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The Olympic Council of Ireland ("OCI ") and Irish Hockey Association ("the National Federation") agree the following selection standards and procedures for the selection of athletes for the 2012 Olympic Summer Games in London (the "Olympic Games") for the sport of Hockey.

The parties acknowledge and agree that the standards and procedures set out in this Agreement may exceed those stipulated by the International Hockey Federation (IHF) ("International Federation"), the International Olympic Committee ("IOC") and the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC). Accordingly, the parties agree that an athlete or team will not be considered eligible for selection as a member of the Irish Olympic Team for the Olympic Summer Games, even though he/she may have achieved the standard stipulated by the International Federation and/or the IOC, unless he/she fulfils the relevant criteria and/or achieves the relevant standard(s) pursuant to and in accordance with this Agreement.

IT IS AGREED THAT:

1. OCI Selection

1.1 The parties acknowledge that under Paragraph 3 of Rule 31 of the Olympic Charter the OCI has the exclusive power for the selection and participation of the Irish Olympic Team at the Olympic Games. The parties further acknowledge that under Paragraph 8.1 of the Bye-law to Rules 31 and 32, the OCI is required to constitute, organise and lead its delegation at the Olympic Games and that the OCI has the exclusive power in accordance with that Bye-law, to "decide upon the entry of athletes proposed by their respective national federations. The National Olympic Committees (NOCs) must ensure that the entries proposed by the national federations comply in all respects with the provisions of the Olympic Charter".

1.2 In accordance with its exclusive authority, the OCI reserves the right to require any individual nominated by the National Federation to undergo a medical examination carried out under the control of the OCI Chief Medical Officer (and/or his/her appointed representative) at any time prior to, or during the Olympic Games to determine an individual's medical fitness to perform to

the best of his/her ability at the Olympic Games and/or to determine whether or not an individual has breached any of the rules contained in or referred to under the Olympic Charter or the Team Member's Agreement in force at the time.

1.3 If, pursuant to and in accordance with the results of any such medical examination, the Chief Medical Officer considers in his/her reasonable opinion that an individual nominated and/or selected for the Olympic Games is not physically fit to perform and/or has breached any of the rules referred to in the Team Members' Agreement, the OCI may at its absolute discretion not select or may de-select such an individual.

1.4 The parties agree that pursuant to and in accordance with the OCI 's exclusive authority, the OCI may at its absolute discretion refuse to select an individual nominated by the National Federation for selection to the Team.

1.5 The OCI agrees to notify the National Federation of its selection or refusal to select any nominated athlete as soon as reasonably practicable after the OCI receives the National Federation's relevant nomination.

2. National Federation Nominations

2.1 The National Federation agrees to submit to the OCI its nominations of any individual(s) or team(s) eligible for consideration under clause 3 below within the relevant deadlines set out in clause 9 below.

2.2 The National Federation agrees to provide the OCI with all such relevant documentation, including official results and ranking listings as the OCI may require in order to verify the eligibility of any individual so nominated by the National Federation.

3. Eligibility for Consideration

3.1 The parties agree that they shall not consider any individual or team eligible to participate as a member of the Irish Olympic Team at the Olympic Games (the "Team") unless he/she/ they have achieved or exceeded, as agreed with the OCI, the relevant qualification method or standard as set out by their International Federation and agreed with the IOC and the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) and complies with the nationality requirements as set out in the Olympic Charter.

3.2 The National Federation agrees that it shall not nominate any individual whose form and/or consistency does not merit nomination. Further, the National Federation agrees to monitor, and if necessary test, athletes on an

ongoing basis in order to ensure his/her current form is of a standard to perform at the Olympic Games.

3.3 The National Federation shall not nominate any athlete who is the subject of an anti-doping ban.

3.4 The National Federation shall inform the OCI immediately of the results of any anti-doping test of any athlete who is on the long list submitted to the OCI.

3.5 The National Federation shall not submit nominations for athletes who have received Tripartite (IOC/ANOC/IF) invitations, re-allocated places or wildcards or who have achieved qualification by means other than that described in the IOC/ANOC/IF qualification system and in this agreement.

4. Close of Nominations to the OCI

4.1 The closing date for the nominations to the OCI of athletes for the sport of Hockey is 7th June 2012.

5. Appeals

5.1 The National Federation shall have an appeals process available to athletes and have submitted same to the OCI no later than 20th May 2011. Any internal appeals process must be concluded prior to nomination to the OCI.

5.2 Appeals to the OCI may be heard by the OCI Executive Committee or a sub-committee appointed by the Executive Committee for that purpose. It is agreed by the parties that the decision of the OCI is final.

6. Team Members Agreement

6.1 Each team member is required to sign the OCI's Team Members Agreement.

6.2 Failure to sign this agreement will prevent entry to the Olympic Games.

7. The Announcement of Team Selection

7.1 The National Federation agrees not to disclose any nominated athlete's name to the press or any other media until the OCI have selected the team member for the London Olympic Games and announced it to the press and other media.

7.2 The National Federation further agrees not to make any announcement to the press or other media in any form relating to any individual or team selected or proposed to be selected by the OCI as a member of the Team unless any such announcement is made jointly by the OCI and the National Federation under the OCI 's management and control.

7.3 The parties agree that no commercial organisation shall be involved in any way in any publicity or advertising at any such joint OCI and National Federation announcement other than one or more of the OCI 's sponsors and/or commercial partners.

8. Communication of Information

8.1 The National Federation shall circulate the information contained in this agreement and its Schedule(s) to the athletes, team managers, coaches and other relevant individuals within its sport and shall procure their compliance with it.

8.2 The OCI and National Federation shall publish this agreement and its schedule on their websites.

8.3 The OCI shall issue the agreement to all National Federations.

8.4 The NF shall publish this agreement subsequent to the OCI doing so.

8.5 The NF shall indemnify the OCI for any loss or damage suffered by it as a result of or in connection with the nomination procedure other than those arising from the OCI's negligence.

9. Advance Information

9.1 The National Federation agrees to supply to the OCI the following information to be received on or before the relevant deadline set out below:

Prior to 20th May 2011 the National Federation must submit their selection policy of Athletes for the Olympics for recommendation to the Olympic Council of Ireland and the approval of the Olympic Council of Ireland.

Prior to 20th May 2011 the National Federation are required to submit their "fit to perform policy for approval by the Olympic Council of Ireland"

10. Key Deadlines

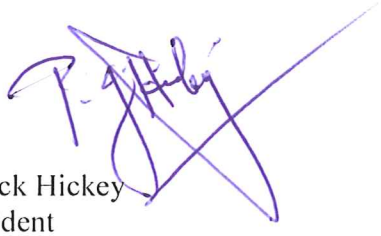
26th January 2011

Long List to be submitted by National Federation and received by the OCI.

27th January 2012
Revised (Short) list to be submitted by National Federation and received by the OCI.

7th June 2012
National Federation nominations to be received by the OCI with all supporting information for selection.

Signed by:



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Date: 24/2/11

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