

Minutes of Meeting

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Outstanding Actions

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New Actions and Decisions

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BVF Committee Email/phone meeting minutes

Period 16th March– 18th March 2018
Subject LATE APPLICATION FOR DISCRETIONARY PLACE – ET18

14/03/18

Decision

Email to committee from GA requesting comments– in response to email from Chairman of selectors suggesting leeway on published deadline:

- "If a selected fencer withdraws after selection has been confirmed and accepted, then the Selectors will use their discretion to re-allocate the place to an eligible and available fencer from either age category at the most recent BVF Age Group Qualifier or a fencer who was unable to attend the event and has requested a discretionary place by the **published deadline**. "

Action

Comment - GA, JRM, LB, JS, MS, DR, EvG, GP

16/03/18

Decision

Email to committee from GA in response to emails from a selected fencer, a late applicant for a discretionary place and the suggestion from Chairman of Selectors (email to committee 14/03):
From selected fencer: Request to committee to consider named fencers for selection who were not able to attend the Age Groups and to consider late application
From late applicant: concern that the newsletter was 'not the best medium for publishing selection rules and crucial deadlines'.

For urgent consideration by committee:

1. Does the committee feel the method of communication of notification of the deadline, *"If you are unable to enter the BVF Age Group Qualifier (Age Groups) and would like to be considered for a discretionary place, please submit your request with supporting evidence to the Chairman of Selectors, Carl Morris, no later than Sunday 4th March. Email - carlbevmorris@googlemail.com"* was satisfactory. (The method was the newsletter with the usual statement - the latest newsletter is on the website.)
2. If so, should the late applicant's reasons be considered and the request for a discretionary place be accepted.
3. Does the committee feel that the method of communication of notification of the deadline was not satisfactory. If so then a new deadline for the 5th discretionary place must be set, and in fairness all membership must be informed, including by snail mail.

The Chairman of Selectors is aware of all these committee considerations and has today requested clarification on 1 above and :

(4.) "That the Committee was absolutely clear that any request received after that date could not be considered by the selectors." Date - 4th March.

Action

Debate by email GA, JRM, LB, JS, MS, DR, EvG, GP

17/03/18

Decision

Email to committee from GA

(Committee members who had not debated by email were asked for their views by phone. DR recused.)

Summarising **majority** opinions (by email/phone):

- deadline for application for discretionary places is not the responsibility of the committee nor is added to the rules. This is the responsibility of the Chairman of Selectors
- a deadline date was set and agreed by the Chairman of Selectors
- the statement in the newsletter was a deadline, and the date given was the agreed date
- the newsletter was an acceptable way of communicating the deadline
- the committee recommends that late applications for the 5th discretionary place should not be considered for team selection. However, if a fencer withdraws after the team has been selected and confirmed then the selectors may consider any fencer who is eligible according to EVF competition rules

- it is not unreasonable to assume or expect that any fencer who was interested in a discretionary place and not able to attend the Age Groups should have approached the Chairman of Selectors/Chairman for information about applying for a discretionary place before the Age Groups took place
- the committee sets the selection rules to be applied by the Selectors
- the responsibility of applying the selection rules set by the committee is that of the Chairman of Selectors
- the committee expects the Chairman of Selectors to ensure that due process is followed.

Action

Inform Chairman of Selectors of committee decisions – GA

Completed and closed – 18th March 2018