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**Selection Policy and Standards
PARA POWERLIFTING**

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Amendments: Sport Specific Selection Standards –
changes to qualification period

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Athlete - Sport Selection Policy and Standards

The information in this Selection Policy is accurate as at 10 January 2022 but remains subject to change. As a result of the unique and extenuating circumstances caused by COVID-19 and the subsequent impact on international sporting calendars, Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS) and **sportscotland** Institute of Sport (SIS)¹ will be closely monitoring this Selection Policy to determine if any changes are necessary.

For the avoidance of doubt, CGS reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy in any manner, and in the sole and absolute discretion of CGS, should CGS consider that qualification process would be fairer having regard to the interests of all Athletes and the prevailing circumstances.

In addition CGS and SIS reserve the right to not apply any aspect of this Selection Policy when making any decision, if in the sole and absolute discretion of CGS, it would, as judged by CGS, be unfair or unreasonable not to, provided always that CGS has regard to the interests of all Athletes in the prevailing circumstances

Introduction

- 1 This selection policy has been agreed by **sportscotland** Institute of Sport (SIS) and Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS). It provides detail on the process by which SIS will arrive at athlete nominations, which will be submitted to CGS for consideration, for final selection to Team Scotland for Birmingham 2022.

Achievement, by an athlete, of individual selection standards, detailed in this document, is therefore the first step by which nomination can be considered. The final decision in selection to the 2022 Games lies with CGS.

- 2 SIS¹ will nominate only those athletes that have qualified under both the Para Powerlifting Specific Selection Standards stated below, and the CGS General Selection Policy (available on the CGS website) that should be read in conjunction with these standards
- 3 Entry numbers per event and the overall number of athletes are in accordance with Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) allocation and should more athletes achieve the standards then SIS will prioritise in accordance with this policy

Team Scotland General Selection Policy Aim

- 4 Scotland selects a team that performs with distinction in 2022:
 - having a higher percentage of athletes meeting the selection standards when in competition at these Games than in 2018
 - meeting the stated performance aims of each sport at the Games
 - with all Team members having a positive experience within Team Scotland at the Games.
- 5 This Para Powerlifting policy is consistent with the aim.

¹SIS fulfils this role as there is no formal SGB for Powerlifting in Scotland.

Athlete Eligibility

- 6 The eligibility criteria of the CGF Constitution and Byelaws, must be met by all nominees, see Appendix 1.
- 7 Where prospective team members do not automatically comply with the above, they will only be nominated for final selection if they receive prior approval from the CGF under their guidelines.

Games Competition Format

- 8 The competition format for Para Powerlifting at the 2022 Games is:
 - a) Individual competition comprising of 20 Men and 20 Women.
 - b) Four medal events: two weight categories per Men's and Women's competitions:

Men's Medal Events
Lightweight: Up to and including 72.00kg
Heavyweight: Over 72.00kg
Women's Medal Events
Lightweight: Up to and including 61.00kg
Heavyweight: Over 61.00kg

- c) Each CGA can enter a total of two athletes per gender per medal event.

Sport Specific Selection Standards

Selection Period: 1 January 2020 to 25 April 2022

- 9 Be internationally classified with a confirmed sport class status or review with a fixed review date of 2023 or later, at the sport entries deadline of 29 June 2022.
- 10 Para sport athletes will be invited to compete by Commonwealth Games Federation based on:

10.1 Timeline

01 January 2020	Para Powerlifting Qualification period commences
25 April 2022	Para Powerlifting Qualification period closes
25 April 2022	Deadline for CGAs with individual athletes ranked in both medal events to declare to the CGF which medal event their athlete(s) wish to compete in.
2 May 2022	CGF to advise CGS of qualification slots.
9 May 2022	CGA deadline to confirm acceptance of qualified places
16 May 2022	Re-allocation of returned place

- 10.2 Hold an active World Para Powerlifting Licence for the 2022 season.

