**ATHLETICS**

 **Guernsey 2021 selection paper.**

This policy is structured to select a team with the following aim:

*To select a team to compete at the 2021 NatWest Island games, to be held in Guernsey, who will compete to their potential.*

**We will be selecting a team, which will be capped at a number set by the JA. Gaining the standard will make you eligible for selection but not guaranteed a spot (we may well have more than the set number of athletes with qualifying standards). Selection will take place as soon as possible after May 15th 2021 (this date is subject to any deadlines set by IIGA).**

The selection panel will be taking a range of things into consideration the following list provides an overview of these:

* How many times the standard has been achieved
* How far over the standard an athlete is
* Age and development stage of an athlete
* Range and level of competitions attended across 2020 and 2021 season.
* Commitment and attitude

This list will be used to make selection in the case we have more than two athletes (three in the case of the half marathon) in competition for the same event.

**In the case of having less than the given number of athletes gain the set standards, we may consider athletes who have not achieved the required mark in exceptional circumstances.**

The qualifying period for the 2021 games shall be 1 January 2020 until May 15th 2021

The requirements are as follows:

* The standard (as shown in the table) need only be achieved once during the qualifying period but consistency, form and commitment will be taken into consideration for each athlete across both the 2020 and 2021 season.
* Performances put forward for consideration must have been achieved at an event that is recognised by UK Athletics for the purposes of “The Power of 10” rankings. A list of acceptable events can be seen below (please note this is not exhaustible).
* Athletes must have achieved the standard in every event they wish to compete in.
* In addition to achieving the required performance level, an athlete must also meet all of the eligibility criteria set by the Island Games Association of Jersey.
* Athletes must sign and consequently adhere to the code of conduct.
* All financial and logistical matters must be met in a timely fashion and deadlines met.

*The JA reserve the right to either not select or deselect an athlete who breaks the code of conduct or who does not meet financial deadlines ( without a plausible reason).*

List of possible competitions

National /Area League Competition

County Championships

Inter-county Championships

Regional/Area Championships

National/AAA’s Championships

National and International Schools Championships

National representative Matches

International Invitation Matches

Power of 10 recognised open meetings.

Recognised road races for 5km, 10km and of course ½ marathon will be taken into consideration as long as the appropriate officials are present.

**Additional notes**

If two athletes are very close in times/distances electronic time keeping will take precedence for example 13.14 electronic will be favoured over 13.1 hand timed. Current form may also be taken into consideration. Up to six athletes will be named for all four relay squads (4x1, 4x4 male and female) prior to the games.

Wind-assisted performances for events held completely in a stadium will not be accepted. Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110/100m hurdles, 400m hurdles and 4x100m relay will be accepted as long as the time keepers have the appropriate up-to-date qualifications. Indoor performances for all field events and all track events of 400m and longer will be accepted. For indoor track events, performances achieved on oversized tracks will not be accepted.100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m hurdles and 400m hurdles Performances at altitudes of above 950m will not be accepted.

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