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**Sport Selection Policy and Standards
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Scottish Swimming

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Athlete Selection Policy - Swimming

Introduction

1. This selection policy has been agreed by Scottish Swimming (SS) and Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS). It provides detail on the process by which SS 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 SS 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. SS will nominate only those athletes using the selection criteria stated in this policy.

Selection Policy Aim

4. 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

5. To be eligible to compete for Scotland in the Commonwealth Youth Games in Trinidad & Tobago, the eligibility criteria of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF), Byelaw 17, must be met by all nominees, see Appendix 1.
6. 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
7. The eligible age categories for swimming in the Trinbago Youth Games are:
 - Male: 15 - 18 years of age as at 31st December 2023 (athletes born in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008).
 - Female: 14 - 17 years of age as at 31st December 2023 (athletes born in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009).

Games Competition Format

8. The Commonwealth Youth Games 2023 swimming competition will be held in a long-course pool and include the following disciplines:

Male & Female:

Freestyle: 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m.

Backstroke: 50m, 100m, 200m.

Breaststroke: 50m, 100m, 200m.

Butterfly: 50m, 100m, 200m.

IM: 200m, 400m.

Female only:

Freestyle: 800m.

Male only:

Freestyle: 1500m.

A maximum of two individual entries per nation per event is permitted.

Relays:

Mixed Freestyle Relay 4x100m, Mixed Freestyle Relay 4x200m, Mixed Medley Relay 4x100m.

At the time of writing, only mixed relays are programmed at the CYG. Should interest from the CGAs warrant the re-introduction of same-gender relays after the entry by name deadline they will be added into the sports programme.

Sport Specific Selection Criteria

9. CGS has allocated to SS a total of 8 places on Youth Team Scotland.
10. Selection period: 1 January 2023 to 16 April 2023.
11. Swimmers will be selected for nomination by the Scottish Swimming (SS) National Coach in conjunction with the SS Director of Aquatics.
12. Swimmers will be **considered** for nomination by SS should they have achieved a time equal to or faster than those listed in the table below:

Male	Event	Female
00:23.27	50m Freestyle	00:26.34
00:52.21	100m Freestyle	00:57.56
01:53.54	200m Freestyle	02:05.76
04:04.97	400 Freestyle	04:23.21
16:09.57	1500/800 Freestyle	08:59.64
00:26.49	50 Backstroke	00:30.03
00:57.71	100m Backstroke	01:03.95
02:04.58	200m Backstroke	02:17.30
00:28.88	50 Breaststroke	00:32.61
01:03.31	100m Breaststroke	01:11.38
02:20.39	200m Breaststroke	02:34.67
00:24.79	50 Butterfly	00:27.19
00:55.04	100m Butterfly	01:01.75
02:03.25	200m Butterfly	02:15.59
02:06.89	200 IM	02:20.39
04:31.43	400 IM	04:56.49

Times have been generated based on achieving 725 FINA points following publication of the 2022 FINA Point scores. These are the correct FINA points at the time of publication, should the times be re-calculated before the Selection Meets (see 16. below), the faster times will be used.

Other Factors for Consideration

13. Where illness or injury has impacted on athlete performance at either of the selection meets (verified by the SS Honorary Medical Adviser), and an athlete has previously attained a selection standard from 1st January 2023, the athlete **MAY** be considered for selection by the National Coach in conjunction with the Director of Aquatics.
14. The gender balance of the team will be decided at the discretion of the National Coach in conjunction with the Director of Aquatics and will take into consideration participation across individual and relay events.
15. In selecting swimmers for nomination, the National Coach in conjunction with the Director of Aquatics will consider (in no priority order):
 - The 'selection principles' highlighted within the CGS General Selection Policy ([click here to read](#))
 - Strength of consideration standard achieved (FINA Points)
 - Number of consideration standards achieved
 - Range of events where consideration events has been achieved
 - Balance of events across the Team
 - Individual and Team relay potential
 - Selection for British representative teams in 2023

Selection Events

16. Selections will be based on Long Course performances achieved at the following meets:
 - British World Championship Trials, Sheffield, 4-9 April 2023

- Scottish National Age Group Championships, Aberdeen, 12-16 April 2023

17. Times achieved in time trials or split times as part of a race will not be considered.
18. Lead-off swims in relays will be considered.

