

2015 European U21 Selection Process

This document sets out the process for identifying those athletes that will be invited to represent the Norwegian National Team in the European U21 Championships, 2015. **Please note this is classified as a development / transitional competition.**

Section A

Eligibility Requirements

1. Athletes must be Norwegian Citizens and hold a valid Norwegian passport.
2. The athlete must currently be eligible to represent Norway at European U21 Championships.
3. Athletes must be Kukkiwon Dan holders.
4. Athletes must be GAL holders
5. Athletes must adhere to the 'Selection Competition' requirements (See Section B).
6. A physical exam may be requested by a licensed Medical Doctor, which certifies the athlete is fit to train and compete.
7. Athletes must sign an Athlete Contract.

Section B

Outline of selection competitions

Performance profiles, results and development profiles, from the following list of competitions will be considered towards selecting the representative Norwegian National team for European U21 Championships, 2015.

Classification		
Primary	Secondary	Tertiary
Any Senior Major Championship 2015	Polish Open (G1) Serbia Open (G1) Dutch Open 2015 (G2) Luxor Open 2015 (G2) Junior EM 2015*	Alternative G-rank competitions 2015 [max 2 competitions]

*Selection of Junior aged athletes will be weighted heavily on Junior European Championship performance

Prospective Senior aged athletes are required to compete in ≥ 2 secondary / primary competitions (prior to the respective Championships). Tertiary competitions will only be taken in to consideration when there is no obvious selection from Primary and Secondary profiles.

Results will be converted in to points for respective athletes specific to the competitions listed above. Final points are calculated by means of a collection of "HVIS" (IF) statements (see Appendix 1).

The final selection decision will be made at the sole discretion of the Senior National Team head coach.

Section C

Mitigating Circumstances

An athlete who does not meet the selection process set out above may be considered for selection if he or she meets the defined situations outlined below.

Mitigating circumstances are situations which arise through no fault or action of the athlete, and which act to limit the athlete's ability to participate in a selection competition(s), but does not compromise the athlete's potential to perform at the highest level at the respective Championship.

Examples of mitigating circumstances include, but are not limited to:

- a. Unforeseen injury
- b. Legal commitments that cannot be rescheduled

Consideration of mitigating circumstances will be reviewed by a panel comprising the Senior National team coach, a senior Olympic Medical representative and the Chief of Sport.

The panel will take in to consideration:

- a. The athletes accumulated results and performances to date.
- b. The likely potential of the athlete at the time of the respective Championship.
- c. The written explanation of the athlete's circumstances.

Appendix 1

Point calculation

Primary competitions carry full points*, secondary competitions 75% points and tertiary competitions 50% points.

G1 wins equate to 2 points, G2 wins equate to 3 points and G4 wins equate to 4 points. European U21 is classed as a transition major, therefore only 2 points are awarded for a win.

Final points are calculated by means of a collection of "HVIS" (IF) statements that adhere to the following rules,

IF ranking points of Norwegian athlete are less than the opposition, points are calculated as the sum of 10% of the ranking difference plus the associated 2, 3 or 4 points. In all other conditions the points stand as 2, 3 or 4 respectively.

Overall competition points are calculated as the sum of the above plus any associated G-status points for placing (e.g. G1, 3rd place = 3,6 points).

Example of "HVIS" (IF) application:

G1 Competition,

- a. Norwegian athlete with 16 ranking points defeats athlete who has 35 points, points awarded = $((35-16) \times 0,10) + 2 \therefore 3,9$ points (Tertiary = 1,95 points, Secondary = 2,93 points, Primary = 3,9 points).*

*In line with the WTF/Olympic ranking system there is a 25% reduction in points each year associated to Major Championships.