**English Chess Federation Selection Policy.**

**Overview**

This policy applies to the Olympiad and the European Team Championships.

Our aim is to have our strongest teams playing in each competition.

For any particular event the Selectors will choose the players they believe will achieve the best result. Ie highest placing.

**Selection Criteria**

In making their judgement of the team most likely to achieve the best result the selectors will take account of a number of relevant factors including all of the following.

Grading and Ranking( ECF Grade FIDE Rating)

Performance in previous team events

Performance against opponents similar to those they are likely to face in the event

Level of recent activity and likely activity in the run up to the event. (Number of games and standard of opposition)

Team Dynamics: Ability to contribute to the team effort and support other team members.

Development Potential: (This should only be a factor if players are otherwise closely matched)

**Financial Considerations**

If we are in a position that Finance will not allow us to send our best teams then this will be highlighted with all players in contention so that the position is transparent and any new criteria will be published.

**Timescale for Selection**

The Selectors shall determine the dates for finalisation of the teams taking into account the associated logistics. In general, the selection committee will finalise all team selections at least 3 months prior to the commencement of the respective tournament.

**Time Frame**

This policy will apply from 2014 onwards unless changed by the ECF Board.

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