



Commonwealth Youth Games: Trinbago 2023

General Selection Policy

Introduction

1. This selection policy has been agreed by Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS) and outlines the general Commonwealth Youth Games Selection principles for the 2023 Youth Games in Trinidad and Tobago. The Games are an invitational event for athletes born in 2005 to 2009 (depending on the sport). Scotland has been allocated 23 athlete places (plus Para Athletics, Rugby 7s, Fast5 Netball and Beach Volleyball) by the Games organisers.

Selection Aim

2. To select a team of athletes capable of competing with distinction for Scotland at the 2023 Youth Commonwealth Games and who have the potential to win medals for Scotland at future Commonwealth Games.

Broad Selection Principles

3. The Youth Games are identified primarily as a development opportunity for staff and athletes likely to represent and win medals for Scotland at future Commonwealth Games.
4. The CGS Board will appoint a CGS Selection Panel and a CGS Appeals Panel, personnel on both being different.
5. Selection will be made based on athletes demonstrating the ability to perform at these future events, with medal potential at the 2023 Youth Games an additional, but secondary, principle.
6. With this in mind, selection criteria and standards will be based on a performance level of Great Britain age group ranked number 4 or agreed equivalent. The ability to compete in multiple events should also be taken into account, where appropriate.
7. In line with our commitment to increase diversity of future Games Teams, we particularly encourage nomination of athletes from rural/remote communities, ethnic minorities, para-athletes and those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

8. As total team numbers are limited by the Games Organisers the number of indicative places on which nominations should be based will be advised along with associated staff numbers.
9. All Scottish Governing Bodies of sport (SGBs) will be required to develop a sport specific policy document based on the above principles and to include sport specific criteria and standards.
10. The indicative numbers may go up or down depending on the number of athletes reaching the standard
11. With the exception of Para Athletics, Rugby 7s, Fast5 Netball and Beach Volleyball, selection criteria and standards will be used to nominate athletes on an individual athlete basis. Where a sport can enter relay events, these will consist of athletes who have already qualified for individual events.
12. Should more athletes meet the agreed sport specific selection criteria and standards than the indicative places available, the SGB will be asked to list athletes in order of priority.
13. Any offers of additional places by the Games organisers will be considered by CGS selection panel and the adjusted allocation offer communicated to the SGBs involved.
14. Costs for indicative athlete and staff places will be met by CGS. Any selections/ appointments above the indicative number allocated will be conditional on the sport agreeing to meet the cost of accommodation, transport, clothing and insurance for these places.
15. General selection principles as detailed in this document are designed to ensure that minimum athlete standards are as consistent as possible across and within sports. Based on these principles, sport specific policy shall be developed jointly by each SGB and CGS.
16. The Team shall at all times adhere to the CGS Team Respect Policy and the Team Member Agreement as a condition of selection or appointment.
17. CGS will not select or appoint anyone to the Team who:
 - 14.1 is barred from regulated work with children under the PVG (Scotland) Act 2007.
 - 14.2 is under 'consideration for listing' under the PVG (Scotland) Act 2007, until the matter is fully resolved.
 - 14.3 is deemed unsuitable for a specific role with CGS following the CGS Recruitment and Selection procedures.

- 14.4 if deemed to be carrying out regulated work, does not agree to become a member of the PVG Scheme or agree to a Scheme Record Update in line with CGS procedures.

As a condition of selection, all staff will be required to sign a Team Scotland Member Agreement which will include compliance with all appropriate Vulnerable Group Protection policies and procedures and any agreed Code of Conduct.

18. SGBs will keep CGS informed of names and performance records of potential competitors and will maintain an information database on these competitors and enable CGS to access this information when required.
19. CGS retains the authority to deselect any Team Member for breach of the Team Respect Policy, Team Member Agreement or other selection conditions but will liaise closely with, and consider the advice of, the team members' own SGB if doing so.
20. No SGB with an event(s) on the Games programme has an automatic right to athlete selections.

Scottish Commonwealth Youth Games Athlete Eligibility

21. To be eligible to compete for Scotland in the Commonwealth Youth Games the eligibility criteria of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF), Byelaw 17, must be met by all nominees, see Appendix 1.
22. Where prospective team members do not comply with the above, they will only be nominated for final selection if they receive prior dispensation from the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) through CGS.

Sports

23. The following sports are included in the programme for the Trinbago 2023 Youth Games:

- Athletics inc Para Athletics
- Beach Volleyball
- Cycling
- Fast5 Netball
- Rugby 7s
- Swimming
- Triathlon

Nomination and Selection Process

24. Once agreed, the sports specific policies will be posted on the CGS website. It is the responsibility of individual SGBs to inform potential athletes and their coaches of the agreed standards, nomination or otherwise, and selections once made by CGS.

25. Nominations will be submitted by SGBs using the nomination format and should outline how the nominations meet the criteria in terms of recent results and future performance and other criteria.
26. All nominated athletes must have completed relevant Clean Sport education.
27. Nominations will then be considered against the CGS General Selection Policy and the Sport Specific Selection standards by the CGS Selection Panel. SGBs will then be advised in writing of selection or non-selection and any specific conditions.
28. The SGB has the right to appeal on behalf of the athlete against a non-selection or selection conditions. The CGS Appeal Panel will consider each case with any additional information provided. **Appeals must be made in writing (via email) within three days of notification of selection recommendations** to the SGB concerned by CGS. An athlete not included for nomination may not appeal directly to CGS.
29. In the event of further dispute, SGBs have the right of referral to an independent arbiter identified from the Sports Disputes Resolution Panel. Such arbitration shall only consider issues of CGS compliance with the selection procedures.

Selection Time Frames and Communication

30. SGBs shall complete and sign off sport specific selection policy with CGS by 31 December 2022 or within two weeks of receiving an invitation to compete from Trinidad for Team Sports.
31. The time period for achieving the Commonwealth Youth Games Selection criteria is between 1 January 2023 and 15 May 2023.
32. Nominations will be made to CGS by each SGB no later than 22 May 2023 and will be subject to compliance with conditions of selection including evidence of form and fitness, completion of the Team Member Agreement and CGF entry and Eligibility form and attendance at the pre-Games Team Camp.
33. If named selection events are used, these are to be completed at least seven days prior to a final nomination date of 22 May 2023. These dates will be strictly complied with to allow any outstanding issues to be resolved before the final Team selection date of 30 May 2023.
34. With prior agreement of both the SGBs and CGS, athletes may be selected and named in advance of 30 May 2023.
35. Unless otherwise agreed, in the first instance, the SGB Performance Director or equivalent shall be the point of contact on all matters of team selection. Once appointed, the Sport Specific Team Staff member shall be the main point of contact.

Sport Specific Staff

36. One initial sport specific member of staff will be appointed following the completion of the sport specific selection policy. Any further sport specific appointments will be dependent on the final athlete numbers.

Appendix 1

CGF Byelaw 17 Eligibility
<p>1. It is the responsibility of all Affiliated CGAs to ensure that their competitors are fully aware of and comply with Byelaw 17.</p>
2. Primacy
<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Are in possession of a current valid passport of the Commonwealth Country which enters them; <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">b) Are a subject who can demonstrate 'Belonger Status' in Great Britain or relevant British Overseas Territory of the Commonwealth Country which enters themc) In respect of the following Affiliated CGAs: -<ul style="list-style-type: none">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
<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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.