



# **SWIMMING & PARA-SWIMMING SELECTION POLICY & STANDARDS**

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The information in this Selection Policy is accurate as of 16 May 2025 but remains subject to change. As a result of the unique and extenuating circumstances caused by the late confirmation of Glasgow as hosts for the 2026 Commonwealth Games (Glasgow 2026) and the consequential outstanding Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) requirements, Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS) and Scottish Swimming 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 Scottish Swimming 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.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This selection policy has been agreed by Scottish Swimming and CGS. It provides detail on the process by which Scottish Swimming will arrive at athlete nominations, which will be submitted to CGS for consideration, for final selection to Team Scotland for Glasgow 2026.
- 1.2 Achievement, by an athlete, of individual selection standards detailed in this document, or athlete slot allocation for Para-swimmers, is therefore the first step by which nomination can be considered. The final decision in selection to Glasgow 2026 lies with CGS.
- 1.3 Scottish Swimming will nominate only those athletes that have qualified under both the selection standards stated within this policy, and the CGS General Selection Policy (available on the [CGS website](#)) that should be read in conjunction with these standards.
- 1.4 Entry numbers per event and the overall number of athletes are in accordance with CGF allocation and should more athletes achieve the standards then Scottish Swimming will prioritise in accordance with this policy.

## **2. SELECTION AIM**

- 2.1 To select a team of athletes capable of competing with distinction for Scotland at Glasgow 2026, and collectively:
  - Having a higher percentage of athletes meeting the general selection standards when in competition at Glasgow 2026 than in 2022.
  - Meet the performance aims of Scottish Swimming at Glasgow 2026.
  - Team members having a positive experience within Team Scotland at Glasgow 2026.
- 2.2 This Swimming and Para-swimming selection policy is consistent with this aim.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY & CONDITIONS FOR REPRESENTATION**

- 3.1 Athlete eligibility and conditions for representing Scotland will be as outlined in the CGF Constitution and Byelaws. Please see [Appendix 1](#) for the current eligibility Byelaws. Should this change, the most recent version will be used.
- 3.2 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.

### **4. SWIMMING & PARA-SWIMMING COMPETITION FORMAT**

- 4.1 The swimming competition at Glasgow 2026 takes place over six days (from 24-29 July) and includes 56 medal events, split into 34 individual events (17 men, 17 women), eight relay events (three men, three women, two mixed) and 14 para-swimming events (seven men, seven women).
- 4.2 In the swimming programme, 50m & 100m events have heats and semi-finals on the same day, with the top eight from the semi-finals progressing to the final on the following day.
- 4.3 200m & 400m events, relay events, and para-swimming events all have heats and finals on the same day.
- 4.4 800m & 1500m events have heats only, with the fastest eight entries competing in the finals session, and any remaining slower entrants racing earlier on the same day in the morning heats session.
- 4.5 The specific Para-Swimming events to be contested are listed at section 7.2.1.

### **5. SWIMMING SPECIFIC SELECTION POLICY & STANDARDS**

#### **5.1 General Selection Details**

- 5.1.1 In accordance with the CGF statutes and Glasgow 2026 competition rules, the maximum number of athletes selected by any country for each individual event will be three and the maximum number of relay teams selected by any country for each relay event will be one.
- 5.1.2 The indicative number of athletes provided by CGS for the swimming team is 25. Para-swimming is considered in [Section 7](#).
- 5.1.3 There will be two phases to the nomination and selection process:
- Pre-selection (5.2)
  - Achievement of nomination standard times at the specified Selection Meet (5.3)
- 5.1.4 All nominated athletes must have completed the required anti-doping education and must comply with any policies, codes of conduct or team agreements issued by CGS and/or Scottish Swimming.

#### **5.2 Pre-Selection**

- 5.2.1 Athletes MAY be nominated for pre-selection to the swimming team in accordance with 5.2.2 to 5.2.8.

- 5.2.2 Athletes competing for Great Britain at the 2025 World Championships in Singapore (27 July – 3 August 2025), MAY be nominated for pre-selection at the discretion of the Scottish Swimming National Coach (NC).
- 5.2.3 In considering athletes for pre-selection nomination, the NC will consider the performances of all eligible athletes at the 2025 World Championships in Singapore.
- 5.2.4 The NC is under no obligation to make any pre-selection nominations.
- 5.2.5 Any athlete considered for nomination for pre-selection will be required to agree a plan with the NC in advance of the commencement of the 2025-26 swimming season aimed at maximising their performance at Glasgow 2026.
- 5.2.6 Athletes identified for pre-selection will be nominated to the overall Glasgow 2026 team and not to any specific event.
- 5.2.7 Nominations for athletes identified for pre-selection will be sent to CGS by 31 October 2025, with the pre-selection process completed by 1 December 2025.
- 5.2.8 All pre-selected athletes, agreed by CGS, will be publicly announced by 15 December 2025.

