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**Selection Policy and Standards
CYCLING**

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Athlete - Sport Selection Policy and Standards

- 1 The information in this Selection Policy is accurate as at 1 November 2021 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 Scottish Cycling (SC) 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 SC 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

- 2 This Selection Policy has been agreed by the Boards of SC and CGS. It provides detail on the process by which SC will arrive at athlete nominations, which will be submitted to CGS for consideration, for final selection to Team Scotland for Birmingham 2022.
- 3 Achievement, by an athlete, of individual selection standards, detailed in this policy, is therefore the first step by which nomination can be considered. The final decision in selection to the 2022 Games lies with CGS.
- 4 SC will nominate only those athletes that have qualified under both the Cycling Specific Selection Standards stated below, and the CGS General Selection Policy (available on the [CGS website](#)) that should be read in conjunction with the Selection Policy.
- 5 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 SC will prioritise in accordance with this policy.
- 6 CGS will confirm a minimum number of places have been allocated to cycling subject to meeting the sport specific selection standards, these are referred to as assured places. SC will apply for additional discretionary places for anyone who is nominated for selection above this number

Team Scotland General Selection Policy Aim

- 7 7.1 Scotland selects a team that performs with distinction in 2022
 - 7.2 having a higher percentage of athletes meeting the selection standards when in competition at these Games than in 2018
 - 7.3 meeting the stated performance aims of each sport at the Games
 - 7.4 with all Team members having a positive experience within Team Scotland at the Games.
- 8 This Selection Policy is consistent with the aim as set out in clause 7 above.

Athlete Eligibility

- 9 The eligibility criteria of the CGF Constitution and Byelaws must be met by all nominees. See Appendix 1.
- 10 Where prospective team members do not automatically meet the eligibility criteria of the CGF above, they will only be nominated for final selection if they receive prior approval from the CGF.

Games Competition Format

- 11 The cycling competition comprises: Track Sprint and Endurance events, Road Races, Time Trials and Mountain Bike Cross Country for able bodied athletes. Para Cycling shall comprise B Sprint events.
- 12 The maximum number of athletes selected by any country for each event will be three except Road Race which will be six and Team Pursuit which will be four. When more than the maximum allowable athletes attain the relevant selection standard in an event, then nomination will be made by the SC selection panel after consideration of the agreed event specific criteria.

Sport Specific Selection Standards and Framework

- 13 Below are the key selection details
 - 13.1 Selection standards have been designed to ensure that criteria are as consistent as possible across events, disciplines and genders. General principles applied:
 - 13.1.1 For individual events - standards set against a Commonwealth Games Top 6 finishing position
 - 13.1.2 For team events - standards set against a Commonwealth Games Top 4 finishing position
 - 13.2 By achieving the required qualification standard in the manner defined for each discipline within the selection period (1st April 2021 – 30th Apr 2022) athletes are eligible for nomination to CGS for selection to the Birmingham 2022 Team.
 - 13.3 Where times are set, these must be recorded in official competition, under competition rules and regulations in line with those of the UCI and be timed using electronic timing. Evidence of timing system used may be required along with official result sheets to verify times achieved

13.4 SC will submit the list of nominated athletes in priority order based on the objective of achieving medal success. The SC selection panel will consider prospects of medalling in each event based on performances and results achieved during the selection period in relation to performance required to podium. Form and fitness, as well as rider's proven ability to perform on the international stage, will also be considered. Equal consideration will be given to individuals and team events including those where support riders may be selected

Male Road Race (RR) And Time Trial (TT)

14 Male Road Race and Time Trial Standards:

14.1 Riders who are members of a World Tour Team, competing in the World Tour, may be considered for nomination subject to appropriate level of form and fitness and regular programme of racing (at World Tour). Such riders will also need to make a clear commitment to prioritise the 2022 Commonwealth Games within their programme.

