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ATHLETICS SPORT SPECIFIC SELECTION STANDARDS

10. Qualification Period

To be considered as part of the nomination process, athletes must achieve **one** of the Selection Standards below within the following qualification period:

00:00 (GMT) Wed 1 January 2025 to 23:59 (GMT) Sun 7 June 2026

11. Selection Standards

Men	Event	Women
10.15	100m	11.29
20.64	200m	23.01
45.47	400m	51.74
1:46.68	800m	2:00.82
3:37.24 / 3:54.24	1500m/Mile	4:05.65 / 4:25.65
13:37.29	5000m	15:26.64
28:01.31	10,000m/10k	32:17.71
40:45.38	10,000m Race Walk	47:14.13
8:36.11	3000m S/C	9:55.02
13.55	110m/100mH	13.13
50.02	400mH	56.12
2.23	High Jump	1.85
5.31	Pole Vault	4.25
7.89	Long Jump	6.48
16.20	Triple Jump	13.34
19.44	Shot	16.97
60.66	Discus	55.50
69.76	Hammer	63.35
77.51	Javelin	56.31
7516	Dec/Hep	5482
39.44	4 x 100m	44.88
3:17.51	Mixed 4 x 400m	3:17.51

12. Achievement of the Selection Standards shall not result in automatic nomination to CGS.
13. The maximum number of athletes selected by any country for each individual event is three (3).
14. Where more than three athletes attain the Selection Standards in an individual event then athletes will be selected for nomination based on consideration of the criteria as outlined in the relevant rounds of Phase 2 (paragraph 50).
15. In the event that the number of athletes achieving the Selection Standards exceeds the number of athletics team places available, then athletes will be selected for nomination based on consideration of the criteria as outlined in the relevant rounds of Phase 2 (paragraph 50).

Relay Teams

16. The maximum number of Relay Teams ("Team(s)") nominated for each relay event shall be one (1).
17. A Team may be considered for nomination based on any of the following three conditions (not listed in order of priority):
 - 17.1 The selection standard for the relay (paragraph 1) is achieved or;
 - 17.2 All athletes meet the selection criteria for individual events or;
 - 17.3 Two or more athletes meet the selection criteria for individual events and the addition of further athletes* indicates that the Team could achieve a performance which meets the aims of this Policy.
18. With reference to the conditions outlined under paragraph 17.1 and 17.3, should a Team be under consideration for nomination, the minimum pool of athletes shall be five (5).
19. For the avoidance of doubt, the athletes who are members of a Team that has met the Selection Standards shall not be automatically selected for the Nominated Team. Each individual who shall form the Nominated Team(s) shall be separately selected on merit with reference to the nomination criteria (paragraph 50).
20. Individual athletes, forming a Team, who do not individually meet the Selection Standards shall only be considered as part of a relay pool if there is evidence that their contribution to the Nominated Team could achieve a performance that meets the aims of this Policy.
21. Nominations for Teams will take place during Phase 2 and will be prioritised in line with the aims of this Policy and the criteria outlined in paragraph 50.
22. Given the restricted number of allocated places available, a scenario where four (4) or more athletes have achieved individual Selection Standards will increase the likelihood of a team being considered during round 2 or round 3 of the Phase 2 selection.

OTHER FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION

23. All nominated athletes must have completed the required anti-doping education.

Performance Considerations

24. Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at university or school competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised.

25. UK domestic competition performances will only be recognised if they are achieved in a UKA Level 2 licensed competition or higher (see www.uka.org.uk/competitions/fixtures/ for details on the UKA competition licenses).

26. Multiple performances achieved in the same individual event in a single day at an official Championship of UK national level or higher will only count as follows:

- In a track event – best time in each round within the day.
- In a field event – only the best mark in the final and best mark in the pool.

27. Performances otherwise achieved in the same individual event in a single day will count as follows:

- In track events, only the fastest legal result of the day;
- In throwing events, only the best performance of the first competition of the day;
- In horizontal jumps, only the best performance of the first competition of the day, unless every mark achieved by the athlete was wind-assisted in which case the best trial in a second competition held under non-wind-assisted conditions will count.

28. Performances in mixed events between male and female participants, held completely in a stadium, may be accepted under specific circumstances (see WA rule 9 Mixed Competition): <https://worldathletics.org/about-iaaf/documents/book-of-rules>

29. Performances in mixed gender 10k road events will be considered on courses certified by the National Federation of the country in which the competition was organised.

