



## **UK School Games 2009 Volleyball Selection Policy**

### **1. Objective**

To employ an open and fair selection process that gives all eligible athletes a chance to challenge for UK School Games Squad selection.

### **2. General**

The UKSGs comes at the end of the competitive year for Volleyball. For all competing Home Nations; all competitors MUST be Under 17 for the Boys Competition and Under 16 for the Girls Competition on the 1<sup>st</sup> September at the start of the competitive season.

With Volleyball being a team sport 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 by the selecting coaches.

### **3. Home Nation Specific**

#### ***Scottish Volleyball Association***

##### ***Eligibility***

To be eligible for selection to one of the Scotland squads, athletes must have one of the following; Scottish Volleyball Association as their Federation of origin, or hold a British passport, or have been living in Scotland for the past 2 years.

- To represent Scotland East team athletes should live, attend school or represent a club within the boundaries of Scottish Volleyball's Eastern region.
- To represent Scotland West team athletes should live, attend school or represent a club within the boundaries of Scottish Volleyball's Western region.

The Coaching staff will have the final decisions on player placement and adherence to the selection criteria for their individual squads and teams.





## ***Volleyball England***

### ***Eligibility***

To be eligible for selection for the Volleyball England Divisional Cadet Programme (including UKSG), an athlete must:

- be affiliated to Volleyball England through a club, school or other association.
- live, attend school or represent a club within the boundaries of the appropriate Volleyball England regions (North-NW,Y&H,NE; Central-WM,EM,East; South-SW,SE,Lon)
- hold, or be eligible to hold, a British passport or have been living in England for 2 years.

### ***Selection Process***

Divisional Head Coaches are primarily responsible for the selection/de-selection of programme playing personnel and may consult with other coaches as they see fit.

Whilst selection of players will be guided by nationally agreed criteria relating to individual ability it is also recognised that in selecting for a team sport, combinations of athletes and the balance of a squad are also important considerations.

It is recognised that the development of talent is an ongoing process and that players may move in and out of Divisional Programmes over time. The opportunity for players to be identified for and remain in Divisional programmes (including UKSG) will normally follow on from:

1. Performance in national club/school programmes and competitions and/or nomination by club/school coaches to the Regional/Divisional programme.
2. Performance in Regional Talent Development Programmes and competitions including the inter-regional championships and/or nomination by regional head coaches to the Divisional programme.
3. Performance in Divisional programmes and competitions including the annual National Summer performance camp.

Notwithstanding the above Divisional Head Coaches reserve the right to assess talent through any other route as they see fit.





### **Northern Ireland Volleyball**

To compete for Northern Island each athlete must either:

Have Northern Ireland as its Federation of Origin

or

Hold, or be eligible to hold, a British or Irish passport

or

Have been living in Northern Ireland for the last 2 years.

### **4. Selection/De-selection Process**

The Head Coach is predominantly responsible for establishing the strategic selection criteria for their individual squads and team.

The Governing Body has final sign-off on selection criteria and all selections of training and competing squads.

Athletes will be notified of their selection or non-selection as soon as possible with an agreed method of communication.

### **5. Withdrawal Process**

As a result of serious injury or a change in medical conditions of an athlete, replacements may be brought in from the nominated 3 reserves via a NGB supplying a NGB medical form signed by the NGB doctor or GP stating reasons (no other medical forms will be accepted).

Any requests for substitutions due to exceptional circumstances, after the final registration date, are not guaranteed until confirmed by FT.