14.2 To be considered for either the RR and/or TT, riders need to achieve a minimum of two results from the following:

	Finish Position
a. UCI World Tour – World Tour Team members	See point 14.1
b. UCI World Tour – Non World Tour Team members	Top 40
c. UCI World Championships Elite Road Race	Top 40
d. UCI World Championships Elite Time Trial	Top 30
e. UCI World Championships U23 Road Race & Time Trial	Top 10
f. UCI PRO Category events	Top 40
g. UCI Class 1 events	Top 20
h. UCI Class 2 events within Europe incl. British National Championship	Top 6
i. European Championships U23 Road Race & Time Trial	Top 6
j. UCI U23 Nations Cup events	Top 6
k. British Cycling National TT Championship. Elite & U23	Top 3
l. British Cycling U23 National TT Championship	Top 1

14.3 Where a clear medal potential is identified for the Road Race, selections will be based solely on supporting that, or those, individual(s). In this case, the selection panel will select the team of support riders in line with section 33 of the CGS General Selection Policy, and section 22 of this policy. Selection decisions will consider the demands of the event, characteristics of the course, the environment and the specific support required.

14.4 Notes:

- 14.4.1 Where a medal contender for the RR is identified, point 14.3 above shall be used in relation to the RR selection. Points 14.1 and 14.2 shall then only apply to selection for the Time Trial.
- 14.4.2 Above results relate to either a stage result or final overall position.
- 14.4.3 Sub classifications within a stage race (Mountains, Points etc.) will not be considered as part of the criteria.
- 14.4.4 Time trials held within stage races will qualify as counting events providing, they are held over a minimum distance of 15km.
- 14.4.5 Where more riders meet the criteria than places available, selections will be based on the objective of achieving medal success; this will include the composition of the team considering the characteristics of the course and environment; riders meeting selection criteria in other disciplines.

Female Road Race (RR) And Time Trial (TT)

15 Female Road Race and Time Trial Standards:

- 15.1 Riders who are members of a World Tour Team, competing in the World Tour may be considered for nomination subject to correct level of form and fitness and regular programme of racing (at World Tour/Pro Series level). Such riders will also need to make a clear commitment to prioritise the 2022 Commonwealth Games within their programme.
- 15.2 To be considered for either the RR and/or TT, riders need to achieve a total of two results from the following:

	Final Position
a. UCI World Tour – World Tour Team members	See point 15.1
b. UCI World Tour (WWT) & Pro Series (Pro) events	Top 40
c. UCI World Championships Road Race	Top 40
d. UCI World Championships Time Trial	Top 30
e. UCI PRO Category events	Top 40
f. UCI Class 1 events	Top 20
g. UCI Class 2 events within Europe inc. British National Championship	Top 6
h. European Championships U23 Road Race & Time Trial	Top 6
i. British Cycling National TT Championship	Top 3
j. British Cycling U23 National TT Championship	Top 1

15.3 Where a clear medal potential is identified for the Road Race, selections will be based solely on supporting that or those individuals. In this case, the selection panel will select the team of support riders in line with section 33 of the GCS General Selection Policy, and section 22 of this policy. Selection decisions will take into account the demands of the event, characteristics of the course, the environment and the specific support required.

15.4 Notes:

15.4.1 Where a medal contender for the RR is identified, point 15.3 above shall be used in relation to the RR selection. Point 15.1 and 15.2 shall then only apply to selection for the Time Trial.

15.4.2 Above results relate to either a stage result or final overall position.

15.4.3 Sub classifications within a stage race (Mountains, Points etc.) will not be considered as part of the criteria.

15.4.4 Time trials held within stage races will qualify as counting events, providing they are held over a minimum distance of 10km.

15.4.5 Where more riders meet the criteria than places available, selections will be based on the objective of achieving medal success; this will include the composition of the team taking into account the characteristics of the course and environment; riders meeting selection criteria in other disciplines will also be considered.

