



**XXII Commonwealth Games
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**Selection Policy and Standards
WEIGHTLIFTING**

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Amendment to Qualification period

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Team Scotland: Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games

WEIGHTLIFTING

Athlete - Sport Selection Policy and Standards

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, CGS and Weightlifting Scotland 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 Weightlifting Scotland 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 Weightlifting Scotland and Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS). It provides detail on the process by which Weightlifting Scotland 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 1st step by which nomination can be considered. The final decision in selection to the 2022 Games lies with CGS

2 Weightlifting Scotland will nominate only those athletes that have qualified under both the Weightlifting 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 Weightlifting Scotland 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 Weightlifting policy is consistent with the aim.

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 Weight Categories:

Women:	49kg	55kg	59kg	64kg	71kg	76kg	87kg	+87kg
Men:	55kg	61kg	67kg	73kg	81kg	96kg	109kg	+109kg

A maximum of one competitor per weight category can be entered.

The maximum entry is 16 athletes, split 8 men/ 8 women.

Each weight category will have a field size of 11 except for Women 64kg and 71kg and Men 73kg and 81kg which will have a field size of 12.

Sport Specific Selection Standards and Framework

Selection Period – 1 January 2021 to 28 February 2022

- 9 From the CGF Athlete Allocation System, a named athlete invitation to compete from the CGF will be received by 7 March 2022 based on:

9.1 Host CGA

The Host CGA shall be issued with the maximum slot allocation of one (1) athlete per medal event (8 Men and 8 Women)

9.2 2021 Commonwealth Senior Championships:

The highest placed athlete from the eight (8) prescribed medal events per gender at the 2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships will be eligible for Direct Qualification

9.3 Commonwealth Ranking Database

The Ranking Period is 1 January 2021-28 February 2022.

The IWF Commonwealth Ranking List will be used to allocate slots to the *top eight (8) ranked athletes not otherwise qualified per medal event.

*For Men's Medal Events 73 kg and 81 kg and Women's Medal Events 64 kg and 71 kg only, the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List will be used to allocate slots to the top nine (9) ranked athletes not otherwise qualified.

Host CGA athletes may feature in the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List but will not be considered for qualification via this method and therefore will not be included within the *top eight (8) ranked athletes.

Athletes that have already qualified in a specific medal event via the 2021 IWF Senior Commonwealth Championships may feature in the IWF Commonwealth

Ranking List but will not be considered for qualification via this method, and therefore will not be included within the *top eight (8) ranked athletes.

CGAs will be eligible to qualify a maximum of one (1) athlete per medal event, and the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List has been amended to reflect this maximum representation per event.

In the event the final slot of qualification has been achieved by more than one athlete with the same result, the slot will be allocated to the athlete that achieved the result first by date and time, calculated according to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)

Only results achieved by athletes at the IWF Sanctioned Events listed in Appendix 2 during the ranking period are eligible for the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List.

- 10 Any invited Team Scotland lifter within the Top 6 or within 5% of 6th ranked lifter on the invitation list from the Commonwealth Ranking Database at 28 February 2022, will be deemed to have met the Team Scotland standard and be considered for nomination
- 11 Following section 9 and 10, if up to four lifters have not met the standard, invited lifters who are ranked between 6th to 8th (or 9th for events outlined in section 8) on the invitation list from the Commonwealth Ranking Database at 28 February 2022 will be ranked in 'Sinclair point order' to determine up to 4 nominations.

Other Factors for Consideration

12 Training Requirements

Weightlifting Scotland will hold national team squads quarterly in 2021 and 2022, to monitor the performance of the selected athletes. Any unavailability for competition or training, for any of the reasons above, must be advised and agreed with the Coaches in advance.

All athletes will supply a detailed Competition program listing their projected performance targets which will be agreed with the Management team.

If an athlete is not making the agreed performance targets, then a review of the athlete's overall performance will be discussed with the athlete. A decision as to whether they remain on the squad will be finalised within 7 days of this review and the athlete will be informed within 7 days thereafter.

- 13 Athletes will be required to compete at the Commonwealth Games in the weight category at which they achieved the selection standard, and they were selected.
- 14 Athletes must also demonstrate appropriate attitude and behaviour, in accordance with WLS/CGS code of conduct.
- 15 Prior to any athlete being removed from the WLS Commonwealth Games Squad Programme they must be given the right to appeal against the decision. Any athlete who is removed will have the opportunity to meet with the coaches.

Selection Process

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

- 16 Weightlifting Scotland will submit their initial nominations to CGS by 10 March 2022 and any re-allocation nominations by 29 March 2022. CGS will confirm initial selections by 16 March 2022 and any re-allocation selections by 30 March 2022.
- 17 Final selection to the Games team is dependent on provision of relevant information required by CGS such as completion and signing of the CGF Eligibility form and CGS Team Member Agreement.

De-Selection

18 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 Team Management. This will be specific to weightlifting 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 Team Management and will be final.

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

Appeal Process

- 19 An appeal against non-nomination to CGS by Weightlifting Scotland is entirely a matter for the athlete and Weightlifting Scotland. This should be held in accordance with Weightlifting Scotland's own appeal procedures but taking into consideration only the CGS selection policy and agreed sport specific selections standards and conditions.

Appeals can be made in writing to the secretary of Weightlifting Scotland within **3** days of the publication of the team nominations

- 20 An appeal against CGS non-selection on behalf of an athlete may only be submitted by Weightlifting Scotland and not by any individual athlete. If an appeal is submitted to CGS by Weightlifting Scotland, a CGS Appeal Panel will consider the case along with any additional information provided. The appeal must be made by email to jon.doig@teamsotland.scot within 48 hours of notification of selection outcomes to Weightlifting Scotland by CGS.

Appointment of Team Staff

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

Appendix 2

The eligible IWF Sanctioned Events are as follows:

2021

- Senior Commonwealth Championships
- Junior Commonwealth Championships
- Youth Commonwealth Championships
- The five IWF recognised Continental Championships (Oceania, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Pan America) for Senior, Junior and Youth
- Tokyo Olympic Games
- IWF Senior World Championships
- IWF Junior World Championships
- IWF Youth World Championships
- Senior British Championships (Results recognised by athletes from the following CGAs only: England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Guernsey, Jersey and Isle of Man)

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(Results from the below listed events will only be recognised for the purpose of the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List if held by the end of the ranking period).

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