

BRITISH WEIGHT LIFTING SELECTION POLICY

COMPETITION: 2017 IPC WORLD PARA-POWERLIFTING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
(SENIOR AND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS)

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OVERVIEW

The 2017 World Para Powerlifting (WPP) Junior and Senior World Championships will take place in Mexico City, Mexico, between September 30th and October 6th 2017.

This selection policy has been created in line with British Weight Lifting's (BWL) UK Sport funded mission of sending British Powerlifters to the 2020 Paralympic Games with the potential to win 1-2 medals.

This selection policy will support World Class Program (WCP) members in establishing their eligibility for Tokyo 2020 by satisfying the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Paralympic Qualification Pathway outlined by IPC World Para Powerlifting. Aligned with the WPP Paralympic Qualification Pathway attending this competition is the first **mandatory competition** in which attendance at facilitates eligibility for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

This selection policy is designed to fully support members of the WCP at the time of selection.

This selection policy will support non-WCP athletes who can invest in themselves by contributing to competition costs.

This selection policy will facilitate participation for both senior and junior athletes capable of demonstrating the potential to medal at a Paralympic Games in 2020 or 2024

This policy will also direct athlete's attentions to Home Nation selection policies, funding pathways and people for representation of England, Wales, Scotland and N.Ireland at this event in order to qualify for the 2018 Commonwealth Games (CWG).

Please be aware this policy is subject to final funding decisions for the 2017 to 2021 Tokyo Paralympic Cycle. The level of non-WPC athlete self-investment will dependent on final funding announcements at the end of March 2017. Any updates or changes will be published online at <http://britishweightlifting.org/>. Any queries can be sent to tom.whittaker@britishweightlifting.org.

1. GREAT BRITAIN ELIGIBILITY

1.1. WCP Athlete Eligibility Requirements

To be considered to represent Great Britain at the IPC World Para-Powerlifting World Championships, WCP members, at the time of selection, must satisfy the following for the BWL WCP to fund participation;

- 1.1.1. Be a member of the BWL WCP for 2017 – 2018; In addition;
 - 1.1.1.1. Have a competition plan that has identified this event as part of their development strategy for 2017
 - 1.1.1.2. Have a current performance profile which meets agreed WCP performance objectives
 - 1.1.1.3. There must be evidence the athlete has adhered to the WCP membership obligations
- 1.1.2. Be a citizen of the United Kingdom and hold a valid British passport that expires at least 6 months after the day of departure
- 1.1.3. Be a current member of British Weight Lifting (BWL), in good standing and not in dispute with BWL and/or its affiliated bodies or partners
- 1.1.4. Compliant with BWL's Anti-Doping Controls and Procedures at BWL's discretion and direction
- 1.1.5. Athletes must satisfy IPC eligibility rules and be able to obtain an IPC License for the 2017 Summer Season
- 1.1.6. Have gone through and been successful at National Classification assessment and/or International Classification assessment with either confidence in being successful at assessment or having achieved a 'confirmed' or 'review' sport status for 2017 with respect to the latter
- 1.1.7. Have competed in an approved IPC World Para Powerlifting competition between 01st September 2016 and 16th July 2017
- 1.1.8. Have met the BWL Minimum Qualifying Standards (MQS) in a given weight class for this competition (Section 2) * within the time period described in Section 1, point 1.1.7.
- 1.1.9. Have a development trajectory and or current performance level which demonstrates the potential to win medals at the Paralympic Games
- 1.1.10. Athletes must compete at the 2017 British Championships to demonstrate current form and provide evidence of performance potential at the 2017 World Para-Powerlifting Championships †

*In accordance with IPC rule 4.1 athletes may be entered into a weight class that they did not qualify in when specific entry and team size rules and regulations can apply. These rules may be utilised by BWL during the selection process at their discretion if doing so increases the likelihood of meeting UK Sport annual performance milestone targets or winning medals at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games. British Weight Lifting will take into consideration athletes preferences but will select athletes for weight classes that increase the likelihood of athletes finishing in the highest position wherever possible and/or contributes to a better overall team performance.

† BWL, at their discretion will consider reasons and evidence for not competing at the British Championships 2017 or not satisfying other selection criteria. Reasons and evidence must be submitted to Tom Whittaker by email prior to the British Championships.

