

Team England (BWL) 2018 Commonwealth Games Selection Policy – World Para Powerlifting

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1. Purpose

The Policy has been established to select the best athletes who can **medal in Gold Coast 2018** and, as such, has been based on the following premises:

- That the best English athletes will be selected on their likelihood to win a medal at the Games
- All selected athletes must demonstrate appropriate fitness in the months leading up to the Games and must work with the England Team Leader, England Coaches and nominated medical staff in all matters designed to assess their fitness to compete to the best of their ability

The above considerations are not the selection criteria but are included here merely as a guide to the general principles that have been followed in formulating this policy.

2. Preface

The England Powerlifting Team (“the Team”) for the 2018 Commonwealth Games (“the Games”) will be nominated by British Weight Lifting (BWL) to the Commonwealth Games England (CGE) who will make the final selection. Nominations will be made in accordance with this Commonwealth Games Selection Policy (“the Policy”) as laid out below.

3. Qualification background

The IPC has set out an Athlete Allocation System whereby an athlete has to earn a quota place through invitation with a maximum CGE team size of 4 athletes, with a Maximum of 2 athletes per medal event.

Following nominations received from CGE at the end of the qualification period being 31 October 2017, IPC Powerlifting and CGF will determine the number of entries to be allocated to CGE by Athlete by Name in each medal event. In making determinations on allocated slots, IPC World Para Powerlifting (WPP) and CGF at their sole and absolute discretion will consider factors including, but not limited to:

1. Overall IPC WPP World ranking, where considered, adjusted to recognise a maximum of two (2) athletes per nation per event;
2. Only IPC WPP approved competitions will be accepted for the purpose of the IPC WPP World ranking database from 1 September 2015 to 31 October 2017;
2. In the case of Great Britain results attained by British athletes at the IPC WPP recognised competitions they will be extracted by the relevant delegated Commonwealth Games (England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland);
3. Field depth and competition strength;
4. Universality: Best endeavours will be made to ensure representation of at least four (4) Commonwealth Games Federation regions;
5. Widely and regularly practising national athletes;

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6. Demonstrated availability of athletes to participate in the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games competition
7. Any other factor(s) considered relevant by IPC Powerlifting and CGF.

The opportunities to lift a total that is eligible for the Commonwealth rankings is limited to IPC approved events between 1 September 2015 to 31 October 2017 and the 2017 British Championships.

***** IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE ABOVE ARE PART OF THE IPC ATHLETE ALLOCATION SYSTEM AND ARE NOT THE SELECTION CRITERIA BUT ARE NECESSARY AS PART OF ESTABLISHING THE ELIGIBILITY OF AN ATHLETE TO COMPETE AT THE GAMES, ATHLETES WILL HAVE TO FULFILL THE ELIGIBILITY IN POINT 4 TO BE SELECTED BY BWL *****

Men's Medal Events (2)

- Lightweight (Up to and including 72.0kg)
- Heavyweight (Over 72.0kg)

Women's Medal Events (2)

- Lightweight (Up to and including 61.0kg)
- Heavyweight (Over 61.0kg)

The final Medal Events for Powerlifting will be determined by IPC Powerlifting and the CGF at their sole and absolute discretion following the Invitation Confirmation Deadline. Final Medal Events will be determined having consideration for field depth, universality and competition strength as key drivers. Athletes have to achieve a ranking place in their respective category they will be nominated for.