- 10.3 Have competed in at least one (1) World Para Powerlifting recognised competition within the qualification period of 01 January 2020 to 25 April 2022*
- *World Para Powerlifting and CGF may consider any valid, personal, and or extenuating circumstances for not being compliant with the above eligibility requirements. All decisions made by World Para Powerlifting and CGF are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.
- 10.4 Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or IPC or under the World Anti-Doping Code
- 10.5 Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, World Para Powerlifting, IPC and the World Anti-Doping Code as may be modified and applied by the Federation to ensure that the over-riding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed. In the case of any inconsistency, CGF rules and regulations will prevail;
- 10.6 Have met the CGF's eligibility regulations in accordance with the CGF Constitution
- 10.7 Have complied with the minimum age regulations as stipulated by World Para Powerlifting
- 10.8 The World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings will be used to allocate the top eight (8) ranked athletes per medal event using the AH Formula point process
- 10.9 CGAs will be eligible to qualify a maximum of two athletes per medal event, and the World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings will be amended to reflect this maximum representation per medal
- 10.10 In the event the final slot of qualification has been achieved by more than one athlete with the same result, World Para Powerlifting and CGF will at their sole discretion determine who receives the final slot.
- 10.11 In the event a CGA is unable to accept the award of any and/or all slots via this method, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots Process.
- 10.12 For avoidance of doubt, only results achieved by athletes at World Para Powerlifting Recognised Competitions are eligible for Commonwealth Rankings. The qualification period is as follows:
- 01 January 2020 to 25 April 2022
- 11 The World Para Powerlifting competition levels are defined in the World para Powerlifting Rule and Regulations. The World Para Powerlifting Rules and Regulations can be found on the World Para Powerlifting Website: www.paralympic.org/powerlifting
- 12 In the case of Great Britain, Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories, results attained by British athletes at World Para Powerlifting Recognised Competitions (i.e. competitions where athletes must compete for their IF affiliated-organisation) shall be attributed to their eligible CGA for the purposes of the Commonwealth-adjusted Ranking List

13 Any para athlete receiving an invitation to compete from section 10 which will be confirmed on 2 May 2022 must also achieve the necessary Team Scotland qualifying standard within the period, 1 January 2021 to 25 April 2022 in order to be nominated by SIS

13.1 An athlete achieving a ranking of top six or above of Commonwealth competitors on the World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings between 1 January 2020 and 25 April 2022 will be nominated by SIS to CGS.

OR

13.2 An athlete achieving a ranking of top eight or above of Commonwealth competitors on the World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings between 1 January 2020 and 25 April 2022 and their best competition total lift between 1 January 2020 and 25 April 2022 is within 5% of the sixth ranked athlete on the above mentioned ranking list will be nominated by SIS to CGS.

Other Factors for Consideration

14 All nominated athletes must have completed the required Anti-doping education.

15 Commitment to the SIS Powerlifting Programme. This will include progression to meet performance targets set out in individual player plans and elite athlete behaviour during training sessions, competitions and training camps.

16 The athletes will be expected to compete at the Commonwealth Games, in the weight category at which they achieved the selection standard and they were selected.

Selection Process

17 SIS will submit their initial nominations to CGS by 4 May 2022 and CGS will confirm team selections by 7 May 2022.

18 Final selection to the Games team is dependent on receipt of relevant information required by CGS such as completion and signing of the CGF Eligibility form and CGS Team Member Agreement.

De-Selection

19 Antidoping

Athletes suspended by their Governing Body as a result of ongoing or concluded anti-doping violation allegations, will not be considered for selection, and if previously selected will be deselected from the Birmingham2022 team.

Injury Management

Where injury issues are identified at or after selection, a fitness test may be used to determine that the athlete is capable of performing to the level that they were selected for the Games. The format will be determined by CGS after discussion with the Weightlifting/Powerlifting Team Management. This will be specific to Powerlifting and the athlete's condition and may include input from CGS medical staff. Any selection or de-selection decision, following such a test, will be made by CGS after discussion with the Weightlifting/Powerlifting Team Management and will be final.