Male Track Endurance

16 Male Track Endurance Standards:

16.1 To be considered for any Endurance event, riders need to achieve a total of two results/standards from a–g below. For the avoidance of doubt, a single result or standard may be met on two occasions or a combination of two results/ standards may be met.

	Standard	Min No Starters
a. UCI World Championships - Omnium, Scratch, Points Race	Top 12	N/A
b. UCI Nations Cup event – Omnium, Scratch, Points Race	Top 8	N/A
c. European Championships: Elite & U23 – Omnium, Scratch, Points Race	Top 3	18
d. UCI Class 1 event or higher - Omnium, Scratch, Points Race.	Top 3	18
e. British Senior National Championship Scratch & Points Race	Top 3	18
f. 4000m Individual Pursuit	4.17.00	N/A
g. 4000m Team Pursuit	3.54.00	N/A

16.2 Where a rider qualifies through d and e. above, an individual pursuit time is also required as outlined in h below. This standard must be met on one occasion under the conditions set out in notes 16.4.5 and 16.4.6.

h. Individual Pursuit Standard to be met for riders meeting standards in d and e	4.28.00	
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16.3 Where a clear medal potential is identified for the Scratch and/or Points Race, selections will be based solely on supporting that, or those, individual(s). In this case, the selection panel will select the team of support riders in line with section 33 of the CGS General Selection Policy, and section 22 of this policy.

16.4 Notes:

16.4.1 The omnium shall be the final overall result only.

16.4.2 4000m Team Pursuit; where a rider is part of a team that records 3.54.00 or faster, the result shall count as a qualifying performance for selection for those individual(s) who are part of the team.

16.4.3 Points & Scratch Race: Except for where 16.3 above is brought into effect, the selection panel shall nominate individuals from those having met standards for the events that they feel provide the best chance of success across both the points race and scratch race. Once selected, riders may be entered into different events to those where they have met the criteria at the discretion of the team management.

16.4.4 Where more riders meet the criteria than places available, selections will be based on the objective of achieving medal success.

16.4.5 All timed results must be achieved in official competition, under competition rules and regulations, in line with those of the UCI, and be timed using electronic timing.

16.4.6 All timed results must be recorded on a track less than 1000m above sea level.

Female Track Endurance

17 Female Track Endurance Standards

17.1 To be considered for any Endurance event, riders need to achieve a total of two results/standards from a. to g. below. For the avoidance of doubt, a single result or standard may be met on two occasions or a combination of two results/standards may be met.

a. UCI World Championships - Omnium, Scratch, Points Race	Top 12	N/A
b. UCI Nations Cup event - Omnium, Scratch, Points Race	Top 8	N/A
c. European Championships: Elite & U23 – Omnium, Scratch, Points Race	Top 3	12
d. UCI Class 1 event or higher - Omnium, Scratch, Points Race.	Top 3	12
e. British Senior National Championship Scratch & Points Race	Top 3	12
f. 3000m Individual Pursuit	3.32.50	N/A
g. 4000m Team Pursuit	4.19.00	N/A

17.2 Where a rider qualifies through d and e. above, an individual pursuit time is also required as outlined in h below. This standard must be met on one occasion under the conditions set out in notes 17.4.5 and 17.4.6.

h. Individual Pursuit Standard to be met for riders meeting standards in d and e.	3.38.00	
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17.3 Where a clear medal potential is identified for the Scratch and / or Points Race, selections will be based solely on supporting that, or those, individual(s). In this case, the selection panel will select the team of support riders in line with section 33 of the CGS General Selection Policy, and section 22 of this policy.

17.4 Notes:

17.4.1 The omnium shall be the final overall result only.

17.4.2 4000m Team Pursuit; where a rider is part of a team that records 4.19.00 or faster, the result shall count as a qualifying performance for selection for those individual(s) who are part of the team.

17.4.3 Points & Scratch Race: Except for where 17.3 above is brought into effect, the selection panel shall nominate individuals from those having met standards, for the events that they feel provide the best chance of success across both the points race and scratch race. Once selected, riders may be entered into different events to those where they have met the criteria at the discretion of the team management.

