

Scottish Amateur Rowing Association



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Selection Policy for the Scottish Senior Rowing Team 2004 Home International Regatta (Cardiff, Wales)

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Selection Policy

Scottish Senior Team

2004 Home International Regatta

1. Introduction

The Scottish Amateur Rowing Association (SARA) has adopted the following selection policy and criteria for selection of all crews, scullers and coaches for the Scottish Senior Team to compete at the 2004 Home International Regatta (HIR). The policy set out in this paper was approved by the SARA Executive and will not be changed except by a majority vote at a subsequent SARA Executive meeting.

For the 2004 HIR

To gain selection all athletes, coaches and coxes must comply with the following selection strategy in its entirety. The aim is to send a full senior team. It should be noted however that if the selectors decide that there are insufficient candidates of a suitable standard, then only those crews that meet the standard will be sent. The policy is framed so that athletes, coxwains and coaches know exactly what is required to gain selection. The intention of the IRC is to make this document as definitive as possible with no 'grey areas'.

2. Events offered

Selection subject to achieving the standards and meeting the selection criteria set out below.

2004 HIR – probable senior event list

Men	Women	Lightweight Men	Lightweight Women
8+	8+		
4+	4+		
2-	2-	2-	2-
4x	4x		
2x	2x	2x	2x
1x	1x	1x	1x

It should be noted that there has been a proposal to replace the Lightweight 4- event, for both men and women, with a Lightweight 2- and Lightweight 2x. This proposal is supported by the IRC as it provides a better balance between rowers and scullers in the senior teams with 8 sweep rowing and 6 sculling places available. The rest of this selection policy is therefore based on this proposal being approved.

For the Scottish Senior HIR team the following small boat combinations will be selected:

M4+, M2-, ML2-, M2x, ML2x, M1x, ML1x
W4+, W2-, WL2-, W2x, WL2x, W1x, WL1x

The athletes selected in these boats will also be used to form the following crew boats:

M8, M4x
W8, W4x

3. Selection Criteria and Standards

The purpose will be to select crews with the best possible chance of winning their event at the HIR based on their performances at Strathclyde Park Regatta, the Scottish Championships and, most importantly, the National Rowing Championships of Great Britain.

The final date for registration to the team will be on April 24th 2004 (Strathclyde Park Regatta). All rowers, scullers, coxwains and coaches must submit the appropriate form in **Appendix B** to the Team Manager of the IRC by this date.

All candidates for selection are required to compete at the nominated selection regattas. Any athlete who does not attend a nominated regatta without prior notification and a valid reason, to the IRC, will be deemed to have removed themselves from the selection process. The dates and venues for these regattas are set out in **Appendix D**.

All candidates for selection will be required to have a valid SARA licence for 2004 (SARA licenses run from January to December). For members of Scottish Clubs, these are available through your Club Secretary. For members of English Clubs, you should request an Associate Membership and Racing Licence Application Form from the IRC Team Manager which should be completed and submitted together with the membership fee of £28.

4. Selection of Coxes

If a crew gains selection as the M4+ or W4+ then the cox of that crew will also gain selection in that boat class. It would be expected that the cox of the M4+ would also cox the M8 while the cox of the W4+ would also cox the W8. However if either of these coxes have insufficient experience coxing an eight then the IRC reserve the right to select a more experienced cox for that particular event.

5. Selection of Coaches

If a crew gains Scottish selection then their coach is also selected. If a crew has no coach then the IRC will appoint one to that crew. Similarly, the IRC will appoint coaches for the M4x, M8, W4x and W8.

6. Exemptions and Exceptional Circumstances

Any National Rowing Academy athlete or athlete involved with the Great Britain team may be exempted from the initial elements of the selection system. They will however have to compete at the National Rowing Championships of Great Britain in the crew boat they wish to gain selection in.

7. Appeals Procedure

The appeals procedure for the 2004 HIR is detailed in **Appendix A**.

8. Team Strategy

It is currently the intention to send a full senior team with the purpose of winning both senior matches of the HIR. While this will be a hard task it should be the intention of all athletes, coaches, team co-ordinators and managers to work together to achieve this goal.

9. Club Representation

All athletes are asked to name the Club that they wish to represent. See form at **Appendix B**. It may be required that athletes row as Scottish Rowing, Scottish Argonauts etc. by the IRC.

