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### **Selection Policy for BFI 2023-2024 (Post Asian Games).**

(This policy supersedes all previous selection policies/criteria's issued by BFI before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 with respect to Elite Men and Women Selections)

#### **Objectives**

To select the most competitive possible team to represent India.

To select athletes who are seen to be genuine medal hopes at international tournaments or who have been identified by the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) as long-term development athletes capable of achieving future success for Indian boxing.

#### **Mandatory Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible for selection, athletes must:

- Hold an Indian passport at the time of being considered for selection.
- Be an Indian citizen and eligible to represent India and the sport of boxing.
- Be born between 1<sup>st</sup> January 1983 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004 (Age-19 to 40).
- Be a registered BFI member, in good standing, for the 2024 season.
- Have signed the BFI Code of Conduct.
- Not be currently disqualified or suspended, or provisionally disqualified or suspended, by the BFI, NADA or under the WADC.
- Agree to comply with any pre-championships training and competition plan as decided by the BFI & HPU.

Additional requirements not set out above, for participation in domestic or international qualifying events may be imposed at the discretion of the BFI.

Any such requirements will be published in writing with sufficient notice to athletes.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to the foot note No: 1

A minimum of four athletes per Olympic (weight division as required for Paris 2024) will be selected to participate in the selection process for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Olympic qualifier 2024. Similarly a minimum of four athletes per weight division at all weights other than Olympic weights will be selected for Championships/ tournaments till July 2024.

In addition to the minimum eligibility requirements above, athletes must meet at least one of the following performance markers to participate in collective training and advance to the evaluation stage of the selection process:

- A. Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals at Elite Men & Women National Championships 2023.
- B. Gold & Silver in the Elite Women National Championship for the Qualified Quota for Paris Olympics 2024 weights (50 kg, 54 Kg, 57 Kg & 75 kg) will only be considered.
- C. Athlete is a medallist (Olympic Weight Only) at the male World Championships 2023
- D. Athlete is a medallist (Olympic Weight Only) at female World Championships 2023.
- E. Athlete is a medallist of the Asian Games 2022 (2023).
- F. Any Youth Boxer who achieved Gold/Silver at the IBA Youth World Championship 2022.

Failing the filling of all quotas with the above criteria the Selection Committee in consultation with the High-Performance Unit (HPU) team, may pick a wild card to participate in any of the Olympic weight divisions whom they believe is best suited to participate in the National Coaching Camp. Any such wild card entry picked will be tested in the National Camp for a max up to 14 days and a call for final retention, thereafter, will be taken by the Selection Committee based on recommendations of HPU.<sup>2</sup>

### **Pruning Down:**

#### **First Pruning Down<sup>3</sup>:**

After the first evaluation, only Rank 1, 2 & 3 boxers in each of the Olympic weight categories will be retained in the camp. All other athletes will be excluded from the camp.

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<sup>2</sup> Refer to the foot note No: 2

<sup>3</sup> Refer to the foot note No: 3

## **Second Pruning Down<sup>4</sup>:**

Pruning trials will be conducted in first week of March 2024<sup>5</sup> for Selection as Rank No-3 athletes in the National Coaching Camp:

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Top 5 Teams<sup>6</sup> from the 7<sup>th</sup> Elite National Championship 2023 will nominate boxers in the Olympic weights for the trails.
- Rank 3 athletes from the National Coaching Camp which will be decided after the first evaluation.

## **Evaluation & Team Selection**

Athletes, at Olympic weights, who meet the requirements above will be selected to participate in the BFI HPU Elite National Camp. Non-Olympic weights who meet the above criteria will participate in BFI HPU camp which will be at a sperate location.

Identified International tournaments will be chosen to ensure adequate opportunity for international exposure is provided to both Olympic and non-Olympic weights throughout the cycle of this particular selection criteria/ policy.

Evaluation & Selection Camps will be held in January and April 2024 for the second and third Olympic qualifiers respectively. Each athlete who participates in the BFI Elite Team Evaluation & Selection Camp will be evaluated by the BFI High Performance Staff and overseen by the BFI Selection committee and HPD This evaluation will be based on the High-Performance Evaluation Guidelines outlined in Attachment A.

Once the evaluation process is complete, all evaluations will be submitted to the High Performance Selection Committee. The High-Performance Selection Committee will review all evaluations and the athlete with the best evaluation, per weight class, will be selected to the Elite National Team to participate in the respective 2<sup>nd</sup>/ 3<sup>rd</sup> Olympic qualifiers and Asian Championship 2024. All athletes who are not selected to the Elite National Team will remain in the Elite High-Performance Pool in ranked order per weight class in to his or her respective weight division.

## **Olympic Weight Categories for Paris Olympic Games 2024**

India Boxing's evaluation of athletes will be determined based upon their ability to compete in one of these weight divisions.