17.4.4 Where more riders meet the criteria than places available, selections will be based on the objective of achieving medal success.

17.4.5 All timed results must be achieved in official competition, under competition rules and regulations, in line with those of the UCI, and be timed using electronic timing.

17.4.6 All timed results must be recorded on a track less than 1000m above sea level.

Male Track Sprint

18 Male Track Sprint Standards

18.1 To be considered for any Sprint event, riders need to achieve a total of two results/standards from the following. For the avoidance of doubt, a single result or standard may be met on two occasions or a combination of two results/standards may be met.

	Standard (Secs)
a. 200 M Time Trial flying start	9.90
b. 1000 M Time Trial standing start	1.01.763
c. 1 lap (250m) Time Trial standing start (Team Sprint, Rider 1)	17.644
d. Team Sprint	44.040

18.2 Notes

- 18.2.1 Team Sprint; where a rider is part of a team that records 44.040s or faster, the result shall count as a qualifying performance for nomination for those individual(s) who are part of that team.
- 18.2.2 Where more riders meet the criteria than places available, selections will be based on the objective of achieving medal success.
- 18.2.3 Where a rider qualifies only through d. above, they will only be nominated should there be sufficient riders (three in total) who have met qualifying standards, to allow a Team Sprint to be entered.
- 18.2.4 All timed results must be achieved in official competition, under competition rules and regulations, in line with those of the UCI, and be timed using electronic timing.
- 18.2.5 All timed results must be recorded on a track less than 1000m above sea level.
- 18.2.6 For the 200m time trial flying start only, times recorded on the Krylatskoye Sports Complex Velodrome in Moscow will be considered invalid for the purpose of this selection policy

Female Track Sprint

19 Female Track Sprint Standards:

- 19.1 To be considered for any Sprint event, riders need to achieve a total of two results /standards from the following. For the avoidance of doubt, a single result or standard may be met on two occasions or a combination of two results/standards may be met.

	Standard (Secs)
a. 200 M Time Trial flying start	11.230
b. 500 M Time Trial standing start	34.785
c. 1 lap (250m) Time Trial standing start (Team Sprint, Rider 1)	19.369
d. Team Sprint	49.223

19.2 Notes

- 19.2.1 Team Sprint; where a rider is part of a team that records 49.223s or faster, the result shall count as a qualifying performance for nomination for those individual(s) who are part of that team.
- 19.2.2 Where more riders meet the criteria than places available, selections will be based on the objective of achieving medal success.
- 19.2.3 Where a rider qualifies only through d. above, they will only be nominated should there be sufficient riders (3 in total) who have met qualifying standards, to allow a Team Sprint to be entered.

19.2.4 All timed results must be achieved in official competition, under competition rules and regulations, in line with those of the UCI, and be timed using electronic timing.

19.2.5 All timed results must be recorded on a track less than 1000m above sea level.

19.2.6 For the 200m time trial flying start only, times recorded on the Krylatskoye Sports Complex Velodrome in Moscow will be considered invalid for the purpose of this selection policy.

Para Cycling – B Sprint Events

20 Para Cycling Standards:

20.1 Each athlete must have a relevant international confirmed classification.

20.2 CGS will receive from CGF qualification slots for each of the para events based on the UCI World rankings database at 18th April 2022. The UCI World ranking database will be used to allocate five slots per medal event.

20.3 If a qualification slot is received where athletes have achieved the below qualification standard, athletes will be considered for nomination to CGS and CGS will consider acceptance of the qualification slot.

20.4 If a qualification slot is received where athletes have not achieved the below qualification standard, athletes may be considered for nomination to CGS and CGS may consider acceptance of the qualification slot.

