**Isle of Man Athletics Association, Island Games Selection Policy**

**Gotland, 24th – 30th June 2017**

**Overview**

It is important for the Isle of Man Athletics Association (“IOMAA”) to have successful individual performances at the Island Games as we recognise the importance of the event in the development and experience of our athletes towards future success at the Commonwealth Games and beyond.

This selection policy has been created to nominate a team to achieve the best possible results (that is the highest number of medals) at the 2017 Island Games and with medal totals at future Island Games in mind. IOMAA is devoted to selecting the strongest possible teams for Island Games.

IOMAA is strongly committed to the long term development of every athlete within our sport. We would encourage athletes, coaches and parents to carefully consider which competitions provide the most appropriate developmental opportunities for athletes both now and in the longer term.

Two key aims:

* To win as many medals as possible
* To prepare athletes for higher level international competition e.g. Commonwealth Games & Commonwealth Youth Games

**Eligibility Criteria**

To be considered for selection, athletes must:

* Be eligible to represent Isle of Man at the Island Games (International Island Games Association requirements set out below);
* Have signed and returned the relevant IOMAA ‘Athlete Declaration of Intent’ form (see page 5) by 31 December 2016;
* Agree to and comply with any pre-event preparation including (but not limited to) fulfilling the training schedule set by your coach, media appearances, representing IOMAA in a professional manner in all aspects (including social media).

(Extract from the Island Games Association Rules)

To be considered for entry, athletes must meet the following criteria as set out by the Island Games Association:

Athletics By-laws

1 Competition Rules

1.1 The Athletics events are to be organised under IAAF rules.

1.2 Age Limits

1.2.1 The minimum age limit for both male and female competitors will be 15 years and for the Half Marathon 18 years as at the 1st of June in the year of the particular Games at which such competitor wishes to compete. No dispensation will be given.

Section 6 - Conditions For Representing An Island

To represent an Island, a competitor may qualify either by:

6.1 having been born on that Member Island.

6.2 A competitor may be considered to have been born on a Member Island if the mother was normally resident on that island immediately prior to the birth and returned to the island soon after.

6.3 Having been resident on that Member Island for the period of twelve consecutive months prior to the date of the Opening Ceremony of the Games intended to participate in.

6.4 Any person wishing to gain qualification under 6.3 and who is following a programme of study or involved in military service out of the Member Island shall be deemed to be a permanent resident for the purpose of qualification.

Any competitor not complying with the above shall be subject to an automatic disqualification from the Games.

Section 7 - Eligibility To Compete

A competitor to be eligible to compete in a Games shall comply with Section 6 and shall:

7.1 Comply with the rules and regulations laid down by the International Federation governing their sport.

7.2 Not be currently under disqualification or suspension under the rules of the relevant International Federation or their own member Sports Association.

**Specific Requirements**

The Island Games is a multi-sport Championship and the Isle of Man Team is entered by the Island Games Association of Mann (IGAM). It is expected that IOMAA can select up to 35 athletes and officials, although this number is subject to change. The final selection decisions are ratified by IGAM.

There are no entry standards set by the event organisers but athletes will be expected to perform at, or around, the IOMAA Entry Standards (see Entry Standards table and IOMAA Conditions below).

To be considered for selection, athletes in individual events must achieve an IOMAA Island Games ‘Entry Standard’ between 1 January 2016 and 31 March 2017 (date subject to change).

The Development Guideline is aimed at younger athletes aged 23 or under on 1 June 2017 (older athletes will be considered for 10,000m and Half Marathon) who have not competed in the games before. Athletes who have competed in previous Island Games will be expected to attain the Entry Standard.

The selection panel may add athletes to the team to create relay squads for both 4x100m and 4x400m. Athletes selected specifically for the relay squad do not need to have achieved the Entry Standard. If selected for relays, an athlete may be able to compete in another event provided that they have the Development Guideline in that event, that there is a space available and that, in the Team Manager’s opinion, it will not detract from their relay performance.

The team will be picked in a single selection meeting to be held on or around 1 April 2017 (date subject to change). Athletes successful in gaining selection will be informed immediately by email. The team will be announced by IOMAA once all athletes have accepted their places.

**Injuries**

All injuries must be declared to the Island Games Team Manager prior to the selection meeting. Anyone not declaring an injury at the time of selection may be withdrawn from the team and will not be entitled to a refund.

**Social Media**

**Social media refers to internet-based applications designed to create and share user generated content. As a representative athlete, you must accept responsibility for your social media use. It is your job to project the values and responsibilities of the athletics community as a highly visible member of Team Isle of Man. Any malicious use of social media platforms will not be tolerated and may lead to sanctions.**

**Race Walking**

**IOMAA is currently lobbying to have a 5,000m race walk included on the athletics programme for Gotland 2017. Provisional entry standards are provided below for information purposes. An update will be posted in due course.**

**Selection Process**

The selection panel will consist of:

* IOMAA Chairman;
* Island Games Team Manager (appointed by IOMAA);
* Head of Performance;
* A representative from each of the five IOM Athletics Clubs;
* IOMAA Statistician.

All qualified and eligible athletes will be considered for selection, however athletes should understand that although achieving an Entry Standard is a requirement of selection, it does not guarantee selection. The Development Guideline is aimed at athletes with future medal potential.

For individual events, up to two athletes may be selected (three for Half Marathon). For relays, up to six athletes may be selected.

