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Athlete - Sport Selection Policy and Standards

The information in this Selection Policy is accurate as at February 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 Scottish Wrestling (SW) 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 SW 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 Scottish Wrestling (SW) and Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS). It provides detail on the process by which SW 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 SW will nominate only those athletes that have qualified under both the wrestling 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 SW will prioritise in accordance with this policy.
- 4 CGS have confirmed that a minimum of 2 places have been allocated to wrestling subject to meeting the sport specific selection criteria, these are referred to as assured places. SW will apply for additional discretionary places for anyone who is nominated for selection above this number.

Team Scotland General Selection Policy Aim

- 5 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.
- 6 This wrestling policy is consistent with the aim.

Athlete Eligibility

- 7 The eligibility criteria of the CGF Constitution and Byelaws, must be met by all nominees, see Appendix 1.
- 8 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

- 9 The competition format Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games consists of individual bouts in the following weight categories:

Male FS:	57kg	65kg	74kg	86kg	97kg	125kg
Female:	50kg	53kg	57kg	62kg	68kg	76kg

A maximum of 2 competitors per weight category can be entered with a maximum of 6 male and 6 female.

Age restriction: UWW senior competition rules will apply

Sport Specific Selection Standards and Framework

Selection Period: 1 March 2021 to 15 April 2022

- 10 SW will use the following selection standards to nominate for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, the best athletes for the sport of wrestling with medal potential.
 - 10.1 SW selection panel will nominate the most competitive team from the athletes who have met one or more of the standards set out below:
 - a top 3 finish at the British Senior Championships 2021 and/or
 - a top 3 finish at the English Open Championships 2022
- 11 A placing in any of the above competitions will only be accepted as a standard if at least one win has been achieved in the competition
- 12 In order to maximize medal potential, SW reserves the right to nominate two athletes in a specific weight category, which may be at the expense of a qualified athlete in another category.
- 13 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.
- 14 The athletes should commit to the SW Performance Programme (agreed with Head Coach and Performance Team), including progression to meet performance targets set out in individual athlete's performance plans and elite athlete behaviours during training sessions, competitions and training camps.

- 15 In the event that the number of athletes achieving the selection standards, exceeds the number of wrestling team places available, In order to maximise medal potential, SW will use the ranking system based on the following events:

Event	Results to be considered
British Open Championships 2021	Gold, Silver, Bronze
Scottish Open Championships 2021	Gold, Silver, Bronze
English Open Championships 2022	Gold, Silver, Bronze
Commonwealth Championships 2021	Gold, Silver, Bronze, 5th
Other international competition*	Gold, Silver, Bronze, 5th
Agreed International matches**	Win

* The international competitions must be at a standard that the Head Coach and Performance Team consider similar or higher than Commonwealth Wrestling Championships and have prior agreement with CGS.

** The agreed international matches should be against opponents at a standard that the Head Coach and Performance Team consider similar or higher than Commonwealth countries athletes with potential for the Commonwealth Games podium.

All matches will be analysed and considered, including opponent's standard/level, points marked and given during the bouts to create the priority ranking list.

Developmental Prospect for 2026 Commonwealth Games

- 16 Consideration will be given by CGS to selecting athletes who although they may not have met the SW selection standard and are identified and agreed to be entered for the reason of development prospects for 2026. The athlete or athletes must meet sport specific agreed criteria showing validated objective evidence of ability to achieve a top two thirds finish of the potential field in their event and provide principles of trajectory for 2026. Any such criteria must have prior approval from CGS.
- 17 The athletes nominated in this category must be included in the assured number of athlete places and be prioritised by SW on nomination.
- 18 The athlete can be nominated in this category only by the decision of the Head Coach and Performance Team.

Other Factors for Consideration

- 19 All nominated athletes must have completed the required Anti-doping education.
- 20 Athletes must demonstrate a suitable level of fitness appropriate to the demands of international wrestling competitions, as determined by the Head Coach and Performance Team.
- 21 For wrestlers based in Scotland they should be a member of the SW Performance Programme
- 22 Athletes must demonstrate appropriate attitude and behaviour, in accordance with SW/CGS code of conduct.
- 23 In instances where an athlete has evidence of qualification potential prior to injury, illness, or any other exceptional circumstance, which precludes them from qualifying within the selection period, nomination may be possible provided if there is sufficient validated objective evidence, including medical evidence, to suggest that the athlete in question has returned to qualification form, this may include evidence from out with the qualification period agreed with the Head Coach and Performance Team.
- 24 When a SW athlete is competing against high calibre athletes from non-Commonwealth Countries in any of the international high level events, their performance/scoring may be taken into account.

Selection process

- 25 SW will select athletes to be nominated to CGS, in accordance with the agreed selection standards.
- 26 The selection period for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games will start on 1 March 2021 and will finish 15 April 2022 unless agreed an extension with SW Performance Team and CGS.
- 27 SW will submit their final nominations to CGS by 30 April 2022. CGS will confirm initial team selections by 8 May 2022 and final selections by 30 May 2022.
- 28 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

- 29 **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 Birmingham 2022 team.
- 30 **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 Wrestling Team Management. This will be specific to wrestling 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 Wrestling Team Management and will be final.
- 31 **CGS policies:** Athletes in breach of CGS policies, code of conduct and team agreement may be de-selected.

Appeal Process

- 32 An appeal against non-nomination to CGS by SW is entirely a matter for the athlete and SW. This should be held in accordance with SW's own appeal procedures, but taking into consideration only the CGS selection policy and agreed sport specific selections standards and conditions.
- 33 Details on the SW appeal policy and procedure can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/ScotWrestlingAppeals>
- 34 An appeal against CGS non-selection on behalf of an athlete may only be submitted by SW and not by any individual athlete. If an appeal is submitted to CGS by SW, 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 one week of notification of selection outcomes to SW by CGS.

Appointment of Team Staff

- 35 A Team Manager will be appointed by CGS in consultation with SW by December 2020. The final complement of wrestling team staff attending the Games will ultimately depend upon team numbers and composition and will be determined by CGS in consultation with SW. 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.