30. Wind-assisted performances (or performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available) for events held completely in a stadium will not be considered. (see World Athletics rules 260.14(c), 260.17 (b) and 260.18).

31. For combined events, the conditions set in World Athletics rule 11.4 (or any revised or amended rule relating to wind readings in combined events in force at the time) will be applied for qualification purposes. This requires one of the following conditions to be satisfied:

- The wind velocity in any individual event shall not exceed plus 4 metres per second; or
- The average wind velocity (based on the algebraic sum of the wind velocities, as measured for each individual event, divided by the number of such events) shall not exceed plus 2 m/s.

32. Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110/100m hurdles, 400m hurdles and 4x100m relay will not be considered.
33. A fully approved automatic timing device must be used in all track events up to and including 400m. Failure to do so will render a result invalid for consideration.
34. In endurance events of 800m and longer, where automatic timing has been compromised, hand times shall be considered. In these exceptional circumstances the performance must have been timed by three timekeepers each of whom should be Level 4 Technical Officials.
35. 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m hurdles, 400m hurdles performances at altitudes of above 950m will not be considered.
36. Indoor performances will be considered for all appropriate field events and for individual track events with a distance of 200m and above.
37. Indoor performances must be set on a standard 200m indoor track.

SELECTION PROCESS

38. The primary consideration in nominating any athlete for selection will be their outdoor performance(s) achieved during the Qualification Period.
39. However, at the sole discretion of **scottishathletics** Selection Panel, athletes who, in **scottishathletics'** opinion, represent a very strong medal prospect but due to exceptional circumstances have been unable to perform to the best of their ability during the Qualification Period may be considered for nomination subject to proving form and fitness (with reference to paragraph 51) to the satisfaction of the **scottishathletics** Selection Panel prior to the end of the Qualification Period.
40. Where an athlete attains the Selection Standards in more than one event, prior to the selection meeting, they will be asked to confirm the event(s) in which they wish to be considered for nomination. Priority event(s), where relevant, will then be agreed with the athlete prior to the start of the athletics programme at the 2026 Games.
41. Where an athlete has attained the Selection Standard in one *individual* event, they may still be nominated for a second event at the sole discretion of the Selection Panel. Priority event(s) will then be agreed with the athlete prior to the start of the athletics programme at the 2026 Games.
42. Where an athlete has subsequently been entered for more than one event the final decision on any additional events the athlete competes in lies with the athlete and Team Scotland Athletics Team Management in Glasgow, taking account their priority event(s) (as outlined above), the event schedule, selection priorities and local 2026 Games factors.
43. Final selection to the 2026 Games team is dependent on the provision of relevant information required by CGS such as completion and signing of the CGF Eligibility form and CGS Team Member Agreement.

44. Selection Panel

44.1 Nominations will be made by the **scottishathletics** Selection Panel which shall be comprised by the following individuals:

- **scottishathletics** President (Chair of Selectors – casting vote only)
- **scottishathletics** Head of Performance (voting)
- Convenor Track & Field Commission (voting)
- CGS Representative (monitoring role, non-voting)
- Independent Panel Member (non-voting)

44.2 At the discretion of the Chair of Selectors, where appropriate, additional non-voting attendees with relevant expertise may be invited to attend.

44.3 In the event of an actual, potential, or possible conflict relating to any voting member of the Panel, it should be reported to the Chair of Selectors of the selection meeting who shall determine whether the voting member in question should be permitted to take part in relation to any selection decision(s). The Chair of Selectors may appoint an alternative voting member if necessary.

45. Nomination and Selection Timeline

Nominations will be submitted to CGS by **scottishathletics** in two phases as outlined in the table below.

Qualification Window Opens	Wed 1 January 2025 (00:00 GMT)
Phase 1 Nominations – SA submit to CGS	by 1 October 2025
Phase 1 Selections – Confirmed by CGS	by 15 October 2025
Qualification Window Closes	7 June 2026 (23:59 GMT)
Phase 2 Nominations Meeting	8 June 2026
Phase 2 Nominations – SA submit to CGS	by 15 June 2026
Phase 2 Selections – CGS Confirmed	by 16 June 2026

46. Due to time and logistical constraints, it is not possible for **scottishathletics** to contact all athletes who have not been nominated. If an athlete has not been notified by 10:00 Tuesday 9 June, they have not been nominated. There is no obligation on **scottishathletics** to notify of non-nomination.

47. Phase 1:

47.1 Athletes may be nominated in Phase 1, and without achieving the Selection Standard, provided they:

- Finish in the top 12 at the Tokyo World Championships; and
- Have agreed to prioritise the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games; and
- Meet all other selection criteria as outlined in this policy.