Athletes in breach of CGS policies, code of conduct and team agreement may be de-selected.

Appeal Process

- 20 An appeal against non-nomination to CGS by SIS is entirely a matter for the athlete and SIS. This should be held in accordance with SIS's own appeal procedures but taking into consideration only the CGS selection policy and agreed sport specific selections standards and conditions.
- 21 SIS will notify all potential nominees in writing of the players nominated to CGS by 3 May 2022. Athletes who have not been nominated may appeal against their non-nomination. This must be a written appeal, including the grounds upon which the appeal is made, and be submitted to and received by the Director of High Performance at the SIS office by 12 noon on 4 May 2022. Any appeal will be considered on 5 May 2022 with athletes informed, in writing, of the outcome on 6 May 2022.
- 22 The Appeal shall contain full details of the name, address and date of birth of the athlete and the grounds upon which the appeal is being made.

An Appeal will only be permitted on one or more of the following grounds:

- a) The decision of the Selection Panel was not in accordance with this policy;
 - b) This policy has been misapplied, or applied without sufficient evidence and/or in circumstances where the application of the policy was unfair;
 - c) The Selection Panel has shown bias, or the appearance of bias, or the selection process has otherwise been demonstrably unfair; and/or
 - d) The decision of the Selection Panel is one that no reasonable selection panel could have reached
- 23 An appeal against CGS non-selection on behalf of an athlete may only be submitted by SIS and not by any individual athlete. If an appeal is submitted to CGS by SIS, a CGS Appeal Panel will consider the case along with any additional information provided. The appeal must be made in writing within one week of notification of selection outcomes to SIS by CGS

Appointment of Team Staff

- 24 A joint Team Manager for Para Powerlifting and Weightlifting has been appointed by CGS in consultation with SIS. The final complement of Para Powerlifting team staff attending the Games will ultimately depend upon team numbers and composition and will be determined by CGS in consultation with SIS. This will include different categories of accreditation and access to the Games Village and other secure areas

Appendix 1

CGF Byelaw 17 Eligibility

1. It is the responsibility of all Affiliated CGAs to ensure that their competitors are fully aware of and comply with Byelaw 17.

2. Primacy

2.1 Subject to Byelaw 17(4) 17(5) 17(6) and 17(7), a competitor shall be eligible to represent the Commonwealth Country which enters them where they satisfy at least one of the following requirements:

- a) Are in possession of a current valid passport of the Commonwealth Country which enters them;

or

- b) Are a subject who can demonstrate 'Belonger Status' in Great Britain or relevant British Overseas Territory of the Commonwealth Country which enters them

- c) In respect of the following Affiliated CGAs: -

- i. Guernsey, Jersey, and Isle of Man. The governments of these three Crown Dependencies do not define citizenship. For these Affiliated CGAs, citizenship shall be defined as three (3) years continuous residency immediately prior to the Commonwealth Games. For the avoidance of doubt, the immediately prior three-year period shall mean the three-year period that immediately precedes the "final entries deadline"* date of the relevant Games as determined by the respective Organising Committee ("Continuous Residency") and the competitor must be in possession of a current valid UK passport.
- ii. Northern Ireland. Byelaw 17 will defer to the Belfast Agreement (1998). Northern Ireland athletes who meet birth right criteria are to be treated equally regardless of their possession of either a current valid UK or Irish passport (but must hold one of these). This right is enshrined within the Constitution Issues (iv) of the 1998 Belfast Agreement.
- iii. Norfolk Island. Any individual who was in possession of a current valid New Zealand passport and was also deemed eligible to compete at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games for Norfolk Islands may continue to compete for Norfolk Islands at future iterations of the Games.

