

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Players & Coaches  
**From:** Margaret Hicks, BJA Performance Director  
**Date:** 5 October 2010  
**Subject:** Performance Update

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This communication is intended to update all Performance Players and Coaches on the recent developments within Performance and the future strategy for London 2012.

### 1. Athlete Review Meetings

As part of the annual review process with UK Sport, we will be arranging meetings with all funded players to review development and performance targets and to assess future pathways, support and funding levels. These meetings will take place in October and November.

### 2. 2012 Olympic Qualifying Standards

Currently we are negotiating Olympic Qualifying Standards for London 2012, with the British Olympic Association our National Olympic Committee. Although we are allocated 'host nation' places (1 per weight category), we must still agree the appropriate performance standards for team selection. The London 2012 Olympic Selection Policy will be communicated to all players and coaches, once we have agreed the selection criteria and process. Time frames are likely to be early 2011 for this communication. The Paralympic Selection Policy will also be communicated at the same time.

### 3. Future strategy 2011-2012

As part of the strategy leading into the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, we will be focusing our 'higher level' resources, on a smaller group of players who are likely to be realistic medal contenders for 2012 and 2016. Resources will include designated coaching, sports medicine, sport science and programme support. We are now at the stage where we need to ensure resources are not being diluted and where we can best focus them for 'performance impact' in London. At the same time we are looking at other ways of creating 'aspirational' pathways for non funded players; as we know it is sometimes possible for a player to start delivering performance *later* in the Olympic Cycle and to win a place in the Olympic Team.

### 4. 2011 British Trials

The top 8 players from the Senior Ranking List, plus additional wild cards nominated from the Performance Directorate, will complete in the 2011 British Trials on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January in Sheffield. We expect all of our top players to participate in their own weight category, as we think it is important at this stage of the Olympic cycle, we have a full picture and are able to assess 'up and coming' domestic talent.