

West of Scotland Institute of Sport - Selection of Athletes

This policy has been agreed by all six Area Institutes of Sport, **sportscotland**, The Scottish Institute of Sport and the relevant National Governing Bodies of Sport.

Selection Policy

In order to be selected as an Area Institute athlete an individual must;

1. Be eligible to compete for Scotland and have made a commitment to do so.
2. Have the potential to be a Scottish Institute athlete in the future
3. Be developing and improving
4. Be identified by their National Governing Body against a nationally agreed benchmark
5. Be able to benefit from inclusion in Area Institute programmes
6. Live, work or train within the Geographical area of the area institute making the selection.
7. Have potential to produce winning performances at British, European, Commonwealth, World, Olympic or Paralympic level at either age group or senior level.
8. Be identified as an athlete with the greatest potential in their sport not already supported through the Scottish and Area Institute structure.

Selection Procedure

The following steps will be followed in the selection of athletes as Area Institute athletes.

Step 1	The appropriate National Governing Bodies agree a national benchmark against which athletes can be selected with Area Institutes, The Scottish Institute and sportscotland . Scottish Institute Sports will be the first priority
Step 2	The NGB's identify potential area institute athletes against this benchmark.
Step 3	Area Institutes consider these athletes and apply the "Selection Policy" above to each athlete.
Step 4	Programmes for selected athletes are then discussed and agreed, athletes are inducted to the Area Institute and programmes are initiated.

This is a summary of the selection policy for Area Institutes. For further information contact the West of Scotland Institute of Sport on 0141 427 6253 or info@wsis.org.uk