47.2 A maximum of 2 athletes per event may be nominated in Phase 1.

- Athletes will only be nominated in the athletics event in which they have finished top 12 at the Tokyo World Championships.
- Phase 1 selections will be ratified during round 1 of the Phase 2 selection meeting.
- All pre-selected athletes will be expected to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Selection Panel, satisfactory form and fitness between the 1 April – 7 June 2026 which suggests that they are capable of producing a performance at the 2026 Games which meets the aims of this Policy.
- For the avoidance of doubt, there is no requirement to nominate any athletes in Phase 1 if the criteria summarised above and detailed throughout this policy are not met.

48. Phase 2

48.1 In Phase 2, the Selection Panel will nominate eligible athletes for the remaining allocated places provided they have:

- Achieved at least one of the Selection Standards by the end of the Qualification Period;
- Met all other relevant selection criteria as outlined in this Policy.

48.2 In Phase 2, remaining places will be allocated on a priority basis in the rounds outlined below:

- **Round 1** - Confirm form and fitness of athletes selected in Phase 1 (paragraph 48)
- **Round 2** - Medal Zone Athletes & Relay Teams
- **Round 3** - Top 6 Zone Athletes & Relay Teams

49. In deciding nominations, the Selection Panel shall consider a combination of the following criteria as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant to achieving the aims of this Policy. The following criteria is not listed in any order of preference. It may be given unequal weight to best meet the performance aims of this Policy.

- 49.1 The achievement of the Selection Standard(s) in accordance with paragraphs 10-22 and the performance considerations outlined in paragraphs 24-38 of this policy. World Athletics 2025 & 2026 Top Lists (at 3 Per Country)
- 49.2 Commonwealth 2025 & 2026 Top Lists (at 3 Per Country)
- 49.3 Previous major competition history
- 49.4 Current form and performance consistency
- 49.5 Head-to-heads, within the relevant Qualification Period
- 49.6 Injury/illness status
- 49.7 Any other factors that the Selection Panel deem relevant

In addition to the criteria above, the following apply to relay only

- 49.8 Impact on the number of overall allocated places
- 49.9 The number of athletes meeting individual Selection Standards
- 49.10 Specific relay skills including but not limited to: adaptability, ability to execute a particular leg, flat speed, check mark discipline; consistency of performance in key relay elements as determined by the Panel
- 49.11 Season's best and position in season Top Lists (3 per nation)
- 49.12 Head-to-heads with other relevant athletes
- 49.13 Impact on medal winning potential in relay teams
- 49.14 Contribution and commitment to relay team-based training / competition activity
- 49.15 Any other factors that the Selection Panel deem relevant

50. Form & Fitness:

Supporting evidence shall be provided to the Selection Panel, to support nominations, including (but not limited to) information and data from:

- Competition and training
- **scottishathletics** Head of Performance
- The relevant **scottishathletics** Performance Team Member
- The relevant Medical/ Support Staff (to include any relevant information on ongoing or recurring injuries and illnesses that may impact performance).

51. Athletes who have not been nominated to CGS by the **scottishathletics** Selection Panel may appeal against their non-nomination (paragraph 59).

52. Once finalised, nominations will be forwarded from **scottishathletics** to CGS, who has the final responsibility for team selection.

DE-SELECTION

53. Antidoping

Athletes suspended by their Governing Body as a result of ongoing or concluded anti-doping violation allegations, will not be considered for nomination or selection, and if previously selected will be de-selected from the Glasgow 2026 team.

54. Injury/ Illness Management

Where injury issues, or illness, 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 Athletics Team Management. This will be specific to Athletics 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 Athletics Team Management and will be final.

55. Athletes in breach of CGS policies, code of conduct and/or team agreements and/or any other rule or regulation may be removed from the pool of athlete nominations.

APPEAL PROCESS

Appeals against non-nomination to CGS (athletes to scottishathletics)

56. Following the meeting of the Selection Panel, the **scottishathletics** Head of Performance (or other nominated **scottishathletics** person) will contact all nominated athletes.

57. In the event an athlete wishes to appeal their non-nomination, they should carefully note the grounds for appeal and the deadlines as set out in this policy.

58. The sole grounds of appeal against the decision of the Selection Panel will be restricted to one of the following:

58.1 there has been a failure to follow and apply the content of this Policy; or

58.2 the Selection Panel has come to a decision on the basis of an error of fact and had the accurate information been considered/provided no other selection panel acting with reasonable care would have come to the same decision as the Selection Panel.

