Executive Committee of the XX Club in respect of that decision.

12. It is the intention of the selectors to select the pair in September 2017 so that they, together with a reserve, can attend the CSF Championships scheduled for November 2017 in Brisbane.

13. The selectors have appointed J.D.S. Langley to act as Team Manager for the 2018 Games.

P.N. HINCHLIFFE QC
Chairman of Selectors

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