



## National Teams

As the governing body for ultimate and flying disc sports in Ireland, one of the IFDA's purposes, as set forth in the constitution, is "The preparation of island wide national teams for competition at the international level". With that in mind, this document defines the IFDA's policy for national teams on issues including governance, selection and coach and player conduct.

### Document Status:

1. This document came into force on 25th of October 2010.
2. Changes to this document may be made by the IFDA committee under advice from a National Selection Board at the conclusion of an international tournament.
3. Any such changes shall take effect for the next international tournament.

### National Selection Board:

1. A National Selection Board (NSB) is made up of between 3 and 7 members, and is appointed for the purposes of one international tournament only.
2. A NSB shall represent the best interests of the Association as a whole in issues including:
  - a. Assessing and appointment of successful candidates for Head Coach positions;
  - b. Construction and review of squad plans;
  - c. Appointment and approval of selectors;
  - d. Any team or coaching issues that may arise.
3. A NSB shall be convened by the IFDA committee.
4. Appointments shall be made to a NSB by the IFDA committee under advisement from a combination of the following: former National Selection Boards; former national team head coaches and captains; club captains; senior internationals; applications to membership of the board.
5. The membership of a NSB should comprise a broad representation of the Association as a whole, have knowledge of the player base under consideration and should have previous international experience.
6. A NSB shall have jurisdiction over all Irish national teams participating at the tournament for which it is appointed.
7. Individuals may serve on multiple NSBs simultaneously.
8. Multiple NSBs may exist simultaneously, provided that each NSB is solely responsible for only one international tournament.

### Governance:

1. As a preference, each national team should have a non-playing Head Coach.
  - a. If a suitable Head Coach can not be found for any given squad, applications will be taken for a Team Captain.
  - b. In case of the above, all references to Head Coach in this document and all Agreement documents will apply to this Team Captain.
2. Head Coach positions for any team will be advertised publicly by the NSB with all candidates asked to submit an outline manifesto to the NSB.
3. A Head Coach shall be free to appoint assistant coaches.



4. All coaches will be required to sign a Coach Conduct Agreement.
5. Any coach found to be in breach of the Coach Conduct Agreement, at any time, may be removed from their position at the discretion of the Head Coach in consultation with the NSB or directly by the NSB.
6. A Head Coach shall work with the NSB to construct a final plan for the team, which shall include but is not limited to:
  - i. Fitness Program
  - ii. Training calendar
  - iii. Warm Up tournaments with club
  - iv. Warm Up tournaments with national team
  - v. Payment plan/timeline
  - vi. Promotional events
7. Once the plan has been discussed by the Head Coach and NSB, finalised, and subsequently approved by the NSB, the Head Coach will be free to run the team as they wish within the remit of that plan.
  - a. Significant alterations to the final plan may be made in consultation with the NSB.
  - b. Failure to adequately fulfil the remit of the final plan may result in the removal of the Head Coach by the NSB.
  - c. In the event of the removal of a Head Coach, the NSB shall immediately repeat the process of application and appointment of a new Head Coach.
8. Once initial team selection has taken place, each team shall appoint at least one Manager.
  - a. Any individual may be a manager to a team.
  - b. Managers shall be responsible for:
    - i. Tournament registration
    - ii. Roster submission (including photos)
    - iii. Maintaining emergency medical information for all players
    - iv. Placing kit order (including kit design)
    - v. Tournament transport
    - vi. All financial matters
    - vii. Coordination of fundraising and promotion activities
    - viii. Further tasks as organised with the Head Coach.
  - c. Any team manager failing to fulfill their responsibilities may be removed by the Head Coach in consultation with the NSB. At which point the team shall appoint a replacement team Manager, if one is necessary, as before.
  - d. Where multiple teams are attending a tournament, managers of all teams should coordinate in order to avoid duplication and minimise expenditure.

#### Selection:

1. Each team shall be selected by a selection panel appointed by the Head Coach and NSB.
  - a. Appointed selectors as a group should comprise a broad representation of the Association as a whole and have detailed knowledge of the player base under consideration. Previous international experience is encouraged but not required.



- b. Appointed selectors wishing to be considered for selection must declare their intentions prior to the beginning of the selection process to the Head Coach and the NSB.
2. Selection process shall be coordinated by the Head Coach and may be based on any combination of the following: trials; tournament performance; international experience - subject to approval by the NSB.
3. Head Coaches shall make a call for applications to the team from interested players in advance of the beginning of the selection process.
  - a. Where multiple teams are attending a tournament, players who apply for more than one team shall identify these teams in order of preference in advance of the beginning of the selection process.
4. Try Outs
  - a. Adequate notice must be given to all interested parties of the date, time and location of any try out.
    - i. Announcements on the national mailing list and IFDA web site are acceptable methods of notification.
  - b. Where appropriate, cost-sharing for attendance at a try out shall be administered by the IFDA.
  - c. Where possible, try outs for different teams should be coordinated in order to minimise disruption to club affairs.
5. Selectors should pick a team with sufficient numbers to adequately compete at the intended tournament with due consideration to injuries and withdrawals.
6. Selectors may select an enlarged panel of potential team members prior to final team selection.
  - a. Head Coach must inform players of this scenario when notifying them of their selection to the panel.
  - b. The date for final team selection must be provided to all players at the time they are notified of selection for the panel.
7. At the conclusion of the selection process, it is the responsibility of the Head Coach to ensure that all players are informed of their selection to the team or panel as well as providing a full team or panel list to the IFDA for public announcement.
8. At the conclusion of the selection process, all appointed selectors are relieved of their duty.
9. If additional selections are to be made at a later date, a selection panel shall be formed as before. These selectors may be the same as the original selectors.
  - a. Selecting players that are already members of another national team for the same tournament is highly discouraged.

#### Player Agreements:

1. All selected players will be required to sign a Player Conduct Agreement.
2. All selected players will be required to sign a Team Commitment Agreement.
3. Any player found to be in breach of either Agreement, at any time, may be excluded from the team at the discretion of the Head Coach in consultation with the NSB.