The right to appeal a nomination decision is permitted on these limited grounds only and must not be seen as an opportunity to dispute the opinion of the Selection Panel where the proper procedure outlined in this Policy has been followed and considered. In reaching its decision the Selection Panel are acting as experts in their field and the athletes agree that in so doing the panel exercises judgment and discretion based on its expert opinion which is not in itself capable of challenge.

59. The 'Notice of Appeal' (appeal) must be received in writing (by email) and be submitted to, and received by, the **scottishathletics** Chief Executive Officer (CEO) email colin.hutchison@scottishathletics.org.uk by 10:00 on Thursday 11 June. Any appeal received after the stated time and date shall be marked as out of time and not considered any further.

60. The appeal shall contain full details of the name, address and date of birth of the athlete and must outline in full the grounds of appeal upon which the athlete wishes to rely upon with reference to paragraph 59 above.

61. Appeals will be heard by the **scottishathletics** Appeals Panel.

62. The Appeals Panel will be made up of three representatives from **scottishathletics** who were not involved in the initial selection process: CEO; Board member and a member of **scottishathletics** with no conflict of interest.

63.1 The panel will meet to consider any appeals on Thursday 11 June 2026

63. Should the **scottishathletics** Appeals Panel uphold any athlete appeal(s) they will refer the matter to the Selection Panel for reconsideration. It is anticipated that the Selection Panel may, in the case of a cap/limit to Team numbers, require to consider afresh the selection/nomination of other athletes as a result of any successful appeals.

64. All appeal decisions will be communicated to the athlete(s) within 24 hours.

Appeals against non-selection of athletes by CGS (**scottishathletics** to CGS)

65. **scottishathletics** will also have the opportunity to appeal to CGS if athletes that it has nominated are not subsequently selected by CGS.

66. Individuals do not have the right to appeal directly to CGS nor do they have the right to oblige **scottishathletics** to appeal to CGS. The decision as to whether to appeal or not is at the sole and unfettered discretion of **scottishathletics**.

67. All CGS appeal decisions will be made ahead of a final announcement of the 2026 Games Team.

68. If an appeal is submitted to CGS by **scottishathletics**, a CGS Appeal Panel will consider the case along with any additional information provided.

69. The appeal must be made by **scottishathletics** by email to jon.doig@teamsotland.scot within 24 hours of notification of selection outcomes by CGS.

70. Phase 2 non-nomination Appeals Timeline

Action	Date & Time (GMT)
Nominated athletes are contacted by scottishathletics	by 10:00 Tuesday 9 June
Non nominated athlete request notes from selection meeting	by 14:00 Tuesday 9 June
scottishathletics to supply meeting notes	by 10:00 Wednesday 10 June
Athlete to submit Notice of Appeal	by 10:00 Thursday 11 June
Appeal Panel Hearing	Thursday 11 June
Outcome communicated to Athlete & scottishathletics	As soon as possible following the Appeal Panel Hearing

71. CGS and **scottishathletics** reserves the right at any time to amend, in their sole discretion, this Policy and will make any amended version publicly available on the CGS and **scottishathletics** websites.

APPOINTMENT OF TEAM STAFF

72.A Team Manager will be appointed by CGS in consultation with **scottishathletics** by July 2025. The final complement of Athletics team staff attending the Games will ultimately depend upon team numbers and composition and will be determined by CGS in consultation with **scottishathletics**. This will include different categories of accreditation and access to the Games accommodation and other secure areas.



PARA-ATHLETICS SELECTION POLICY & STANDARDS

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Additional Sport Specific Eligibility

10. To be eligible for selection an athlete must:
 - Be internationally classified with a confirmed sport class status or review with a fixed review date of 2027 or later as of the sport entries deadline of 23 June 2026;
 - Hold an active World Para Athletics (WPA) Licence for the 2026 season;
 - Have achieved a valid result in at least one (1) WPA Recognised Competition within the qualification period outlined in paragraph 11 of this policy (in accordance with the WPA Athlete Licensing Programme Policies valid for the 2025-2026 seasons) in the event(s) in which they intend to compete;
 - Not be under a current disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or WPA or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
 - Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, WPA and the World Anti- Doping Code as may be modified and applied by the CGF to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed;
 - Have met the CGF's eligibility regulations in accordance with the CGF Constitution;
 - Have complied with the minimum age regulations as stipulated by WPA;
 - WPA and CGF may consider any valid, personal, and or extenuating circumstances for not being compliant with the above eligibility requirements. All decisions made by WPA and CGF are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal;
 - WPA and CGF may consider and take into account, at its sole discretion, any personal and/or extenuating circumstances for an athlete having not satisfied both **scottishathletics** and CGF's eligibility criteria. All such decisions made by WPA and CGF are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.