Additional Notes

19. Swimmers may be allowed to compete in additional individual events at the discretion of the National Coach, provided their selection events are not compromised.
20. Where selected, nominated swimmers will be expected to compete in Relays as required.
21. Nominated swimmers will be expected to attend all planned team preparation.
22. Swimmers must demonstrate a commitment to training preparation to maximise their performance at the CYG, as determined by their personal coach and approved by the National Coach.

Injury, illness and other exceptional circumstances

23. Failure to meet any of the selection criteria for reasons of injury, illness, or any other exceptional circumstances by an athlete under consideration, must be backed by medical evidence, or any such additional evidence as may be reasonably requested by the National Coach and Director of Aquatics.
24. Any unavailability for competition or training, for any of the reasons above, must be advised and agreed with the National Coach and Director of Aquatics.

Selection process

25. All nominated athletes must have completed relevant anti-doping education.
26. At the close of the selection period, the National Coach and Director of Aquatics will consider all relevant information for eligible swimmers against the selection criteria.
27. SS will communicate the nominations to eligible swimmers and send their final nominations, in priority order, to CGS by no later than 22 May 2023.
28. CGS will confirm the final team selections by 30 May 2023.
29. Final selection to the Games team is dependent on receipt of relevant information required by CGS such as the Team Member Agreement.

Appeals Process (also see Appendix 2 for more information)

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

Any appeal against non-nomination to CGS by SS is entirely a matter for the athlete and SS. Following the SS announcement of nominated swimmers, appeals will be heard in accordance with SS internal appeals process:

- All appeals must be received, in writing, including the grounds upon which the appeal is made, to the SS Chief Executive within three days of the announcement of nominations.
- In all instances, SS will respond in writing to the athlete within two days, notifying them of the outcome of the Appeal Process.

De-Selection

31. Swimmers may be deemed ineligible for selection or deselected for the following reasons:

- Anti-doping: Athletes suspended by SS 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 SS Team Management. This will be specific to swimming 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

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

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>
<p>2. Primacy</p>
<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;orb) 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.
<p>3. Secondary</p>
<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; orb) the Commonwealth Country of birth of their parent; orc) where the relevant IF recognises grandparents as part of its eligibility criteria, the competitor may represent the Commonwealth Country of birth of their grandparent; ord) 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. <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>4 Disqualifications and Suspensions</p>

- 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

Appeal Process

1. An appeal against non-nomination to CGS by Scottish Swimming is entirely a matter for the athlete and Scottish Swimming. This will be held as per the process detailed in section 30 taking into consideration only the information contained within this document.
2. In the case of an athlete under 16 years of age, an appeal will be accepted by a parent or guardian.
3. Appeals shall only be considered if they address the selection process, clarification of fact or provide new and relevant information/evidence. Grounds for appeal do not include: eligibility, health, or standards achieved out-with phases identified within the selection policy.
4. Communication of nominations will be made to swimmers by 12:00 hours (midday) on 21 April 2023, following which, all appeals must be received by 12:00 hours (midday) on 24 April 2023, in writing by email, to the Scottish Swimming Chief Executive Officer, Euan Lowe, (e.lowe@scottishswimming.com) clearly stating the grounds upon which the appeal is made. In all instances, Scottish Swimming will respond in writing by email to the athlete by 26 April, notifying them of the outcome of the Appeal Process.
5. Appeals will be heard by a three-member Appeals Panel appointed by the Scottish Swimming Chief Executive Officer (CEO). All three members of the Appeals Panel will be independent of the Selection Group. The CEO will not sit on the panel but will provide assistance.
6. The Appeals Panel will operate in line with Scottish Swimming's internal appeal procedures.
7. Scottish Swimming will communicate the nominations to eligible swimmers and send their final nominations, in priority order, to CGS by no later than 22 May 2023.
8. Scottish Swimming can also have appeal to the CGS if nominated athletes have not been selected by CGS. This will be completed within twenty-four hours of CGS notification of non-selection.
9. All CGS appeal decisions will be made ahead of the final team announcement. Individuals do not have the right to appeal directly to CGS.