Please be aware for some athletes the British Championships may be the last opportunity to meet IPC eligibility criteria if they have not competed in any other approved IPC competition since 01st Jan 2015.

1.2. Non-WCP Athlete Eligibility Requirements

To be considered to represent Great Britain at the 2017 IPC World Para-Powerlifting World Championships, athletes not holding membership to the BWL WCP at the time of selection must satisfy the following criteria and be able to invest towards their own participation costs to become eligible for selection*

- 1.2.1. Satisfy the eligibility requirements in section 1; 1.1.2. – 1.1.10.
- 1.2.2. Have expressed their desire to become eligible for the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games and intention to qualify for and participate at this competition via email to Tom Whittaker at tom.whittaker@britishweightlifting.org by 01st May 2017

***The level of self investment non-world class program athletes need to pay is subject to final funding decisions at the end of March 2017 and will be communicated thereafter.**

1.3. Home Nation Eligibility (Commonwealth Games qualification pathway)

For athletes with ambitions of attending this competition to represent their Home Nation in order to qualify for their respective CWG's Team at the 2018 CWG's they must satisfy the following;

- 1.3.1. Satisfy the eligibility requirements in section 1; 1.1.2. – 1.1.7.
- 1.3.2. Compete at the 2017 British Championships
- 1.3.3. The respective Home Nation body must demonstrate how an athlete can contribute to that Commonwealth nations performance objectives at the CWG's in 2018, This information should be submitted to Tom Whittaker prior to the British Championships (email below).

Please contact Tom Whittaker at tom.whittaker@britishweightlifting.org who will forward you onto the relevant contact person within the relevant Home Nation organisation.

2. GREAT BRITAIN MINIMUM QUALIFYING TOTALS

SENIOR AND JUNIOR MEN

Weight Class	49	54	59	65	72	80	88	97	107	107+
Senior MQS (KG)	119	126	136	147	155	161	167	172	182	187
Junior MQS (KG)	90	98	106	117	125	131	137	142	152	157

SENIOR AND JUNIOR WOMEN

Weight Class	41	45	50	55	61	67	73	79	86	86+
Senior MQS (KG)	60	68	76	79	81	83	84	89	91	92
Junior MQS (KG)	45	53	61	64	66	68	69	74	76	78

3. GREAT BRITAIN SELECTION

3.1. Process Overview

- 3.1.1. The selection panel will convene to select athletes on the 17th July 2017, aligned with IPC entry rules and regulations and this selection policy
- 3.1.2. All athletes who have achieved the BWL MQS during the selection period (see section 1, point 1.1.7.) and have expressed their desire to participate at this competition will be considered for selection
- 3.1.3. The athletes on the WCP at the time of selection will have 100% of the associated competition costs covered by BWL (this does not include domestic travel or accommodation)
- 3.1.4. Non-WCP athletes who have achieved the BWL MQS will be provisionally selected pending agreed levels of self investment to be paid to BWL based on final funding announcements at the end of March 2017
- 3.1.5. The selection panel may set conditions and targets for each athlete, some of which may have to be met before departure as part of confirmation of fitness procedures

- 3.1.6. BWL, at their discretion reserve the right to fund an athlete's participation regardless of WCP membership status, should budgets allow

3.2. WCP Athlete Selection Process

- 3.2.1. Athletes who are current members of the BWL WCP at the time of selection will be provisionally selected having satisfied the eligibility criteria in section 1 (1.1.)
- 3.2.2. The selection panel will review the selection criteria satisfied by the athlete, including but not limited to:
 - 3.2.2.1. Membership status on the WCP
 - 3.2.2.2. Performance trajectory and potential to medal at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games
 - 3.2.2.3. Having a competition plan that has identified this event as part of their development strategy for 2017
 - 3.2.2.4. Injury status, history and evidence the athlete has managed their health well in the last 12 months
 - 3.2.2.5. Having a current performance profile which meets agreed WCP performance objectives
 - 3.2.2.6. Evidence the athlete has adhered to WCP membership obligations

All athletes will receive verbal confirmation. A selection agreement shall follow by email which athletes must sign and return to confirm selection and their understanding of the grounds on which selection is confirmed and continued selection is maintained (see sections 5, 6, 7).