GAMES COMPETITION FORMAT & SPORT SPECIFIC SELECTION INFORMATION

11. Qualification Period:

00:00 (GMT) Wed 1 Jan 2025 – 23:59 (GMT) Tues 31 March 2026.

12. Medal Events

The following events will be contested by para sport athletes (Elite Athletes with a Disability) at the 2026 Games:

Women's Medal Events	Eligible Sports Classes
1. 100m T38	• T37/38
2. 100m T47	• T45/46/47
3. 200m T38	• T37/38
4. 400m T54	• T53/54
5. 1500m T54	• T53/54
6. Discus F42-44/F61-64	• F42/43/44/F61/62/63/64 (Raza Points)
7. Shot Put F57	• F55/56/57
8. Long Jump T38	• T37/38

Men's Medal Events	Eligible Sports Classes
1. 100m T12	• T11/12
2. 100m T38	• T37/38
3. 100m T47	• T45/46/47
4. 1500m T20	• T20
5. 1500m T54	• T53/54
6. Discus F42-44/F61-64	• F42/43/44/F61/62/63/64 (Raza Points)
7. Shot Put F57	• F55/56/57
8. Long Jump T20	• T20

** Each athlete entered in the Men's 100m T12 event is entitled to one (1) guide not included in the maximum possible slot allocation.*

13. Only results achieved by athletes at WPA recognised competitions are eligible for the World Rankings.

14. The eligibility of Guide Runners will be in line with the relevant CGF rules.

NOMINATION PROCESS

15. Timeline

Para Athletics Qualification window opens	Wed 1 January 2025
Para Athletics Qualification period closes	Tues 31 March 2026
CGF to confirm qualified slots with CGS	By Friday 10 April 2026
CGS to advise scottishathletics of invitations	Immediately upon receipt, by 10 April
scottishathletics confirm nominations	By 23:59 Thurs 16 April 2026
CGS to confirm initial selections	By Friday 17 April 2026
Re-allocation of returned places	Fri 17 – Thurs 30 April 2026

16. The WPA World Rankings will be used to allocate seven slots per medal event (paragraph 12).

16.1 In the first instance, up to 2 athletes per CGA can qualify for a Direct Qualification slot per event. Should there be no further eligible athletes on the WPA Commonwealth Rankings, then CGAs with the highest ranked third athlete will be eligible to receive a third Direct Qualification slot per event.

16.2 In all circumstances, the maximum number of athletes that can be selected by any country for each event will be three (3).

16.3 Receipt of an invitation is not a guarantee of automatic selection.

17 Selection Panel

17.1 Nominations will be made by the **scottishathletics** Selection Panel which shall comprise of the following individuals:

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18 In deciding nominations, the Selection Panel shall consider a combination of the following criteria as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant to achieving the aims of this Policy. The following criteria is not listed in any order of preference. It may be given unequal weight to best meet the performance aims of this Policy.

- Performance in the Qualification Period in relation to the 3rd highest ranked WPA performance
- WPA Ranking
- Commonwealth Ranking
- Current form and performance consistency
- Future individual medal potential at major events
- Previous major competition history
- Injury/illness status

19 Any re-allocation slot invitations will be forwarded to **scottishathletics** from CGS. In deciding nominations, the Selection Panel will follow the same process as outlined in paragraph 18.

20 Form and Fitness

- 20.1 All selected athletes shall be expected to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Selection Panel, satisfactory form and fitness between the 1 April – 7 June 2026 which suggests that they are capable of producing a performance at the 2026 Games which meets the aims of this Policy.
- 20.2 Supporting evidence shall include (but shall not be limited to) information and data from:
- Competition and training
 - **scottishathletics** Head of Performance
 - The relevant **scottishathletics** Performance point of contact and
 - The relevant Medical/ Support Staff
- 21 Athletes who have not been nominated by the **scottishathletics** Selection Panel to CGS may appeal against their non-nomination (paragraph 29).
- 22 Final selection to the 2026 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.
- 23 All nominated athletes must have completed all required anti-doping education.

