



NOTICE

Interim Pentathlon GB Selection Policy 2009 for Senior, Junior and Youth A Athletes

1 Introduction:

- 1.3 At the UIPM Congress 2008, 21-23 November 2008 the Congress will debate and vote on a Motion to change the format of the sport from the current format to a combined format. As a result, we are presently unable to publish the full Policy or the format for all the Selection Competitions until the outcome is known.
- 1.4 Pentathlon GB will continue to organise three Selection Competitions although the format of Selection Competitions 2 & 3 will not be published and the Policy for 2009 will not be published until after Congress and in all probability until after the first Selection Competition.

2 The Selection Competitions dates are below:

Date	Competition	Venue	Format	
13-14 December 2008	National Selection Number 1	NTC Bath	Two Day	1 x Shoot 1x Fence Swimming 200m Running 3000m Riding
17-18 January 2009	National Selection Number 2	NTC Bath	Not known	
14-15 February	National Selection Number 2	NTC Bath	Not known	

- 2.3 The number of participants for the NSC 2 and NSC 3 in 2009 may be limited to 36 for the riding event regardless of gender. The choice of riders may be limited

following evaluation by the Performance Team based on the likelihood of those entered achieving selection.

- 2.4 An appropriate Riding Certificate will be required from all athletes eligible to ride.
- 2.5 Participation in the 2009 National Selection Competitions is mandatory for all eligible members of the WCPP and the WCDP Squads with the exception of those that were competing members of the Beijing Olympic team. **Non-participation of the eligible WCP-WCD athletes not supported by independent medical certificate or permission granted by the National Performance Director will result in immediate suspension of the APA and other support.**
- 2.6 In order to achieve a Ranking athletes have to attend and complete all three selection competitions. In exceptional circumstances this condition may be waived at the absolute discretion of the Performance Team (see para 2.5 above).
- 2.7 All eligible participants must wear fencing equipment meeting the minimum UIPM and MPAGB standards:
 - 2.7.1 Jackets FIE 800 Newton or
 - 2.7.2 FIE 350 Newton in combination with Plastron FIE 800 Newton
 - 2.7.3 Trousers FIE 350 Newton
 - 2.7.4 Mask FIE 1600 Newton.

3 Eligibility for consideration

- 3.3 All British athletes aged 15 and older and athletes who will become 15 between 15 and 31 December 2008 may compete in the 2009 National Selection Series.
- 3.4 To become and remain eligible for selection each athlete must at all times:
 - (1) Maintain membership of the MPAGB.
 - (2) Comply with UIPM and MPAGB Rules and Regulations in force from time to time.
 - (3) Comply with WADA, UIPM and MPAGB Doping Rules and Procedures.
 - (4) Ensure that any medication or substance taken is not prohibited.
 - (5) Not possess, supply, use or encourage the use of any illegal or prohibited drug or technique.
 - (6) Be available for testing in accordance with the UIPM/MPAGB requirements.
 - (7) Support drug-free and ethical, practices and where possible promote Anti-Doping educational programmes in relation to Doping control and related matters.
 - (8) Immediately notify the UIPM, UK Sport or MPAGB whenever required of their whereabouts for the purposes of Out of Competition testing as laid out in the UIPM/MPAGB Doping Rules.
 - (9) Ensure that any Therapeutic Use Exemptions are fully documented to use as laid out in the UIPM/MPAGB Doping Rules.
 - (10) Cooperate fully with the Doping programme both in and out of competition.

- (11) Comply with MPAGB Code of Conduct for athletes and the Athlete's Charter.
- (12) Justify the opinion of the Team Management that selection of the individual will not jeopardise the effective, safe and orderly management of the group or the overall performance of the group during the duration of the event in question.