### **5.3 Achievement of Nomination Standard Times**

- 5.3.1 Following the completion of the pre-selection process, there will be one selection opportunity for athletes to achieve nomination standard times for remaining indicative places. This will be the Aquatics GB Championships, to be held in April 2026 (14-19 April, London, tbc), hereafter referred to as the Selection Meet.
- 5.3.2 Athletes may be nominated for relays if the combined time of the fastest four eligible swims from the selection process is equal to, or faster than, the nomination standard time for the event. There are no takeover tolerances. Eligible swims shall be from performances in any of the rounds in the relevant event at the Selection Meet, and performances in the relevant event by pre-selected athletes only, utilising performances listed in the official British Rankings 15 April 2025 - 19 April 2026.
- 5.3.3 The process outlined in 5.3.4 to 5.3.13 will be used to determine which athletes may be nominated for any remaining available indicative places, with 5.3.4 and 5.3.5 taking priority.
- 5.3.4 Athletes that form the fastest combination (see 5.3.2) for the men's 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay may be nominated where they are not already pre-selected.
- 5.3.5 Athletes that form the fastest combinations (see 5.3.2) for the men's and the women's 4 x 100m Medley Relays may be nominated where they are not already pre-selected.
- 5.3.6 Athletes equalling or bettering an individual nomination standard time, and the remaining relay teams equalling or bettering relay nomination standard times, will then be considered for nomination.

### 5.3.7 Nomination Standard Times

Male	Event	Female
0:22.20	50m Freestyle	0:25.24
0:48.54	100m Freestyle	0:54.71
1:47.76	200m Freestyle	1:58.46
3:49.73	400m Freestyle	4:11.37
8:00.13	800m Freestyle	8:39.99
15:25.85	1500m Freestyle	16:37.12
0:25.30	50m Backstroke	0:28.38
0:54.35	100m Backstroke	1:01.03
1:59.23	200m Backstroke	2:12.20
0:27.82	50m Breaststroke	0:31.16
1:01.04	100m Breaststroke	1:07.67
2:13.63	200m Breaststroke	2:26.54
0:23.55	50m Butterfly	0:26.61
0:52.16	100m Butterfly	0:58.86
1:58.71	200m Butterfly	2:11.88
2:00.41	200m I.M.	2:12.94
4:18.88	400m I.M.	4:44.16
Relay Events		
3:18.98	4 x 100m Freestyle	3:42.92
7:18.46	4 x 200m Freestyle	8:04.55
3:39.09	4 x 100m Medley	4:05.06
n/a	Mixed 4 x 100m Freestyle	n/a
n/a	Mixed 4 x 100m Medley	n/a

5.3.8 Split times in any event at the Selection Meet will not be considered for nomination.

5.3.9 There will be no nomination standards for mixed relays.

5.3.10 On completion of the Selection Meet, athletes identified through 5.3.6 that are not already identified through pre-selection or 5.3.4 or 5.3.5 will be ranked in order, based on the percentage inside the event nomination standard time achieved.

5.3.11 Any remaining indicative places may be nominated to CGS for individual events and relays, subject to sections 5.3.12 and 5.3.13 below.

5.3.12 Nominations will be made by the NC, taking into account selection considerations including, but not limited to:

- Placing in the ranking identified in 5.3.10 above
- Performance in finals at the Selection Meet
- Commonwealth ranking in a specific event
- Medal potential at Glasgow 2026
- Other events ranked within the ranking identified in 5.3.10 above
- Potential contribution to relay performances
- Future potential

5.3.13 Relay alternates will only be considered as part of the selection process identified in this policy in section 5.3.12, and in line with the CGS General Selection Policy, Section 8 'Selection Guidelines for Athletes', Category 2 as follows:

*'If athletes have not qualified as per category 1 or 3 (of the CGS General Selection Policy), numbers above the minimum may only be selected if there are identified competition schedule conflicts for those athletes who are individual event medal prospects or have qualified individually and it can be shown via validated objective evidence that the final result in the team event is likely to be improved by the individuals proposed being added.'*

## 5.4 Nomination Notes

5.4.1 Where an athlete has achieved multiple individual event nomination standards, they must identify with the NC which individual events they wish to be considered for by 22 April 2026.

