
Minutes of the 1st Meeting: 15 January 2001

UK Statement of Anti-Doping Policy (UKSC 02 2001)

UK Sport has developed a policy on anti-doping which requires governing bodies to adhere to certain internationally-recognised standards in terms of anti-doping policy, testing programmes, disciplinary processes and accountability.

- N= The Council received a report indicating that governing bodies and others were extremely supportive about the adoption of common standards – and had expressed a clear preference for the establishment of independent review arrangements. Comparisons with other countries and their national anti-doping structures had indicated that this was being introduced as the international standard. There are some inevitable concerns about the practicality and potential funding arrangements of a proposed independent body to conduct proceedings at the review stage, in the light of which it was agreed that officials from the Department for Culture, Media & Sport should be involved in discussions about this proposal.

UK Awards Panel: Report of Meetings held on 27 November 2000 and 18 December 2000

The UK Awards Panel has responsibility for considering and making recommendations to full Council on governing body funding policy and related applications for both Exchequer and Lottery grants. Over recent months the Panel has been undertaking a comprehensive review of the way in which it invests its funds in support of sports governing bodies and athletes.

- O= Members endorsed the recommendations of the Panel in respect of Lottery awards to:
- British Orienteering Federation (for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 January 2002)
 - British Water Ski Federation (Tournament and Disabled disciplines for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 January 2002)
- P= Exchequer funding awards were also made to :
- Amateur Rowing Association (Technical Coordinator for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002)
 - Great Britain Target Shooting Federation (advance of grant prior to Council consideration in March)
 - Olympic Sport Development Fund (for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002)
- Q= In respect of (Lottery) partnership funding, Members confirmed that “in-kind” contributions were regarded as an eligible contribution.

World Class Performance Programme Reviews: Update (UKSC 02 2001)

In the aftermath of the Sydney Olympics, a number of reviews of the “world class” performance system have taken place or are underway. UK Sport, in conjunction with the British Olympic Association has conducted an Olympic debrief programme with individual sports. The Government’s Sports Strategy paper was awaited, and the Prime Minister has set up an Elite Sport Funding Review led by Dr Jack Cunningham MP. Meanwhile the Sports Cabinet had advised UK Sport to plan on the basis that £25 million pa. would be available for the future World Class Performance Programme, though a decision had yet to be made about precisely how these funds would be delivered.

- R- The Council received an update on the progress of the various reviews and a draft paper (for future consideration) on possible changes to the Athlete Personal Awards system. Members noted that the Government had not yet established the exact means by which UK Sport would be delivered its promised £25 million pa Lottery funding for the World Class Performance Programme. A paper was being prepared on this issue for the Sports Ministers’ “Sports Cabinet”.

UK Sports Institute: Progress Report

- S- The Council dealt with several issues concerning the decision-making structure of the UK Sports Institute. In particular, it was agreed that consideration should be given to recruiting new Board members from the major spectator sports - to increase the cross-fertilisation of knowledge and experience available to the Institute.

Minutes of the Major Events Steering Group held on 24 October 2000

The Major Events Steering Group has responsibility for considering and making recommendations to full Council on major events policy and applications to the Lottery-funded World Class Events Programme

- T- Members endorsed the recommendations of the Major Events Steering Group in respect of the following forthcoming events

- 2001 World Modern Pentathlon Championships (Millfield School)
- 2003 European Cross Country Championships (Edinburgh) (test event)

- U- It was also noted that the Organising Committee of the 2001 World Senior Amateur Boxing Championships in Belfast had appealed against the conditional award agreed by the Council for this event in November 2000.

World Class Events Programme: Applicant Attendance at MESH Meetings (UKSC 06 2001)

- V- Members endorsed the recommendation of the MESH that applicants to the World Class Events Programme could, when appropriate, be asked to attend an MESH meeting to clarify any queries raised by members in their assessment of an application. MESH decisions will be carefully monitored for consistency with regard to the presence

(or non-presence) of governing body chief executives or their representative.

2002 Winter Olympics

MM- Council noted that staff from the Performance Directorate were currently in discussion with BOA officers to consider applications for additional support for winter sports athletes in the run-up to Salt Lake City.