Where choices have to be made between athletes the selectors will consider the factors below. The relative priority of these factors will be entirely at the discretion of the selectors, whose task it is to select a team which has the best prospect of the best possible results at these and future games:

* Consistency of performances at or around the Entry Standard within the qualification period,
* Previous championship performances,
* Head-to-head competitive records,
* Current form and fitness,
* Potential.

**Acceptance of Team Place**

Athletes successful in gaining selection will be contacted by email by the Team Manager immediately following the selection meeting. The email will contain details of how to go about accepting your place on the team. It will also contain information relating to final costs. Costs will need to be paid, in full, within 7 days of the selection meeting. Initial indications are that costs will be in the region of £750 per person (but this figure is subject to change depending on grants, fundraising, etc.).

Athletes selected for the team, who are injured at the time of selection, will be given 21 days from the date of the selection meeting to prove their fitness. If they are forced to withdraw from the squad, their payment will be reimbursed in full and the place may be offered to a ‘reserve’ athlete.

**IOMAA Island Games Entry Standards / Guidelines 2017**

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| Men | Event | Women |
| Entry Standard | Development Guideline | Entry Standard | Development Guideline |
| 11.1 | 11.5 | 100m | 12.6 | 13.0 |
| 22.7 | 23.4 | 200m | 26.0 | 26.8 |
| 50.6 | 52.1 | 400m | 59.5 | 61.5 |
| 1.59.00 | 2.01.00 | 800m | 2.19.00 | 2.22.00 |
| 4.08.00 | 4.12.00 | 1500m | 4.45.00 | 4.52.00 |
| 10.00 | 10.35 | 3000mSC | 12.00 | 13.00 |
| 15.40 | 16.15 | 5000m | 18.15 | 18.45 |
| 33.40 | 34.20 | 10000m | 38.30 | 39.40 |
| 74.00 | 76.00 | Half Marathon | 87.30 | 90.00 |
| 16.0 | 16.5 | 110m/100m Hurdles | 16.0 | 16.5 |
| 57 | 59 | 400m Hurdles | 67 | 69 |
| 6.7 | 6.2 | Long Jump | 5.2 | 4.95 |
| 13.4 | 13 | Triple Jump | 10.3 | 9.9 |
| 1.9 | 1.83 | High Jump | 1.55 | 1.5 |
| 3.3 | 3 | Pole Vault | 2.5 | 2.35 |
| 13 | 12 | Shot Putt | 10.8 | 9.8 |
| 53 | 48 | Javelin | 32 | 29 |
| 40 | 37 | Discus | 32 | 29 |
| 45 | 40 | Hammer | 36 | 33 |
| 25:00 | 25:30 | 5000m Walk | 28:00 | 28:30 |

See IOMAA Conditions below for additional information

**IOMAA Conditions**

Please note that there are no specific trials for the Island Games. Performances must be achieved during competitions where the results are eligible to be entered on the Powerof10 database.

Where an athlete achieves multiple performances in the same individual event in a single day the following will apply:

* In track events only the fastest legal result of the day will be counted;
* In throwing and jumping events only the best legal result of the day will be counted.

For all relevant track and field events, wind assisted performances (>2.0 m/s) will not be accepted.

Hand timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m hurdles and 400m hurdles will be accepted but electronic timed performances will be given greater weight for consideration.

Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 200m or longer will be accepted.

The panel reserves the right to make value judgements on selections, on situations they consider to be exceptional circumstances within the spirit and aims of the general policy.

Athletes may only compete in events that they have been specifically selected for. Reserves may be selected as alternates to injured athletes who form part of a team (e.g. Half Marathon or Relay).

There is no right of appeal and the selection panel’s decision is final.

**Assisted Place**

IOMAA is pleased to advise that up to one assisted place may be available for athletes who are unable to meet the full cost of the trip due to financial hardship. For any successful applicant, IOMAA will provide a subsidy equivalent to 50% of the total cost.

Conditions for the assisted place are set out below:

* Athlete must have met the relevant entry standard;
* Athlete must be under-21 and in full-time education;
* Only one application can be made per athlete, period;
* Applications must be submitted by 31 March 2017, in writing to Island Games Team Manager detailing child’s athletics CV and brief synopsis of financial circumstances;
* All applications will be treated in strictest confidence;
* All applications will be considered but it is at the discretion of IOMAA Chairman & Treasurer as to whether an offer of an assisted place is made;
* There is no right of appeal.

**Additional Contact Details**

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ATHLETE DECLARATION OF INTENT

2017 Island Games

Gotland, 24th – 30th June 2017

**This signed form must be returned to the Team Manager prior to 31 December 2016**

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| Athlete’s Name: | Date of Birth: | Parent or Guardian’s name (if athlete is in full-time education): |
| Address: |
| Phone: |
| Email: |
| Parent or Guardian’s email (if athlete is in full-time education): |
| Lead coach: |
| Events for which you wish to be considered, ranked in order of priority (including relays if applicable):1)2)3)4)5) |

I hereby “**declare my intent**” to qualify to compete as a member of Team IOM at the *2017 Island Games*, Gotland, from 24th – 30th June 2017.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (the Athlete), do hereby declare my intent to compete at the 2017 Island Games. I am eligible to compete (sections 6&7). I understand that I am responsible for informing the Team Manager of my results on a regular basis. I further understand that I must meet all the Eligibility Criteria in order to be considered for team selection.

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| Athlete Signature: | Date: |
| Parent or Guardian’s Signature (if athlete is in full-time education): | Date: |

**Please remit completed form to:**

**Anthony Brand, Island Games Team Manager, Ballamilghyn Farm, Baldhoon Road, Laxey, IM4 7QL or abrand@manx.net**