

2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games
19th January – 1st February 2024, Gangwon, Korea
Selection Policy – Team and Mixed Doubles



1. Purpose

This selection policy outlines the process to select athletes to form both a mixed team and a mixed doubles pair to represent Great Britain at the Gangwon 2024 Youth Olympic Winter Games. The Games will commence on the 19 January with the final medal event for curling taking place on 01 February.

2. Performance Objectives

To achieve a 'Medal Zone' position i.e. 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing in the Team event.

3. Eligibility

To be eligible for selection athletes must:

- a. Have been born between January 1st 2006 and December 31st 2009.
- b. Hold a British Passport and be eligible under WCF and IOC rules.
- c. Be a member of a Curling Home Nation* Governing Body
- d. Be of a level of fitness and health to be able to compete competitively as determined by medical staff appointed by British Curling (BC) and the British Olympic Association (BOA).
- e. Have no outstanding or existing doping offences or be ineligible to compete in accordance with the BOA's bye law on '*Eligibility of Membership of Team GB of persons found guilty of a doping offence*'.
- f. Be available for the whole duration of the competition including travel dates; 14th January – 2nd February 2024 inclusive.
- g. Be available to attend a selection event in August.
- h. Be prepared to be available for additional on-ice and off-ice training as the coaching team see fit in the run up to the event.
- i. Be prepared to sign the BOA Team Member Agreement if selected.

**Home Nation Governing Body is defined as Scottish Curling, English Curling or Welsh Curling.*

4. Team Composition

- Team Event - One mixed team consisting of two male and two female athletes who must play in alternating positions.
- Mixed Doubles Event – one pair composed of one male and one female athlete.

Please note that it is possible for athletes to be selected for both the team and mixed doubles event. This will be decided by the selection panel.

5. Selection Criteria

The selection period will run from 27th April – 30th September 2023.

Following the close of applications on 26 April, athletes fulfilling the eligibility criteria will be placed on the long list. From 01 June to TBC, all long list athletes will be required to complete an online questionnaire issued by the BOA. Dependant



on the number of initial applications, the selection panel reserves the right to carry out an initial shortlisting from the applications received by 26 April.

During shortlisting, the selection panel will consider the following elements:

- Performance history
- Future potential
- Any other available data and statistics

Shortlisted athletes will be invited to a selection event which will assess the following elements:

- Skills assessment
- Team dynamics
- Readiness i.e. positive mindset and positive character
- Communications skills – on and off the ice

6. Selection Timelines

14 April 2023

Selection policy issued for 2024 Youth Olympic Winter Games.

Applications open for athletes wishing to be considered for selection

26 April 2023

Applications to be considered for selection close

27 April – 31 May 2023

Initial shortlisting – if required

01 June - TBC

Online BOA questionnaire to be completed

01 August – 30 September 2023

Selection event details confirmed, and athlete invites issued

01 August – 30 September 2023

Selection Panel meeting to select 2-3 male and 2-3 female athletes for nomination to BOA

TBC

Nominations submitted to BOA for ratification.

TBC

BOA will review the BC nominations, ratify and select the final team and then enter that team for the Games.

Athletes will be nominated at both the stage of nomination by BC and the stage of ratification by BOA.

w/c 18 December 2023

Kitting out day in London

It is expected that the selected athletes and staff will have regular training in the lead up to the Games in January however this will be determined post selection in

conjunction with the team to minimise impact on other Curling, education, and work commitments.

British Curling will endeavour to provide an updated timeline for selection as soon as more information is available from the BOA, International Olympic Committee and Local Organising Committee on dates and deadlines.