10. Selection Policy

In order to make the selection process simple and effective, the team will be selected on a *'first past the post'* basis at the National Rowing Championships of Great Britain, the week before HIR. The first crew eligible for Scottish selection to cross the line at this regatta, in the boat classes listed in **Section 2** and **Appendix D**, shall be selected. If the results for any boat classes are inconclusive (e.g. two crews fail to make the final of their event and have similar times for their semi-finals/heats) then the performance of the crews at the Scottish Championships will be the deciding factor. In the unlikely event of the result of the Scottish Championships being inconclusive then performance at SPR/SUC will be taken into account. The IRC has decided not to run formal trials for the senior team and instead will invite aspiring athletes to squad training weekends with the emphasis on coaching as well as identifying and suggesting small boat units for athletes to compete in during the season. It is hoped this will be particularly useful for athletes who have no-one of a similar standard at their club to compete with during the racing season, to meet, train and potentially form crews with other athletes.

The IRC require **all** athletes (with the exception of Academy athletes or athletes involved in the Great Britain team) wishing to be considered for Scottish selection to:

- 1. Submit a 2000m ergo time to the Team Manager by April 24th 2004 (Strathclyde Park Regatta).**
- 2. Compete in an Open event at Strathclyde Park Regatta or in University 1st events at the Scottish Universities Championships.**
- 3. Compete in an Open event at the Scottish Championships.**
- 4. Compete in the boat class they wish to be selected for Scotland in at the National Rowing Championships of Great Britain.**

APPENDIX A

APPEALS PANEL

1. In the event of a participant in the 2004 HIR programme appealing against a decision or action of the IRC or of an appointed coach, the SARA Executive Committee will appoint an Appeals Panel composed of:

The President of the SARA or nominee.

Two members drawn from the Executive.

2. The Appeals Panel will be empowered to call witnesses and take expert advice. The Panel will report its findings to the SARA Executive Committee.
3. Any appeal must be notified in writing to the President of the SARA as soon as reasonably possible. Delay may cause the Appeals Panel to refuse to hear the appeal.

APPENDIX B

SCOTTISH TEAM REGISTRATION AGREEMENT

To be completed and submitted to the IRC Team Manager by 24th April 2004.

1. Details Form

Personal Details	
Last Name:	Sex: Male / Female
First Name:	Date of Birth:
Address:	Weight (kg):
	Height (cm):
	Kit Size (S / M / L / XL / XXL):
	One piece:
Postcode:	Short sleeve T shirt:
Email:	Long Sleeve T shirt:
Home Phone:	Sweatshirt:
Work Phone:	Tracksuit Bottoms:
Mobile:	Fleece:

Emergency & Medical Details	
Emergency Contact:	
Name	Telephone
1	
2	
Dietary Requirements:	
Medication:	

Rowing Details	
Club:	
Skills: Bow / Stroke / Scull / Cox	SARA Licence No:
Coach (Name & tel):	

2. Selection

I understand that selection for the 2004 HIR Team will be open only to international scheme registered athletes.

I have read and agree to abide by the general and specific requirements of the scheme as detailed in the document Selection Policy for the 2004 HIR Team including Appendices A through E.

I will have a valid SARA Licence for 2004.

I am eligible to represent Scotland for the 2004 HIR

I was born in Scotland on (Date) in(Town).

OR

I will have been resident in Scotland for 6 out of the 12 months prior to the HIR.

OR

I live in the British Isles and have a Scottish parent, born on (Date) in

.....(Town).

I live in the British Isles and have a Scottish grandparent, born on (Date) in

.....(Town).

3. Drugs

I will not knowingly take any banned drug as listed on the current FISA or IOC List of banned drugs. I understand that I may have to submit myself for drug tests at any time during training or competition without prior notice. Refusal to take a drugs test will be regarded as a positive test.

4. Sponsorship

I understand that I may not enter into any sponsorship or advertising agreement without prior written approval of the SARA Executive Committee.

I understand that I may not receive any donation or sponsorship unless it is agreed by the SARA Executive Committee. I understand that if I do accept any direct reimbursement I could contravene the SARA Rules and thereby lose my right to compete in the 2004 HIR.

I understand that as an athlete in the Scottish Rowing Team I may be required to fulfil my undertaking to a Team sponsor in respect of advertising on clothing and/or boats and equipment. Furthermore, in interviews and press reports I will take every opportunity to promote Team sponsors.

5. Club

I wish to register in the name of Club for the 2004 HIR. I understand that this club will be named when possible. I also understand that I may be required to row as Scottish Rowing or Scottish Argonauts by the IRC at the events outlined in the list of dates..