3.3. Non-WCP Athlete Selection Process

- 3.3.1. Non-WCP athletes who achieve the MQS within the BWL qualification period will be provisionally selected having satisfied the relevant eligibility criteria identified in Section 1 (1.2.). These athletes will need to confirm a level of self-investment identified by BWL. **That amount will be identified once funding decisions are finalised at the end of March 2017.**
- 3.3.2. The selection panel will review the selection criteria satisfied by non-WCP athletes, including but not limited to:
 - 3.3.2.1. 2017 World Championship development trajectory; considering the predicted performance level at the time of competition
 - 3.3.2.2. 2020 Paralympic Games development trajectory; considering the likelihood of winning a medal at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games or 2024 Paralympic Games
 - 3.3.2.3. Distance from the estimated senior medal zone at the Paralympic Games in the weight class they intend to compete in
 - 3.3.2.4. Age profile and injury history
 - 3.3.2.5. Time spent competing in the sport
 - 3.3.2.6. Evidence of collaboration with the WCP and ability to develop effective long term working relationships and competition strategy with the WCP

All athletes will receive verbal confirmation followed by a selection agreement which shall be sent by email. Non-WCP athletes must sign and return this agreement to confirm selection and their understanding of the grounds on which selection is confirmed and continued selection is maintained (section 5, 6, 7), that participation may require self-investment at a cost to the athlete. Details regarding returning the agreement, payment to BWL and payment deadlines will be outlined within this selection agreement.

3.4. Selection Panel

- 3.4.1. The selection panel will be chaired by a member of the BWL High Performance Committee and include the BWL Powerlifting Performance Director and one member of the BWL High Performance Committee or WCP
- 3.4.2. All conflicts of interest will be declared and in the event of a conflict, the chair of the selection panel will determine whether the conflicted individual can take part in the selection discussion. A conflicted individual will not vote on that selection but may participate in the general selection discussion
- 3.4.3. BWL's UK Sport Performance Advisor may attend the selection meeting in a non-voting capacity

4. Time Line of Critical Events

- 4.1. Publication of selection policy on the 8th March 2017
- 4.2. Athletes confirm intention and ambition to qualify for the World Championships by the 01th May 2017
- 4.3. The British Championships takes place on the 16th July and is a mandatory competition to establish eligibility for the 2017 World Championships
- 4.4. BWL qualification period ends on the 17th July 2017
- 4.5. The selection panel will convene by the 19th July to select eligible athletes based on this policy
- 4.6. By the 19th July athletes will be notified by telephone as to whether they have been provisionally selected pending any appeals. All athletes will receive a selection agreement outlining the conditions of their selection which will need to be returned to Tom Whittaker at tom.whittaker@britishweightlifting.org
- 4.7. The appeal period begins on the 19th July and the deadline for submission is 25th July. An application can be requested from the BWL office and must be submitted with payment of £250.00 to cover administration and process costs
- 4.8. On the 26th July selected athletes will be informed if they could be affected by any of the appeal submissions
- 4.9. The appeals panel will convene on the 28th July
- 4.10. On the 28th July, athletes who have appealed will be notified by phone as to whether they have been successful and anyone else impacted by appeal processes will be notified also. All athletes who submitted an appeal will receive a letter confirming the outcome of the appeals process

- 4.11. Any necessary selection agreements that need to be sent in the event of a successful appeal will be delivered via email and must be returned by 5th August
- 4.12. The 5th August is the deadline for athletes to have signed and returned their selection agreement to Tom Whittaker
- 4.13. The 9th August is the deadline for athletes to make payment regarding agreed self-investment to BWL
- 4.14. By the 17th August BWL will complete final entries by name and make payment to the IPC upon being invoiced thereafter
- 4.15. Departure for the 2017 World Championships will be the 26th or 27th September (To be confirmed)
- 4.16. The team will return in 2-3 waves supported by staff (To be confirmed)

Any update to this time line of critical events will be disclosed immediately to all athletes with the intention of becoming eligible and published on line.

5. GREAT BRITAIN CONFIRMATION OF FITNESS

5.1. Pre-Selection

- 5.1.1. Prior to selection any athlete who has satisfied eligibility requirements but has or there is any doubt surrounding their current performance potential may, where deemed appropriate by the BWL Performance Director be required to undergo physical testing to provide further information for consideration. Any performance or medical review would be performed by a member of the BWL WCP performance team and/or a Doctor identified by the Performance Director. The performance test would be the Bench Press to IPC competition rules.
- 5.1.2. Any decision not to consider an athlete on grounds of ill health or injury having satisfied eligibility requirements will be confirmed in writing to the athlete after verbal communication by BWL.