Prior to the event, British Curling retains the right to deselect an athlete on any grounds, including (but not limited to):

- a. loss of form, illness or injury (such that the Selection Panel, in their reasonable opinion, consider that the athlete in question will not be able to compete to the best of their ability at the Winter Youth Olympic Games);
- b. failure to adhere to the BOA Team Member Agreement
- c. any breach of the British Curling Code of Conduct; **and/or**
- d. Any failure to adhere to the terms of this selection policy

7. Selection Panel

All selection matters will be the responsibility of the Selection Panel. Panel membership is as follows:

BC Performance Operations Manager – Panel Chair and Voting Member

BC Performance Foundation Programme Manager – Voting Member

SC Academy Manager – Voting Member

Observer appointed by British Curling – Non-voting Member

Role: To oversee the proper conduct and due process of the selection process in an observational capacity. To ensure appropriate recording of all selection information.

Performance Administrator – Non-voting Member.

Role: Official record keeper.

The Selection Panel will consider criteria stated in section 5 in making its decisions and may also consult other staff support specialist where appropriate.

The selection process is generally an exercise of judgment. All athletes wishing to be considered for selection to Team GB for the Gangwon 2024 YOWG must agree that the selection decision is to be taken by the selection panel who will exercise their judgement as to which of the eligible athletes have the greatest 'Medal Zone' potential for the Games.

Selection decisions are necessarily subjective and an exercise of expert opinion. As such, while an appeals policy is provided for teams to appeal non-selection on the grounds that the policy has not been adhered to, athletes are not able to appeal against selection decisions on any other grounds including against a selector's judgement. A process whereby an athlete can request an appeal of decisions is provided for in Appendix 1.

Appendix 1

Appeals Relating to Selection to Youth Olympic Winter Games

This document sets out the Appeals Procedure where an Athlete (“the Appellant Athlete”) wishes to appeal a selection decision taken in respect of Winter Youth Olympic Games selection. The British Curling (BC) Appeals Procedure will be adopted for this purpose.

An Athlete seeking an appeal of a selection decision should be aware of the time limits contained in the Policy which are designed with the intention of resolving issues in a timely, fair and transparent manner.

This Procedure is the only applicable appeals procedure and forms the entire agreement between each team wishing to be selected for the Winter Youth Olympic Games and British Curling (BC), together (“the Parties”). The Parties agree not to commence, continue, or maintain any legal challenge to any matter covered by this policy before any court of law. The Parties will treat all decisions under this Procedure as final and binding upon them.

The British Curling appeal procedure consists of 1 stage:

- **Stage 1.** An internal appeal panel to consider the grounds and merits of the appeal. Where the selection relates to the Youth Olympic Winter Games.

All athletes should read this policy carefully and satisfy themselves that they are eligible to appeal in the first instance. Any appeals which do not satisfy the grounds of appeals will be dismissed automatically.

1. Grounds for Appeal

An Athlete may appeal against a selection/nomination decision relating to the Winter Youth Olympic Games on one or more of the following grounds:

- a. the correct selection process was not followed;
- b. a decision maker was biased; OR
- c. the decision was made on an error of fact.

2. Appeal Procedure

This Appeal Procedure begins when an Appellant Athlete submits a formal written appeal that identifies one of the permitted grounds of appeal (“the Notice of Appeal”) to the Board of British Curling, via email, performance@britishcurling.org.uk

The Notice of Appeal must be received by British Curling within **5 working days** of the selection decision, being communicated in writing (usually via email).

The Notice of Appeal must set out the full details of the Appellant Athlete’s ground(s) of appeal and include:

- a. details of the decision which the Athlete is appealing;
- b. details of the ground(s) of appeal upon which the Athlete relies, including the manner in which the Appellant Athlete alleges that such ground(s) apply; AND
- c. any documents or written evidence upon which the Appellant Athlete relies in support of his or her appeal.

3. Internal Appeal Panel

The Appeal Panel shall consist of three independent people selected by British Curling.

The Internal Appeal Panel shall:

- a. **dismiss** the appeal and confirm the original selection decision; OR
- b. **uphold** the appeal and remit the matter back to the original selection group, outlining the errors they have identified in the conduct of the original selection process, and request that a new decision is made within 48 hours.