6. Costs

I understand that, if selected, I will be obliged to pay my costs of attending the Home International Regatta as a member of the Scottish Team. The likely level of my costs will be £150-£200.

7. Undertaking

I confirm that I understand and agree to the selection criteria and requirements set out in this registration agreement and other documents referred to herein.

Signed: Date:

APPENDIX C

MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE 2004 HIR

International Rowing Committee (IRC)

Team Manager Gary Bain
Assistant Team Manager John Langley
Senior Mens Team Co-ordinator Tom Baker
Senior Womens Team Co-ordinator TBC
National Coach John McArthur

Medical Support

Doctor Dr. Ron Wallace
Physiotherapists John Dennis

The IRC has overall responsibility for the day to day organisation of the team. The IRC provides a lead to and manages the team to ensure that the aims and objectives stated in this document are achieved through the effective use of resources. It is the SARA Executive Committee that is ultimately responsible for the selection of the 2004 HIR.

Team Manager

The Team Manager is responsible to the SARA Executive Committee for implementation of the policy contained herein. He is also responsible for the logistical and administrative management of the team and will oversee Senior selection procedures. *Any queries regarding the selection policy, submitting ergo scores, training weekends, nominated regattas and HIR should be directed to the Team Manager.*

Assistant Team Manager

The Assistant Team Manager shall assist the Team Manager in all his areas of responsibility.

Senior Mens Co-ordinator/Senior Womens Co-ordinator

The Co-ordinators will be the first point of contact for selected athletes regarding any matters relating to HIR (e.g. equipment, coaches). They shall also assist the Team Manager at training weekends and selection regattas.

The National Coach

The National Coach will oversee Junior selection procedures. He will also be available for consultation to the Senior Team Managers and Co-ordinators.

Medical Support Team

Will offer advice on medical care to athletes throughout the season in training and competition as well as to the IRC and Coaches on all medical matters.

PLEASE NOTE – While it is the IRC which selects the Scottish rowing team for HIR this selection will only be deemed official after it has been ratified by the SARA executive.

APPENDIX D

DATES FOR ATHLETES ASPIRING TO SCOTTISH SELECTION

1. Senior Team

Informal Training Weekends

Athletes who have submitted 2k ergo times by the 31st January 2004 or competed at the Scottish Indoor Rowing Championships may be invited to the following training weekends.

March 13th/14th 2004 Strathclyde Park *Date TBC*
 April 10th/11th 2004 Strathclyde Park *Date TBC*

The fee for each training weekend at Strathclyde Park will be £5 per day, payable at Registration.

In Scotland, it is often necessary to alter the location, start time and/or format of training weekends due to adverse weather conditions. Notification of alterations will be made on the SARA website and by email to registered triallists up to the Thursday evening beforehand or at the Briefing on Saturday morning.

Submission of 2k Ergo times

Athletes are encouraged to attend the Scottish Indoor Rowing Championships.

These scores will be added to any 2k ergo scores submitted by individuals unable to attend these championships. Please submit these scores to the Team Manager by January 31st 2004.

ALL athletes must submit a 2k ergo score to the Team Manager by April 24th 2004 (Strathclyde Park Regatta) or will be deemed to not wish Scottish selection.

Please note Concept II ergometers should be used without the aid of sliders.

Resistance (drag) settings to be used are as follows:

Lightweight Women	120-125
Open Women	125-130
Lightweight Men	130-135
Open Men	135-140

Nominated Selection Regattas

April 24th/25th 2004 Strathclyde Park Regatta/Scottish Universities Championships* **Strathclyde Park**
 (athletes seeking selection must compete in Open or University 1st events.)

June 12th/13th 2004 Scottish Championships* **Strathclyde Park**
 (athletes seeking selection must compete in Championship Open events)

July 16th-18th 2004 National Championships of Great Britain **Holme Pierrepont**
 (athletes **MUST** compete in one of the following events to gain selection:
 M4+, M2-, ML2-, M1x, M2x, ML1x, ML2x
 W4+, W2-, WL2-, W1x, W2x, WL1x, WL2x)

* Academy athletes and athletes involved with the Great Britain team may be exempted from competing at these regattas.

Please note, FISA rules for lightweight competitors are as follows:

	Individual maximum weight	Crew average weight
Men	72.5 kg	70 kg
Women	59 kg	57 kg

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