5.2. Post Selection

- 5.2.1. At the request of BWL all selected athletes may undergo or have requested of them reasonable medical assessments or physical testing to ensure performance levels are maintained to perform appropriately and to the best of their ability at this competition.
- 5.2.2. BWL is entitled to request any reasonable method to determine a level of good health and high performance capability, which may include but is not limited to; General Practitioner review, musculo-skeletal assessments, body weight/composition assessment, performance testing and meetings.

6. GREAT BRITAIN DE-SELECTION

- 6.1. Prior to departure, BWL retains the right to de-select any athlete under circumstances such as;
 - 6.1.1. Illness, injury or not fit to travel abroad and compete at the level they qualified at
 - 6.1.2. Non-compliance with post selection fitness testing or requests to prove/establish good health
 - 6.1.3. Any doping infringement incompatible with BWL Anti-Doping policies and procedures
 - 6.1.4. Violation of any agreed schedule of contact
 - 6.1.5. Nondisclosure of training related information that may contribute to the development of competition strategy or whether the athlete is on track to perform as agreed at the time of selection

- 6.2. If de-selection occurs the athlete will be informed verbally and in writing to explain the decision-making process. BWL will send the information via email.

7. GREAT BRITAIN OBLIGATIONS

- 7.1. Selected athletes will be required to;
 - 7.1.1. Sign a selection letter of agreement which confirms the athletes understanding of the grounds on which selection and the maintenance of selection is maintained
 - 7.1.2. Attend agreed team camps, training days or activities prior to the competition
 - 7.1.3. Adhere to specified travel dates
 - 7.1.4. Athletes will compete in the bodyweight category chosen by BWL. Aligned with UK Sport funding milestone targets
 - 7.1.5. Wear appropriate apparel as specified by BWL at all camps, events and the competition
 - 7.1.6. Establish an agreed performance target with the BWL Performance Director for this event
 - 7.1.7. Inform the BWL Performance Director immediately should their preparation be interrupted in any way after selection
 - 7.1.8. Submit training and bodyweight information as requested by BWL
 - 7.1.9. Continually develop a social profile which reflects well on themselves and the sport domestically and internationally

- 7.2. Any changes to this time-line will be published on line and/or sent to athletes individually

8. GREAT BRITAIN APPEALS

- 8.1. Athletes have the right to appeal their non-selection in accordance with the BWL Appeals Policy. A copy can be obtained by contacting the BWL main office. Appeals may be only made on the grounds that the procedure outlined in this policy has not been adhered to
- 8.2. The notice of appeal must be accompanied by payment of £250, payable to BWL as a contribution to administrative costs associated with processing any appeal.

9. COMPETITION COSTS

- 9.1. Non-WCP athletes will be informed about the level of self investment required to cover associated competition costs once final budgets are announced at the end of March 2017
- 9.2. Non-WCP athlete investments should be paid by 9th August 2017 to BWL. Payment details will be included in the selection letter
- 9.3. See **Appendix A** for competition costs in detail

10. COMPETITION DATES

- 10.1. Departure from the UK on the 26th or 27th September 2017
- 10.2. Arrival in Mexico City on 27th September 2017
- 10.3. Flight route is direct and takes approximately 11 hours
- 10.4. Classification takes place on the 27th and 28th September 2017
- 10.5. 2017 Junior World Championships takes place on the 29th September 2017
- 10.6. 2017 Senior World Championships takes between the 30th September and the 6th October 2017
- 10.7. Athlete will return in waves with support staff (To be confirmed)

APPENDIX A

COMPETITION COSTS

The costs associated with the competitions are;

- Single Room – 210USD per night (includes competition transport and 3 meals a day)
- Double Room 245USD per night (includes competition transport and 3 meals a day)
- Entry – 550 euro per delegate (athlete and staff)
- Flight – £400-600 (flight costs change daily based on proximity, demand/availability, this is just a guide. Costs may exceed this range)

Individual athlete self-investment needs to be paid to BWL by the 9th August for BWL to meet final payment deadlines.