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Athlete Selection Policy

Introduction

1. This selection policy has been agreed by Triathlon Scotland and Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS). It provides detail on the process by which Triathlon Scotland will arrive at its nominations for selection of athletes within the Scottish Team in Trinbago 2023 which will be submitted to CGS for consideration.
2. In all cases, selection by Triathlon Scotland represents a nomination to CGS for ratification. The final decision in selection to the 2023 Youth Games lies with CGS. Achievement of the selection criteria therefore represents **eligibility for nomination**, not selection or even nomination.
3. Triathlon Scotland will nominate only those athletes that have qualified under the selection criteria stated in this policy.
4. The Nomination Panel (“the Panel”) for each meeting shall comprise:
 - a. Voting members
 - i. Triathlon Scotland Director of Performance (or other nominated Triathlon Scotland Board member)
 - ii. National Triathlon Centre Head Coach
 - iii. Triathlon Scotland Head of Performance Pathways
 - b. Non-voting members
 - i. Triathlon Scotland Next Generation Coach
 - ii. Note-taker(s) as required
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 Triathlon Scotland will prioritise in accordance with this policy.
6. CGS have confirmed that a total of 2 places (1 male and 1 female) have been allocated to triathlon subject to meeting the sport specific selection criteria, these are referred to as assured places.

Selection Policy Aim

7. 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.

Scottish Commonwealth Youth Games Athlete Eligibility

8. To be eligible to compete for Scotland in the Commonwealth Youth Games in Trinbago, the eligibility criteria of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF), Byelaw 17, must be met by all nominees, see Appendix 1.
9. 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
10. The eligible age category for sport for the Trinbago Youth Games for triathlon:
 - a. 15 - 17 years of age (athletes born in 2006, 2007 and 2008)
11. Athletes must be a member of Triathlon Scotland’s Next Generation or Academy/Affiliate squads be a member of Triathlon Scotland by 1 March 2023.

Games Competition Format

12. The Commonwealth Youth Games 2023 will include triathlon events in the following disciplines:

- Individual Super Sprint
- Mixed team relay 2 x 2

13. Individual and Relay: The maximum team size is 2, made up of 1 male and 1 female athletes

Sport Specific Selection Criteria

14. Only athletes selected for the individual event will be eligible to compete in the mixed relay

Selection period: 1 January 2023 to 15 May 2023

15. Nomination will take place at two Panel meetings as follows:

- 10 April 2023 – phases 1; AND if places remain
- 15 May 2023 – phases 2, 3

16. Phase 1: 10 April 2023 – individual event automatic nomination

- Eligible athletes will be automatically nominated to CGS if they are the first eligible finisher at the British Super Series Performance Assessments (1-2 April 2023) in both the open and female categories provided that
 - Youth B – a top 6 finish overall (combined Youth A / Youth B results)
 - Youth A – a top 6 finish in youth A category
- Should more than 1 athlete from each category meet this standard it will be the highest placed finisher overall (combined Youth A / Youth B results) who will automatically qualify, the second athlete will be named as non-travelling reserve.
- The above automatic nominations will not apply if, in the opinion of the Panel, the results of either race are/is significantly impacted by:
 - a large-scale racing incident (such as a crash); OR
 - environmental conditions/exceptional circumstances which result in substantial alteration to the race format
 - an anomalous incident, usually completely outside of the athletes' control, that seriously affects the result (such as a stray dog/vehicle on the course) – please note, this does NOT include individual mechanical issues or errors.

17. Phase 2: 14 May 2022 –individual event automatic nomination

- if spaces still remain after phase 1 eligible athletes will be automatically nominated to CGS if they are the first eligible finisher at the British Super Series Llanelli Youth (13 May 2023) event in both the open and female categories provided that
 - Youth B – a top 6 finish overall (combined Youth A / Youth B results)
 - Youth A – a top 6 finish in youth A category
- Should more than 1 athlete from each category meet this standard it will be the highest placed finisher overall (combined Youth A / Youth B results) who will automatically qualify the second athlete will be named as non-travelling reserve.