4. Eligibility

To be considered for selection under this Policy, an athlete must be eligible to represent Commonwealth Games England under CGE and International Paralympic Committee Rules (IPC) and other BWL requirements, including but not limited to:

1. being a citizen of the United Kingdom and holding a valid British passport
2. being a current member of BWL, and eligible to represent England in International Competitions under the rules of the IPC
3. expressing their interest in gaining selection by completing and returning the Expression of Interest Form by the 1st of January 2017.
4. being eligible to represent England at the Commonwealth Games under the rules of the CGF & IPC

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5. be internationally classified with a confirmed sport class status or review until 2019
6. hold an active IPC WPP license for the summer 2017 and 2018 seasons
7. have competed in at least one recognised IPC WPP competition between a compulsory period of 1 September 2015 and 31 October 2017;* IPC WPP and CGF may consider any valid, personal, and or extenuating circumstances for not being compliant with the above eligibility requirements. All decisions made by IPC WPP and CGF are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.
8. have met the CGF's eligibility standards in accordance with the CGF Constitution; and have complied with the minimum age regulations as stipulated by the IPC.
9. being a participant in the BWL's anti-doping programme, including UK Sport's online whereabouts system, and being registered on this as soon as the participant confirms their intention to seek nomination
10. achieving an AH formula qualification standard at one of the following IPC sanctioned events by the 31st October 2017;
 - Faza Powerlifting World Cup February 2017
 - Eger Powerlifting World Cup May 2017
 - British Senior Championships July 2017
 - World Para Powerlifting World Championships September 2017
11. complying with any other CGF, IPC and/or CGE eligibility requirements from time to time including (but not limited to) anti-doping and nationality requirements
12. agreeing to the Confirmation of Fitness requirements and any other criteria set out in this selection policy, and signing the CGE Team Members' and the BWL Team Members' Agreement

5. Selection Panel

The panel shall consist of the following members:

- (1) Chair of the BWL Performance Committee (Chairperson)
- (2) BWL Performance Director
- (3) Team England Team Leader
- (4) England Team Coach
- (5) England Team Coach

Each member of the selection panel has 1 vote

A representative from CGE and an independent person may also be in attendance in an observatory non-voting capacity and will ensure that the provisions of this policy are properly adhered to.

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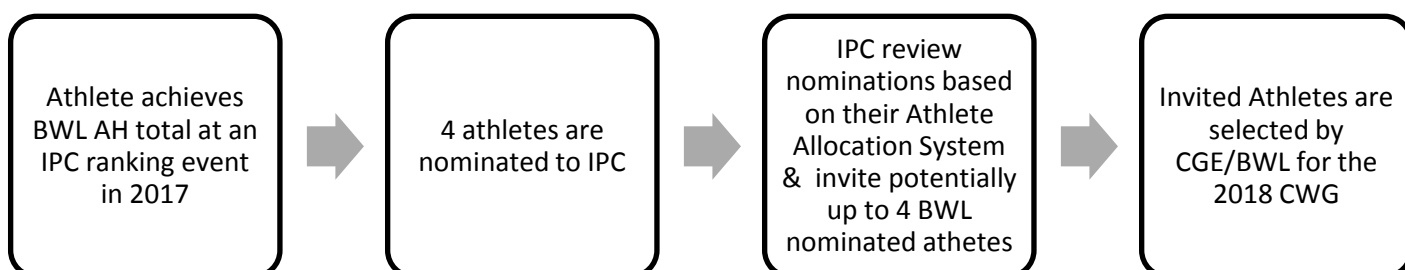
Any member of the selection panel that has a conflict of interest, including, but not limited to, an athlete, or a coach will declare a conflict of interest, remove him/herself and not seek to influence others regarding the discussions and voting.

6. Selection Process

The selection of the team will be based on:

1. Ensuring the best English lifter in a category is selected to represent Team England at the 2018 Commonwealth Games
2. Not exceeding two lifters per category and a maximum team size of 4

The below criteria are not to be assessed in order of priority; rather, the selection panel shall give due consideration to all of the criteria set out below in reaching selection decisions which shall, in the panel's opinion and at their absolute discretion, provide the best possible chance of achieving the purpose set out on page 1 of this policy



- a. The maximum team size will be 4
- b. Athletes have competed at the 2017 British Senior Championships.
- c. AH Total
 - i. Achieved the relevant AH total for the respective weight category in the above mentioned IPC sanctioned event by the 31st October 2017;

