



MLAGB International Team

Roles, Responsibilities and Qualification Rules

Introduction

The Council of Management of the MLAGB (CoM) is responsible for entry and team selection of Great Britain muzzle loading teams at international events including World and European MLAIC championships. Individual entries are not permitted under any circumstances.

For international events the Council of Management will appoint a team captain as early as possible. Requests for nominations for team captain will be published in the MLAGB newsletter and in *Black Powder*, and are open to any member who is planning to attend the relevant event and has significant international experience.

In the event that there are no volunteers, the Council of Management will make a suitable appointment at their sole discretion. The Council of Management is responsible for setting qualification criteria, following advice received from the discipline secretaries.

Team Captain – Role & Responsibility

The team captain is appointed by the Council of Management, and for their period of tenure becomes an officer of the association and Council of Management member. Their period of tenure starts from the time that they are appointed by the Council of Management and ends thirty days after the end of the championship for which they are appointed. The post of team captain will be held for the specific event only but a previous team captain may offer themselves for re-selection.

The team captain shall be responsible for all administrative matters including booking of any official team hotel together with such paperwork as may be required by the competition organisers.

The team captain, together with the discipline secretaries, shall be responsible for selection of persons who have offered themselves for consideration. The team captain shall be responsible for notifying those selected and shall do so as soon as is practical.

The team captain, following guidance from the discipline secretaries, shall be responsible for registering teams for team events with competition organisers. The team captain, working together with the MLAGB delegate to the MLAIC and with guidance from the discipline secretaries, shall be responsible for managing any score challenges, disqualification, official protests or other matters that need to be discussed with event officials.

The team captain shall be responsible for keeping the discipline secretaries and competitors up to date with all relevant correspondence. The team captain has the authority to exclude from the team any individual who fails to provide monies or information when required without good cause.

The team captain is responsible for team discipline and has the final decision on any matters that touch on the well-being of the MLAGB. The team captain may, in the event of serious misconduct of any team member, suspend that shooter from competing, and if thought necessary, recommend to the Council of Management that participation in future events be denied. In all such cases the shooter will be entitled to address the Council of Management prior to any decision being taken.

The post of team captain is voluntary and unpaid.

Discipline Secretaries

The discipline secretaries shall be responsible for nominating competitors within their discipline and for ensuring that qualification criteria are met. The discipline secretaries shall also be responsible for nominating competitors for team events.

Discipline secretaries shall comply with requests from the team captain for information and collecting money

from their competitors for entries, hotels and other expenses as might be required.

Discipline secretaries shall be responsible for the general conduct of their shooters during the competition. They will ensure that they attend firearm registration, practice and competitions promptly and conduct themselves properly. Discipline secretaries shall deal with any matters relating to their discipline but will refer to the team captain any that affect the team as a whole or are of a serious nature.

If a discipline secretary is unable to attend an international event involving their discipline, they will appoint a deputy who shall be responsible for all matters discussed above.

Competitors

All competitors shall comply fully with MLAIC rules while attending an international competition.

Competitors shall be responsible for making their own travel arrangements and ensuring compliance with any firearm and/or shotgun regulations. Competitors shall comply with all reasonable requests made by the team captain or by the relevant discipline secretary.

Competitors shall, unless permission to the contrary is obtained from the team captain, attend the opening ceremony and closing banquet and any other function required by the team captain. Competitors shall at all times conduct themselves in an appropriate and professional manner and shall adhere to the dress code stipulated by the team captain.

Competitors shall pay promptly all and any expenses incurred by the MLAGB on their behalf and shall provide any information required by the team captain in full and on time.

Guests

Guests of competitors, typically partners or family members, are welcome to attend international events, but will do so entirely at their own cost and on the understanding that they will conform to the standards of behaviour required of competitors. Competitors shall be responsible for the conduct of any guests that they invite.

Insurance

The MLAGB has insurance that provides cover for members of official teams. Please note that this insurance only applies to shooting activities and does not cover matters that would normally be dealt with by travel insurance. Competitors and any guests are advised to obtain their own travel insurance before attending an overseas match. Full details of MLAGB insurance cover are available on request.

Transportation and Storage

Competitors are responsible for complying with all regulations and laws governing the transport and storage of firearms, black powder and percussion caps, within all relevant countries. Where on site storage is stipulated by competition organisers, competitors are required to make full use of this facility.

Selection

A person wishing to be considered for selection must be a member of the MLAGB (full, family or junior), and must formally announce their availability for selection to the relevant discipline secretary. Selection for a Great Britain muzzle loading team will require the person to meet qualification criteria at recognised national

and international competitions. Qualification criteria and qualifying competitions will be published in *Black Powder* magazine from time to time, and are available for download on the MLAGB web site.

It is expected that persons seeking selection shall regularly attend and participate in recognised national competitions together with any overseas team fund raising events.

Consideration will also be given to allowing non-qualifying members (“tyros”) to compete, subject to approval by the discipline secretary. A non-qualifying member is allowed to compete at one event before having to formally qualify according to the normal qualifying criteria for all subsequent events. This requirement may be waived under exceptional circumstances by the discipline secretary. Any non-qualifying member is expected to be a regular competitor at recognised competitions and to be an active member of the MLAGB.

Any member who achieves an individual gold medal in an MLAIC international event will automatically qualify for the subsequent event in order to defend their title.

Selection for international competition will be at the discretion of the Council of Management, with authority delegated for practical purposes to the team captain and discipline secretaries.

Funding

The MLAGB maintains an overseas team fund that is administered by the MLAGB treasurer and is held separately from MLAGB funds. An application for a grant from the overseas team fund may be made to the Council of Management by the team captain.

Any grant that is issued will be at the discretion of the CoM. Non-qualifying members (“tyros”) will not normally qualify for a grant.

Conduct of Team Members

All Great Britain team members participating in international matches must comply with these regulations. All team members are reminded that they are representing the MLAGB and Great Britain and as such are expected to be a credit both in dress and conduct. Great Britain and the MLAGB have a well deserved reputation for high standards of behaviour and sportsmanship, and competitors are required to behave in a manner that reflects this.

Team members shall attend the opening and closing ceremonies as well as official functions where practicable. Where possible, they shall be present at all award ceremonies where they are recipients or where any Great Britain competitor is expected to receive a medal or certificate.

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