20.5 Acceptance of qualification slots by CGS will be confirmed by 2nd May 2022.

20.6 To be considered for either the 1000 M Time Trial or Sprint event, riders need to achieve a total of two standards from the following. For the avoidance of doubt, a single result or standard may be met on two occasions or a combination of two results/standards may be met

	Female Standard	Male Standard
a. 200 M Time Trial flying start	11.534s	10.320s
b. 1000 M Time Trial standing start	1min10.114s	1min 03.488s

20.7 Notes

20.7.1 Where more riders meet the criteria than places available, selections will be made to provide the best chance of a medal in each event.

20.7.2 All timed results must be achieved in official competition, under competition rules and regulations, in line with those of the UCI, and be timed using electronic timing.

20.7.3 All timed results must be recorded on a track less than 1000m above sea level.

Mountain Bike XCO

21 Mountain Bike XCO Standards:

21.1 To be considered for the Mountain bike Cross Country riders must achieve a total of two results from the following.

		Elite Men	U23 Men	Elite Women	U23 Women
2021 World Cup XCO Calendar	8-9 th May Albstadt, Germany 15-16 th May Nové Město, Czech Republic 12-13 th June Leogang, Austria 3-4 th July Les Gets, France 4-5 th September Lenzerheide, Switzerland 18-19 th September Snowshoe, USA	Top 40	Top 15	Top 25	Top 10
2021 European XCO Championships	12-15 th August European Championships; Serbia				
2021 World XCO Championships	24-29 th August UCI MTB World Championships – Val di Sole, Italy				

21.2 Notes

- 21.1.1 For a result to count as a qualifying performance, the rider must finish on the same lap as the winner.
- 21.1.2 Where the U23 category race is within the Elite race, and an U23 is eliminated through the 80% rule, the placing will count for that rider(s) as a qualifying result providing they are within 80% of the time of the leading U23 rider at the point of being withdrawn. For the avoidance of doubt, when both the elite and U23 are on course at the same time, either through starting as one group or through a staggered start, the U23 category are classed as competing within the Elite race for the purpose of this policy.
- 21.1.3 Where more riders meet the criteria than places available, selections will be based on the objective of achieving medal success; this will include the composition of the team considering the characteristics of the course and environment; riders meeting selection criteria in other disciplines will also be considered with the best possible result in mind.
- 21.1.4 The above dates of events may be subject to change and failure to adhere to them will in no way invalidate decisions made by SC and/or CGS.

Other Factors for Consideration

- 22 Consideration will be given by CGS to selecting athletes if they are entered for the sole reason of providing support to a named athlete in a race of a tactical nature. The named athlete must be a potential medal winner and can show objective evidence of a ranking in the top four in the Commonwealth. Support athletes nominated under this category must be identified as such and meet general criteria of showing validated objective evidence of ability to perform this role. A separate written agreement to perform this role will be required at the time of nomination. SC must discuss with CGS, not later than six months in advance of nominations, if any athlete is likely to be proposed on this basis.
- 23 In instances where an athlete has had evidence to justify nomination prior to injury/illness which precluded them from qualifying within the period, nomination may be possible provided there is sufficient objective evidence to suggest that the athlete in question has returned to the previous standard.
- 24 All nominated athletes must have completed the required Anti-doping education.

Selection Panel

- 25 The selection panel will consist of the following:
 - 25.1 Scottish Cycling Chief Executive Officer (Non-voting member, panel chair)
 - 25.2 Scottish Cycling Head of Performance and Coaching (Voting member)
 - 25.3 Scottish Cycling Performance Advisor (Voting member)
 - 25.4 Scottish Cycling Board Representative (Voting member)
 - 25.5 CGS Representative (Non-voting)
 - 25.6 Scottish Cycling Performance Co-ordinator (Non-voting, official recorder of meeting)
- 26 If for any reason any member(s) cannot attend, SC Chief Executive Officer - in the capacity as the Chairman of the Selection Panel - will appoint an appropriate substitute(s) who will perform the duties (as detailed above) of the member(s) that they are substituting.
- 27 If for any reason the SC Chief Executive Officer cannot attend the SC Chair of the Board will appoint an appropriate substitute who will perform the duties (as detailed above) of the SC Chief Executive Officer.
- 28 SC will utilise expert advisors to provide information to the selection panel including SC Performance Coaches. These advisors will not perform any voting role, nor be present when selection decisions are made.