### **Elite Men's Olympic Weight Categories**

51kg

57kg

63.5kg

71kg

80kg

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<sup>4</sup> Refer to the foot note No: 4

<sup>5</sup> Refer to the foot note No: 5

<sup>6</sup> Refer to the foot note No: 6

92kg.

92+kg

### **Elite Women's Olympic Weight Categories**

50 kg

54kg

57kg

60 kg

66 kg

75 kg

### **World Olympic Qualifier 1 (29<sup>th</sup> February - 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024)**

An evaluation process in the month of January 2024 will be run for selection of team for the World Olympic Qualifier 1. Exact dates for the same will be given out well in advance and will also be published on BFI Website.<sup>7</sup>

### **World Olympic Qualifier 2 (23<sup>rd</sup> May-3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024)**

An evaluation process in the month of April 2024 will be run for selection of team for the World Olympic Qualifier 2.. Exact dates for the same will be given out well in advance and will also be published on BFI Website.<sup>8</sup>

### **De-selection**

Athletes may be deselected at any stage for the following reasons:

- a) **Anti-doping:** Athletes that are suspended as a result of on-going or concluded anti-doping charges will be deselected.
- b) **Fitness:** Athletes may, at the discretion of the HPU, be required to undergo a fitness test after being selected / nominated where there are concerns over the athlete's capability to compete to the level required for the Olympic qualifier/Asian Championship . The format will be determined by the Selection Panel and may include input from medical staff. Any selection decision, following such a test, will be final.
- c) **Injury:** The HPU, Medical Team can be asked to examine any athlete injury concerns identified by the HPU, following selection or nomination. Any selection decision, following such a medical examination, will be final. The No.2 athlete will at this point be automatically upgraded to No.1.

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<sup>7</sup> Refer to the foot note No: 7

<sup>8</sup> Refer to the foot note No: 8

- d) **Preparation:** Where an athlete's training and preparation for a tournament is below the standard expected or they fail to participate in organized squad training sessions, he or she may, at the sole discretion of the Selection committee & HPU, be deselected.<sup>9</sup>
- e) **BFI Policies:** Athletes in breach of BFI policies, including this selection policy, and codes of conduct or athlete agreements may be de-selected.
- f) **Ineligibility:** where information confirms that the athlete is not actually eligible to compete.<sup>10</sup>
- g) **Replacement:** If athlete is deselected a replacement the No.2 athlete will at this point be automatically upgraded to No.1.

**Terms:**

**Selection Committee:** Composition of Selection Committee- Refer to BFI website.

**High Performance Unit (HPU):** Composition of HPU- Refer to BFI website.

**Relevant Other Documents**

**Explanatory Notes / Footnotes to Selection Policy as on 7<sup>th</sup> December,2023:** This document is attached herewith.

**Evaluation Document:** This document is available on BFI website.

**Athlete Code of Conduct:** This document will be available on BFI website on or before 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023



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<sup>9</sup> Refer to the foot note No: 9

<sup>10</sup> Refer to the foot note No: 10

## **Explanatory Notes / Footnotes to Selection Policy**

1. In case any new requirements are set by the International Boxing association /International Olympic Committee/ Boxing Task Force, which may warrants specific changes in the existing policy to ensure representation of our athletes at the First / Second World Qualifiers for Paris Olympics 2024.
2. Exceptional talent identified by the selection committee; to include Potential boxers who got an early exit or were already in Injury during the national Championship (Boxers who have the potential to represent India at the Paris Olympics 2024).
3. First Pruning on 20th January,2024.
4. 13 athletes in the national camp (Men and Women) who are ranked No 3 as on 20thJanuary,2024 and one boxer each in the 13 Olympic weights from the TOP 5 teams of the 7thElite National Championship,2023 will have box off. The winner of the trial will be selected as the No 3 boxer in his / her respective weight category for the National Camp. These newly inducted boxers will have a chance along with the No 1 and No 2 of the same weight category to be selected for the Second world qualifier after the evaluation planned from 1st to 13th April 2024.
5. The Dates of 2<sup>nd</sup> Pruning Down is from 5<sup>th</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> March,2023.
6. The Top 5 Teams from current national championships will nominate 1 (one) Boxer each in 13 Olympic Weights (Men and Women).
7. Dates of First Evaluation : 8th January,2024 to 20thJanuary,2024.
8. Dates of Second Evaluation : 1stApril to 13th April,2024.
9. Below Standard parameters :
  - If an athlete is not performing / following the HPU protocols as listed below :-
  - Weight Management- not remaining in the parameter of weight allowance for over 2 weeks.
  - Health Management- not following health management protocols and missing more than 10 sessions in a 2 week training cycle.
  - Attendance- missing 50% session in a 2 weeks training cycle.
  - Training Plan set by the HPU- not following / refusing to follow the planned sessions more than 5 times in a 2 week training cycle.
10. Information includes all the mandatory eligible requirement set in the selection policy. In addition, if an athlete suffers an Injury, which requires over 3 weeks of rehab will be de-selected.