5.4.2 Additional swims for selected athletes:

Final decisions concerning additional swims will be made by the NC in line with the CGS General Policy Section 5:

"Entries will be made by CGS after athletes are selected by CGS, based on agreed achievement of selection standards. Once selected in the event in which they have met the agreed selection standards, athletes may also be entered in other events:

- if permissible within the CGF Athlete Allocation System; and,
- should there be spaces available; and,
- if, after discussion with Scottish Swimming, CGS agrees the athlete's focus remains on the primary events they have qualified in, or in other team events such as relays to which they have been committed, and other athletes have been selected for."

To achieve the above, the following process will be followed:

- discussion between NC and the athlete's personal coach (Home Coach) prior to Glasgow 2026 final entry date; and
- discussion (if necessary) with the Glasgow 2026 Swimming Head Coach prior to final sport entry deadline.

5.4.3 Selection for mixed relays will be made during Glasgow 2026 by the Team Leader and Head Swimming Coach from athletes within the final selected overall Glasgow 2026 team.

5.4.4 Any athlete who qualifies for the swimming team is eligible for selection to any of the relay teams, and the Team Leader and Head Swimming Coach will be responsible for selecting the best four athletes and the swim order to compete in the relay events at Glasgow 2026. In any disputed relay selection during Glasgow 2026 the Team Leader's decision will be final.

## 6. SELECTION PROCESS

- 6.1 The 'Scottish Swimming Glasgow 2026 Selection Group' will be responsible for overseeing the athlete and coach selection process for the Glasgow 2026 swimming team.
- 6.2 The Terms of Reference for the Selection Group along with a listing of the members of the group can be found in [Appendix 2](#).
- 6.3 Scottish Swimming will submit their final nominations to CGS by 30 May 2026. CGS will confirm initial swimming team selections by 1 December 2025 and final selections by 15 June 2026.
- 6.4 Final selection to the Glasgow 2026 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.

## 7. PARA-SWIMMING SPECIFIC SELECTION POLICY & PROCESS

### 7.1 General Selection Details

- 7.1.1 In accordance with the Commonwealth Games Federation and statues and Glasgow 2026 competition rules, the maximum number of athletes selected by any country for each individual event will be three.
- 7.1.2 In addition to the eligibility criteria of the CGF Constitution and Byelaws (see Appendix 1), Para-Swimmers must also meet the additional eligibility criteria, and, as such, to be eligible an athlete must:
- 7.1.2.1 Be internationally classified with a confirmed sport class status or review with a fixed date of 2027 or later at the sports entries' deadline of 23 June 2026:
- 7.1.2.2 Hold an active WPS Licence for the 2026 season.

### 7.2 Competition Events

- 7.2.1 All Para-Swimming events are listed below:

Women's Medal Events	Men's Medal Events
1. 50m Freestyle S13	1. 50m Freestyle S7
2. 100m Freestyle S9	2. 50m Freestyle S13
3. 100m Freestyle S13	3. 100m Freestyle S13
4. 100m Backstroke S9	4. 100m Backstroke S9
5. 100m Breaststroke SB8	5. 100m Breaststroke SB9
6. 200m Freestyle S14	6. 100m Butterfly S10
7. 200m IM SM10	7. 200m Freestyle S14

- 7.2.2 In accordance with 10.3.1.2 of the WPS Rules and Regulations (April 2024), athletes from a lower sport class than the single sport class of the respective medal event will be eligible to qualify. Athletes that have obtained a qualification slot may enter all events in which they are eligible to compete within, providing that the entry does not exceed the maximum number of three athletes from Scotland within the event.

### **7.3 Para-Swimming Specific Qualification System**

7.3.1 The Para-Swimming Qualification System consists of two methods of qualification for the Glasgow 2026:

7.3.1.1 Direct Qualification – World Para-Swimming Commonwealth Rankings (Ranking Period: 1 January 2025 – 28 February 2026) (see 7.3.2)

7.3.1.2 Bipartite Invitation (see 7.3.3)

#### **7.3.2 Direct Qualification Method**

7.3.2.1 The top seven ranked athletes, adjusted to three per nation, per medal event on the WPS Commonwealth Rankings at the close of the ranking period as at 23.59 UTC on 28 February 2026 will be allocated a Direct Qualification Slot.

7.3.2.2 Any unused Direct Qualification Slot may be reallocated to the next highest ranked athlete on the WPS Commonwealth rankings list.

7.3.2.3 Any Scottish Athlete(s) named in the top seven ranked athletes on the WPS Commonwealth adjusted three per nation Ranking List and allocated a slot by CGF will be nominated by Scottish Swimming to CGS.

