

DETAILED SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR THE ZONALS 2012

Section 8 of the Olympic selection policy states:

The fencers for the zonal events will be selected by the Olympic selectors, (see section 16), taking into account amongst other things:

- a. fencers' world rankings;
- b. current and projected form;
- c. any other factor the selectors consider relevant in giving the best possible chance of BF qualifying a fencer.

At the request of the athletes for further clarity on the above, the Performance Team has developed the following detailed criteria. These criteria will be used in selecting athletes for nomination to the Olympic selectors for the zonal competition. The following criteria will be applied in order.

- a. For automatic selection to a zonal competition an athlete must be ranked in the top 50 in the World Rankings at 1st April 2012. If more than one fencer is in the world top 50 then the highest ranked athlete based on World Cup, Grand Prix, European and World Championship points during the Olympic qualification period (1st April 2011 – 31st March 2012) will be selected subject to fitness and being free from injury.

If no athlete meets the criteria in a. then b. will applied

- b. Current Form will be based on results from 1st January 2012 – 31st March 2012 in the four international Grand Prix and World Cup competitions. The fencer with the highest ranking points, which must include at least 1 x L16, will be eligible for selection subject to fitness and being free from injury. If no fencer(s) has a L16 then criteria c. will be applied. Projected form will be based on an athlete whose performances are improving rather than remaining static or declining.

If no athlete meets the criteria in b. then c. will be applied

- c. Any other factors will include: Past, current and projected form but not having met the criteria to be selected under a. or b;
The potential for a medal in 2016;
and Having regard to illness and injury.

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