Are you an Athlete Attempting to Qualify for the 2012 Olympic Games?

IF SO, WE WOULD LOVE TO SPEAK TO YOU!

What’s involved?
This study will involve a series of three interviews with a researcher from UBC and will focus on discussing the Olympic Team selection process, its impact on your athletic career, and any resulting transitions that may occur due to the selection process. The interviews will take place at a location of personal convenience to you (e.g., UBC campus, training facility) and will last 1 to 2 hours.

Am I eligible to participate?
We are looking for elite Canadian athletes (international calibre) who are attempting to qualify for the 2012 Olympic Summer Games taking place on July 27 – August 12th in London England. Ability to speak and write in English is required, as interviews will be conducted in English.

What are the benefits of participating in this study?
Although there are no direct personal benefits for taking part in this study, the information that you provide has the potential to help increase understanding of how elite athletes experience the Olympic team selection process. Information may also provide guidance for sport organizations in allocating resources for elite athletes throughout and post Olympic selection process.

What are the risks associated with participating in this study?
This study will not subject you to any physical risk. You can refuse to answer any question during the interview and doing so will result in no penalty to you or anyone else. In the event that you would like to further discuss your feelings regarding the topics discussed in the interviews, accommodations will be made for you.

What will happen with the information I provide?
Any information you provide within this interview will be made anonymous. You will be identified by a pseudonym (fake name) and identifying information will be removed.

I’m interested, who should I contact?
If you would like to participate in this study, please contact Carolyn McEwen (cmcewen@interchange.ubc.ca). If you have any concerns about your treatment or rights as a research participant in this study, you may contact the Research Subject Information Line at the UBC Office of Research Services (604-822-8598; RSIL@ors.ubc.ca).