3. Secondary

3.1 Subject to Byelaw 17(4) 17(5) 17(6) and 17(7), where a competitor was born in a Commonwealth Country which has common citizenship/passport with other Commonwealth Countries, the competitor may represent either:

- a) the Commonwealth Country of their birth;

or

- b) the Commonwealth Country of birth of their parent;

or

- c) where the relevant IF recognises grandparents as part of its eligibility criteria, the competitor may represent the Commonwealth Country of birth of their grandparent;

or

- d) the Commonwealth Country where they have completed a minimum period of three (3) years continuous residency immediately prior to the Commonwealth Games. For

the avoidance of doubt, the immediately prior three-year period shall mean the three-year period that immediately precedes the “final entries deadline”* of the relevant Games as determined by the respective Organising Committee.

3.2 Subject to the other provisions of this Byelaw 17, where a competitor is eligible to represent more than one Affiliated CGA due to common passport privileges they may choose which Affiliated CGA to represent. For the avoidance of doubt, if an individual has competed at a Commonwealth Youth Games this will not be deemed to be a choice of country, and the competitor may choose to represent a different Affiliated CGA at a Commonwealth Games.

3.3 For the avoidance of doubt subject to Byelaw 17(4) and 17(5) any competitor of a common passport area who competes for their common passport country (i.e. Great Britain, New Zealand and Australia) at either the Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games and/or any World Championships or any other major sporting event shall be entitled to choose to represent their home Affiliated CGA (e.g. Turks and Caicos) at the Commonwealth Games.

4 Disqualifications and Suspensions

4.1 A competitor shall not be eligible to represent the Commonwealth Country which enters them if they:

a) are currently under disqualification, expulsion or suspension by the Federation;

and/or

b) are currently under disqualification, expulsion or suspension by their respective Affiliated CGA;

and/or

c) are currently under disqualification, expulsion or suspension by their respective IF, National Federation

and/or

d) are currently under disqualification or suspension under the World Anti-Doping Code.

5 Compliance with applicable rules and regulations

5.1 A competitor shall only be eligible to represent the Commonwealth Country which enters them if they:

a) Satisfy and comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Federation;

and

b) Satisfy and comply their respective IF rules and regulations (including but not limited to, complying with respective IF eligibility rules as applied within each respective edition of the Commonwealth Games Athlete Allocation Systems);

and

c) Satisfy and comply with the World Anti-Doping Code as applied within the Federation Anti-Doping Standard to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed.

5.1 For the avoidance of doubt, where there is an inconsistency between respective IF Nationality rules and regulations and those of the Commonwealth Games Federation, the Commonwealth Games Federation Bye Law 17 shall prevail.

6 Transfer of Allegiance

6.1 After having established eligibility status under this Byelaw 17 a competitor who has previously represented one Commonwealth Country at a Commonwealth Games may not represent another Commonwealth Country unless they also receive the prior approval of the Federation, the relevant IF and the relevant previously represented Affiliated CGA. For the avoidance of doubt, this Byelaw shall not apply if an individual has represented a Commonwealth Country at a Commonwealth Youth Games. Applications under this Byelaw 17(6) must be submitted to the Executive Board two calendar months before the “final entries deadline”* for the respective Commonwealth Games. Applications must include formal confirmation of the prior approval of the relevant IF and the relevant previously represented Affiliated CGA.

6.1 All applications for transfer of allegiance under Byelaw 17(6) and/or discretionary eligibility dispensation under Byelaw 17(7) including all relevant paperwork and documentation must be submitted no later than two calendar months prior to the published “final entries deadline”**, as outlined by the respective Organising Committee.

7 Dispensations

7.1 The Executive Board shall delegate authority to the Governance and Integrity Committee (GIC) who have the power to grant dispensations to Byelaw 17 in exceptional circumstances and to consider any matters relating generally to Byelaw 17. Each application for dispensation under Byelaw 17 shall be considered on its own merits and will not create a precedent for any future applications. Decisions made by GIC are subject to the right of appeal directly to the Executive Board, whose decision shall be final and binding.

**“final entries deadline” means the final date that an individual athlete may be entered in a particular event(s) for the relevant Commonwealth Games, usually completed via an online entry system. Such date to be communicated for each relevant Commonwealth Games in the Sport Handbook.