Selection process

- 29 The selection panel will meet Monday 2nd May 2022.
- 30 SC will communicate the outcome of the Selection Panel's deliberations to athletes to be nominated and athletes close to being nominated by Tuesday 3rd May 2022.
- 31 SC will send their final nominations to CGS by 15th May 2022.
- 32 CGS will confirm the final team selections by 30th May 2022.
- 33 The above dates may be subject to change and failure to adhere to them will in no way invalidate decisions made by SC and/or CGS.
- 34 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

- 35 Antidoping - Athletes suspended by Scottish Cycling 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 Birmingham 2022 Team.
- 36 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 cycling Team Management. This will be specific to cycling 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 cycling Team Management and will be final.
- 37 Athletes in breach of CGS policies, code of conduct and team member agreement may be de-selected.

Appeal Process

- 38 An appeal against non-nomination to CGS by SC is entirely a matter for the athlete and SC. This should be held in accordance with SC's own appeal procedures but taking into consideration only the CGS selection policy and agreed sport specific selections standards and conditions.
- 39 Scottish Cycling will aim to communicate the outcome of the Selection Panel deliberations to athletes to be nominated and athletes close to being nominated, by Tuesday 3rd May 2022 ("the Selection Date").
- 40 Should any rider wish to lodge a Selection Appeal against the decision of the Selection Panel, they must indicate their wish to do so by writing to the Chairperson of SC Performance and Coaching Advisory Group by 10am on Thursday 5th May 2022. Such written indication shall be hereinafter referred to as a "Notice of Appeal". Appeals should be sent to performance@scottishcycling.org.uk
- 41 The Notice of Appeal shall contain full details of the name, address, and date of birth of the rider and the grounds upon which the appeal is being made.

- 42 A Selection Appeal will only be permitted on one or more of the following grounds (together hereinafter referred to as the “Grounds of Appeal”):
- 42.1 The decision of the Selection Panel was not in accordance with this policy;
 - 42.2 This policy has been misapplied, or applied without sufficient evidence and/or in circumstances where the application of the policy was unfair;
 - 42.3 The Selection Panel has shown bias, or the appearance of bias, or the selection process has otherwise been demonstrably unfair; and/or
 - 42.4 The decision of the Selection Panel is one that no reasonable selection panel could have reached.
- 43 Should the rider wish to lodge written submissions expanding upon the Notice of Appeal, such written submissions must be lodged no later than 10am on Friday 6th May 2022.
- 44 SC will aim to hold any hearings in respect of a Selection Appeal within seven Working Days following the Selection Date (“the Selection Appeal Hearing”).
- 45 SC will notify the rider of the outcome of the Selection Appeal, in writing, within three Working Days following the Selection Appeal Hearing.
- 46 An appeal should be held in accordance with SC’s own appeal procedures but taking into consideration only the CGS selection policy and agreed sport specific selections standards and conditions.
- 47 An appeal against CGS non-selection on behalf of an athlete may only be submitted by SC and not by any individual athlete. If an appeal is submitted to CGS by SC, a CGS Appeal Panel will consider the case along with any additional information provided. The appeal must be made in writing within two days of notification of selection outcomes to SC by CGS.
- 48 The above dates may be subject to change and failure to adhere to them will in no way invalidate decisions made by SC and/or CGS.

Appointment of Team Staff

- 49 A Team Manager has been appointed by CGS in consultation with SC. The final complement of cycling team staff attending the Games will ultimately depend upon team numbers and composition and will be determined by CGS in consultation with SC. 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.

5.2 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.

6.2 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.