DESELECTION

24 Anti-doping

Athletes suspended by their governing body as a result of ongoing or concluded anti-doping violation allegations, will not be considered for nomination or selection, and if previously selected, will be deselected from Team Scotland 2026.

25 Injury/ Illness Management

Where injury issues, or illness, 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 2026 Games. The format will be determined by CGS after discussion with the Athletics Team Management. This will be specific to Athletics 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 Athletics Team Management and will be final.

- 26 Athletes in breach of CGS policies, code of conduct and team agreement may be de- selected.

APPEAL PROCESS

Appeals against non-nomination to CGS (athletes to **scottishathletics**)

- 27 Following the selection meeting, the **scottishathletics** Head of Performance (or other nominated **scottishathletics** representative) will contact all nominated athletes.
- 28 In the event an athlete wishes to appeal their non-nomination, they should carefully note the grounds for appeal and the deadlines as set out in this Policy.

29 The sole grounds of appeal against the decision of the selection panel (45) will be restricted to one of the following:

29.1 there has been a failure to follow and apply the content of this Policy; or

29.2 the Selection Panel has come to a decision on the basis of an error of fact and had the accurate information been considered/provided no other selection panel acting with reasonable care would have come to the same decision as the Selection Panel.

The right to appeal a nomination decision is permitted on these limited grounds only and must not be seen as an opportunity to dispute the opinion of the Selection Panel where the proper procedure outlined in this Policy has been followed and considered. In reaching its decision the Selection Panel are acting as experts in their field and the athletes agree that in so doing the panel exercises judgment and discretion based on its expert opinion which is not in itself capable of challenge.

30 The 'Notice of Appeal' (appeal) must be received in writing (by email) and be submitted to, and received by, the **scottishathletics** Chief Executive Officer (CEO) email colin.hutchison@scottishathletics.org.uk, by 23:59 on 08 April 2026 (within 24 hrs of communication of non-nomination of re-allocation slot(s)). Any appeal received after the stated time and date shall be marked as out of time and not considered any further.

31 The appeal shall contain full details of the name, address and date of birth of the athlete and must outline in full the grounds (paragraph 29) upon which the appeal is being made.

32 Appeals will be heard by the **scottishathletics** Appeals Panel.

33 The Appeals Panel will be made up of three representatives from **scottishathletics** who were not involved in the initial selection process: CEO; Board member and a member of **scottishathletics** with no conflict of interest.

33.1 This panel will meet to consider any appeals by Wednesday 9 April 2026 (within 24 hrs of communication of non-nomination of re-allocation slot(s))

34 Should the **scottishathletics** Appeals Panel uphold any athlete appeal(s) they will refer the matter to the selection panel for reconsideration. It is anticipated that the Selection Panel may, in the case of a cap/limit to Team numbers, require to consider afresh the selection/nomination of other athletes as a result of any successful appeals.

35 Where an appeal is not upheld, the decision will be communicated back to the athlete(s) within 24 hours.

Appeals against non-selection of athletes by CGS (scottishathletics to CGS)

36 **scottishathletics** will also have the opportunity to appeal to CGS if athletes that it has nominated are not subsequently selected by CGS.

37 Individuals do not have the right to appeal directly to CGS nor do they have the right to oblige **scottishathletics** to appeal to CGS. The decision as to whether to appeal or not is at the sole and unfettered discretion of **scottishathletics**.

- 38 All CGS appeal decisions will be made ahead of a final announcement of the 2026 Games Team.
- 39 If an appeal is submitted to CGS by **scottishathletics**, a CGS Appeal Panel will consider the case along with any additional information provided.
- 40 The appeal must be made by **scottishathletics** by email to jon.doig@teamsotland.scot within 24 hours of notification of selection outcomes by CGS.
- 41 Appeal dates for any athlete involved in the re-allocation slot process are detailed in brackets listed in the relevant points above.
- 42 **Initial Nominations Appeals Timeline**

Action	Date & Time (GMT)
All athletes are contacted by scottishathletics	by 17:00 Monday 13 April 2026
Athlete to submit Notice of Appeal	by 12:00 Wednesday 15 April
Appeal Panel Hearing	Thursday 16 April
Outcome communicated to Athlete & scottishathletics	As soon as possible following the Appeal Panel Hearing

- 43 **scottishathletics** and CGS reserves the right at any time to amend, in their sole discretion, this Policy and will make any amended version publicly available on the CGS and **scottishathletics** websites.

APPENDIX 1 – CGF BYELAW 17

1. ELIGIBILITY
<p>1.1. 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, 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: - <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.