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## Selection Policy for Hockey UK School Games 2018

Below is the hockey selection policy for the School Games which is applicable to the teams representing England, Scotland, Ulster and Wales in the UK School Games 2018.

### 1. Objectives

- To select athletes for International matches and development events that has the best chance of contributing to major tournament success in future.
- To employ an open and fair selection process that gives all athletes a chance to challenge for International selection.

### 2. Eligibility

- 2.1 To be eligible for selection, an athlete must hold, or be eligible to hold, a British passport.
- 2.2 ***In 2018, only players born in after 31<sup>st</sup> August 2000 will be eligible to play.***
- 2.3 Players must meet the selection criteria and qualification of their respective School Games teams and abide to **FIH Bye law (A) to article 5.2 – A as below:**

#### **FIH Bye law (A) to article 5.2 - A**

“To be eligible to represent a country in an inter-nations event an athlete must be a national of the country. Where more than one country recognizes the nationality of an athlete, that athlete may only represent the FIH member country in which the athlete is a bona fide resident at the time of initial selection. Where countries share common nationality and common residency within one international border an athlete will be eligible to represent one of these countries as determined by where:

- he / she was born; or
- one of their parents was born; or
- he / she has been a bona fide resident in the country he wishes to represent for a continuous period of at least three (3) years prior to the date of the tournament.

“For the purposes of this Bye-Law, bona fide residence means that the athlete has permanently resided in the country he wishes to represent for a continuous period of 210 days in each year”.

### 3. Selection Framework

- 3.1 Hockey is a team sport. Whilst athletes can do a great deal to develop in an individual environment, ultimately that athlete has to be able to realise their potential and perform within a team.
- 3.2 Acknowledgement is made that in selecting for a team sport, combinations of athletes, the balance of a squad and the ability of athletes to play in more than one position are also considered alongside individual skill level.

### 4. Talent Identification

- 4.1 The opportunity for Talent Identification for the School Games will be from each participating NGBs player pathway.
- 4.2 Notwithstanding the above, each NGB Head Coach(es) reserves the right to assess talent that has been identified by any other route.



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## 5. Selection/De-selection Process

- 5.1 The competition programme and relevant selection dates will be published in advance and available to athletes from the programme administrator by email and/or post.
- 5.2 Each NGB Head Coach is responsible for selection for identifying their School Games squads and teams. They will follow their respective NGB selection criteria.
- 5.3 The teams' Head Coach and Performance Director/Manager are jointly responsible for selecting the School Games training squads and teams and may consult with other coaches (including the relevant NGB Coaches) as they see fit.
- 5.4 The Performance Director/Manager has final sign-off on selection criteria and selections made by the Head Coaches of School Games athletes, Training Squads and teams.
- 5.5 Athletes will be notified of their selection or non-selection as soon as possible with an agreed method of communication.
- 5.6 The Head Coach will be available to discuss the selection results with affected athletes. Non-selected athletes have the option for discussions to be witnessed by another NGB staff member and documented.
- 5.7 The process under which an athlete may be de-selected from the School Games squad depends on the exact timing in relation to the School Games accreditation policy.
- 5.8 After the accreditation has been completed, de-selection and selection of a replacement athlete is only allowed in accordance with the Late Athlete Replacement Policy as provided by the School Games organisers, Fast Track. This primarily provides for replacement in the case of injury and/or illness up until the start of the event.
- 5.9 No athlete must be selected for the School Games squad who knowingly has an injury that may prevent them from competing.