7.3.2.4 Any Scottish Athlete(s) invited through the reallocation process will be nominated by Scottish Swimming to CGS provided they have achieved both of the following criteria:

- A top 10 ranking in the initial WPS Commonwealth adjusted ranking list outlined in 7.3.2.1
- Their ranked time is within three percent of the seventh ranked time in the WPS Commonwealth-adjusted ranking list outlined in 7.3.2.1

7.3.2.5 All Direct Qualification slots (including reallocated slots) are awarded to a CGS by athlete by name and are therefore non-transferable

7.3.2.6 Eligible athletes that have been allocated a Direct Qualification slot may enter all events in which they are eligible to compete within, providing the entry does not exceed the maximum of three athletes for Scotland within the event.

#### **7.3.3 Bipartite Invitation**

7.3.3.1 One Bipartite Invitation slot per medal event will be issued by 'The Bipartite Commission' (CGF Director of Sport and the Head of WPS or their appointed designates)

7.3.3.2 Any Scottish Athlete(s) invited through the Bipartite Invitation process will be nominated by Scottish Swimming to CGS provided they have achieved both of the following criteria:

- A top 10 ranking in the initial WPS Commonwealth adjusted ranking list outlined in 7.3.2.1
- Their ranked time is within three percent of the seventh ranked time in the WPS Commonwealth-adjusted ranking list outlined in 7.3.2.1

7.3.3.3 All Bipartite Invitation slots are awarded to a CGS by athlete by name and therefore are non-transferable.

7.3.3.4 Eligible athletes that have been allocated a Bipartite Invitation slot may enter all events in which they are eligible to compete within, providing the entry does not exceed the maximum of three athletes for Scotland within the event.

#### 7.3.4 Qualification Timeline

Date	Milestones
1 January 2025	Para Swimming ranking period commences
28 February 2026	Para Swimming ranking period closes
16 March 2026	CGS deadline to submit Bipartite Invitation applications to the CGF
By 21 March 2026	CGF to issue Direct Qualification slots
28 March 2026	Confirmation of Acceptance Deadline: CGS to confirm acceptance of Direct Qualification slots
29 March – 20 April 2026	Reallocation of returned Qualification slots
By 30 March 2026	CGF to issue Bipartite Invitation slots to CGS
6 April 2026	Confirmation of Acceptance Deadline: CGS to confirm acceptance of Bipartite Invitation slots

#### 7.3.5 Selection Process Timeline

7.3.5.1 Scottish Swimming will communicate nominations from Direct Qualification to be made to CGS by 22 March 2026. CGS will confirm selections by 24 March 2026.

7.3.5.2 Scottish Swimming will submit nominations following reallocation of any direct Qualification to CGS within three days of receiving the invitation from CGF and CGS will confirm selections within three days. Period of invitation is outlined in section 7.3.4

7.3.5.3 Following discussions between Scottish Swimming and CGS, a Bipartite invitation request will only be submitted to the CGF, if it is agreed that a named athlete has achieved the standard in 7.3.3.2 and is deemed that they will not receive a direct qualification invitation via the WPS Commonwealth adjusted ranking list. Scottish Swimming will submit this request to CGS by 10 March 2026 and CGS will submit this to CGF by 15 March 2026.

7.3.5.4 Final selection to the Team Scotland 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.

## **8. DE-SELECTION**

### **8.1 Anti-doping**

8.1.1 Athletes suspended by Aquatics GB and/or Scottish Swimming due to ongoing or concluded anti-doping violation allegations, will not be considered for selection, and if previously selected will be de-selected from the Glasgow 2026 team.

### **8.2 Form, Fitness, Injury and Wellbeing Management**

8.2.1 Where form, fitness, injury or psychological wellbeing issues are identified at or after selection, physical tests and/or medical assessments may be used to determine that the athlete is capable of performing to the level that they were selected for Glasgow 2026.

8.2.2 The format will be determined by CGS after discussion with the NC. 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 made by CGS after discussion with the NC and will be final.

### **8.3 Conduct**

8.3.1 Athletes in breach of Scottish Swimming policies, code of conduct or team agreements may be removed from the pool of athlete nominations.

8.3.2 Athletes in breach of CGS policies, code of conduct or team agreements may be de-selected.

## **9. APPEAL PROCESS**

### **9.1 Appeals related to non-nomination**

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

9.1.2 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.

9.1.3. Following communication of nominations, the following shall apply:

#### **9.1.3.1 Swimming**

All appeals must be received by 1200 hours (midday) on 28 April 2026, in writing by email, to the Scottish Swimming Chief Executive Officer (CEO), John Lunn, ([j.lunn@scottishswimming.com](mailto:j.lunn@scottishswimming.com)) clearly stating the grounds upon which Team Scotland Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games Swimming Selection Policy and Standards the appeal is made. In all instances, Scottish Swimming will respond in writing by email to the athlete within two days, notifying them of the outcome of the Appeal Process.