- c. The above automatic nominations will not apply if, in the opinion of the Panel, the results of either race are/is significantly impacted by:
 - i. a large-scale racing incident (such as a crash); OR
 - ii. environmental conditions/exceptional circumstances which result in substantial alteration to the race format
 - iii. an anomalous incident, usually completely outside of the athletes' control, that seriously affects the result (such as a stray dog/vehicle on the course) – please note, this does NOT include individual mechanical issues or errors

18. Phase 3 15 May 2022 – discretionary selection

- a. Should assured places remain following completion of phases 1 and 2, additional eligible athletes may be nominated for the Games if the panel feel that they can compete with distinction at the Games and support the mixed team relay.
- b. The Panel will consider the following factors (listed in no priority order):
 - i. Athlete performances in British Super Series and Inter-regional championships in 2022 and 2023
 - ii. Athlete development profiles
 - iii. Injury/illness history and status
 - iv. Subjective assessments relating to athletes' ability to perform under pressure and deliver performances aligning to the “one day, one race” philosophy of Triathlon Scotland
 - v. Athletes 400m swim and 3k run profiles
- c. Non-travelling reserves will also be named at this stage.

Selection process

- 19. All nominated athletes must have completed relevant Anti-doping education
- 20. Athletes are required to demonstrate commitment to the Triathlon Scotland performance programme objectives and Scottish team's performances in their given event at Trinbago 2023.
- 21. At the close of each selection phase, the Panel will consider all relevant information for eligible athletes against the selection criteria.
- 22. Triathlon Scotland will communicate the nominations to eligible athletes and send their final nominations to CGS, in priority order,
 - a. Phase 1 12 April athletes notified by Triathlon Scotland
 17 April Triathlon Scotland send nominations to CGS
 - b. Phase 2 / 3 15 May athletes notified by Triathlon Scotland
 22 May Triathlon Scotland send nominations to CGS
- 23. CGS will confirm the final team selections by 30 May 2023
- 24. Final selection to the Games team is dependent on receipt of relevant information required by CGS such as the Team Member Agreement.

Appeals Process

25. An appeal against CGS non-selection on behalf of an athlete may only be submitted by Triathlon Scotland and not by any individual athlete. If an appeal is submitted to CGS by Triathlon Scotland, a CGS Appeal Panel will consider the case along with any additional information provided. The appeal must be made in writing within 3 days after selection outcomes to Triathlon Scotland by CGS.

Any appeal against non-nomination to CGS by Triathlon Scotland is entirely a matter for the athlete and Triathlon Scotland. Following the Triathlon Scotland's announcement of nominated athletes appeals will be heard in accordance with Triathlon Scotland's [Selection Review process](#):

a. Phase 1

- i. All appeals must be received, by 16 April 0900 in writing, including the grounds upon which the appeal is made, to the Triathlon Scotland's Chief Executive
- ii. In all instances, Triathlon Scotland will respond in writing to the athlete within two days, notifying them of the outcome of the Appeal Process.

b. Phase 2 & 3

- i. All appeals must be received, by 19 May 0900 in writing, including the grounds upon which the appeal is made, to the Triathlon Scotland's Chief Executive
- ii. In all instances, Triathlon Scotland will respond in writing to the athlete within two days, notifying them of the outcome of the Appeal Process.

De-selection

26. Players may be deemed ineligible for selection or deselected for the following reasons:

- Anti-doping: Athletes suspended by Triathlon Scotland as a result of ongoing or concluded anti-doping violation allegations will not be considered for selection, and if previously selected, will be de-selected from Youth Team Scotland.
- Form and Fitness - Injury Management: Where form and fitness 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 Youth Games. The format will be determined by CGS after discussion with the Triathlon Team Management. This will be specific to triathlon 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 final.
- CGS Policies: Athletes in breach of CGS policies, code of conduct and Youth Team Agreement may be de-selected.

Appointment of Team Staff

27. One initial sport specific member of staff will be appointed by CGS in consultation with Triathlon Scotland by the end February 2023. The final complement of the Triathlon Scotland's Team staff attending the Games will ultimately depend upon team composition and will be determined by CGS in consultation with Triathlon Scotland.

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.