### 9.1.3.2 Para-Swimming

- For Direct Qualification invites there will be no appeals process as all invitations will be nominated to CGS.
- For reallocated Direct Qualification invites all appeals must be received within 24 hours of being advised of the invitation to compete, in writing by email, to the Scottish Swimming CEO ([j.lunn@scottishswimming.com](mailto:j.lunn@scottishswimming.com)) clearly stating the grounds upon which Team Scotland Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games Para-Swimming Selection Policy and Standards the appeal is made. In all instances, Scottish Swimming will respond in writing by email to the athlete within two days, notifying them of the outcome of the Appeal Process.

9.1.4 Appeals will be heard by a three-member Appeals Panel appointed by the Scottish Swimming 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.

9.1.5 The Appeals Panel will operate in line with Scottish Swimming's internal appeal procedures.

## 9.2 Appeals related to non-selection by CGS

9.2.1 Scottish Swimming can appeal to the CGS if athletes that have been nominated by Scottish Swimming are not selected.

9.2.2 An appeal against CGS non-selection on behalf of an athlete may only be submitted by Scottish Swimming and not by any individual athlete.

9.2.3 If an appeal is submitted to CGS by Scottish Swimming, a CGS Appeal Panel will consider the case along with any additional information provided. The appeal must be made by email to the CGS CEO ([jon.doig@teamsotland.scot](mailto:jon.doig@teamsotland.scot)) within three days of notification of selection outcomes to Scottish Swimming by CGS.

## 10. APPOINTMENT OF TEAM STAFF

10.1 A Team Manager will be appointed by CGS in consultation with Scottish Swimming by July 2025.

10.2 The final complement of swimming team staff attending Glasgow 2026 will ultimately depend upon team numbers and composition and will be determined by CGS in consultation with Scottish Swimming. This will include different categories of accreditation and access to Glasgow 2026 accommodation and other secure areas.

### 10.3 Coach Nomination Process

10.3.1 The NC will act as the Team Leader for the swimming team and will appoint one coach as Head Coach of the Swimming and Para-Swimming Team for Glasgow 2026 (the Team).

10.3.2 Following the completion of the swimming selection process, additional coaching staff will be nominated to the Team by the NC.

10.3.3 Confirmed coaches will be required to play a full part in the preparation of the Team as identified by the NC.

10.3.4 Coaches whose normal coaching duties are based out with Scotland will not be considered for selection.

10.3.5 Coaches must hold the minimum of a Scottish Swimming Level 3 Coaching qualification, or an equivalent award from another nation or organisation.

10.3.6 A minimum coach/athlete ratio of 1:6 will be applied, excluding the Team Leader and depending on accreditations provided by CGS.

10.3.7 There will be no appeal process for coach selections.

#### **10.4 Coach Conduct**

10.4.1 Team staff in breach of CGS policies, code of conduct or team agreements may be de-selected.

## APPENDIX 1 – CGF BYELAW 17

### 1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. 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 - Glasgow 2026 Selection Group**

### **Terms of Reference**

#### **1. Group Purpose**

The purpose of the Commonwealth Games, Glasgow 2026 Selection Group (SG) is to:

- 1.1 Support Scottish Swimming in the development of the Swimming Selection Policy (Swimming and Para-Swimming), including selection process, for Glasgow 2026
- 1.2 Track on-going performance up to the conclusion of the selection process to support the development of a 2026 long list.
- 1.3 Ensure that the application of the Glasgow 2026 Swimming Selection policy is applied, as the policy is intended, collating a record of decisions as part of the process.
- 1.4 Support Scottish Swimming with the nomination process of athletes to CGS.
- 1.5 Provide any required information to Scottish Swimming in relation to the Scottish Swimming athlete appeals process.
- 1.6 Support Scottish Swimming to provide information in relation to any CGS athlete appeals process.

#### **2. Group Composition**

The SG will be composed of the following personnel:

##### **2.1 Invited Members**

- Chair
- One person from within the sport with experience of selection policies, application and performance tracking
- One person from out-with the sport to provide alternative views and feedback on the selection of coaching staff

##### **2.2 Scottish Swimming Performance Team**

- National Coach
- Performance Programme Manager
- Disability Performance Development Manager

##### **2.3 Additional Personnel**

- On the agreement of the Chair, additional contributors can be invited to attend in order to provide additional information around specific agenda items.

#### **3. Meeting Frequency**

- SG shall meet as required and agreed by the group on an on-going basis.