FEMALE

Weight Category (kg)	Light Up to 61kg	Heavy From 61.1kg
AH Formula Standard	90	60

MALE

Weight Category (kg)	Light Up to 72kg	Heavy From 72.1kg
AH Formula Standard	168	158

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- ii. If an athlete has achieved the highest ranking in two categories, they will be selected for the category that they're most likely to win the highest medal in.
- d. Evidence of a lifter's potential to medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games
 - i. Performance trajectory during the CWG qualification period and based on the predicted level of performance at the 2018 CWG
 - ii. Past international performance levels since January 2015 compared to likely CWG medal winning performances
 - iii. Current injury status
- e. Athlete personal management
 - i. The athlete's ability to make weight consistently and effectively at International events
 - ii. Injury and illness history prior to major championships
 - iii. Athlete engagement with BWL to support injury risk management, rehabilitation and improvements in performance feedback from support staff will be used as evidence for this
 - iv. Attitude in training and international competition. International coaches feedback will be used as evidence for this
- f. Evidence of a lifter's potential to medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games
 - i. Number of years in the sport
 - ii. Performance trajectory since January 2016 and based on this the likelihood to medal in 2022

7. Team Announcement

Athletes are prohibited from making any announcement to the public or to the press or other media regarding nomination or selection unless and until such selection has been officially notified by the CGE to BWL and any appeals have been considered and official joint press conference by the CGE and BWL has taken place.

8. Confirmation of Fitness and Deselection

BWL retain the right to deselect or not to nominate an athlete who has failed to prove their form or fitness or who has otherwise failed to adhere to the terms of this selection policy

At the time of their conditional selection by the BWL selection panel, all athletes will undergo an examination with a nominated Medical Doctor and/or a physiotherapist and a nutritionist to determine their medical, musculoskeletal and body composition/weight status.

In addition to any other provision of this Policy, all selected athletes at the request of the BWL Performance Director will undergo medical, body composition/weight and performance assessments to ensure that they have maintained an adequate level of fitness to perform to the best of their ability at the Games.

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Any cause for concern over injury, illness, strength or body composition/weight arising from an examination or otherwise will lead to the athlete needing to demonstrate their fitness by undergoing a fitness assessment, regardless of whether they have done so previously.

If an athlete has an injury or, in the reasonable opinion of the BWL, lacks fitness or displays a poor attitude prior to their formal selection to the Team by the CGE, then designated medical, coaching, sport science personnel and/or the England Team Leader (as appropriate) will be entitled to make an assessment of the athlete's management of their injury, rehabilitation, preparation and/or their commitment and adherence to training and rehabilitation with a view to determining whether the athlete can achieve full fitness and perform optimally at the Games.

The Performance Director will be entitled to specify any reasonable method requiring a selected athlete to confirm their continued health and fitness, which might include, participating in certain competitions, attending meetings or squad training or undergoing a fitness assessment.

All nominated athletes will be expected to attend all preparation camps where they must demonstrate through their training performance and training plan that they are on target to, as a minimum, lift equal to their personal best at the Games.

9. Additional Obligations

Selected athletes will be required to:

1. Inform the England Team Leader (ETL) immediately should their preparation be interrupted in any way subsequent to nomination
2. Inform the ETL of intentions to go on holiday or to have a break from training and that for any break from training to be agreed by the ETL

10. Appeals

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 only be made on the grounds that the procedure outlined in this policy has not been adhered to.

The notice of appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of £250, payable to BWL, as a contribution towards administrative costs of processing the Appeal.

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11. Selection Timeline

The following dates are a timeline of the when key events will take place in the selection process, these are subject to change and will be updated accordingly

- 25 October 2017 BWL Selection Meeting and provisional selection of athletes for invitation nominations
- 26-27 October 2017 Athlete Appeal Period
- 31 October 2017 CGE deadline to submit Invitation Nominations to GOLDOC
- 31 October 2017 IPC Powerlifting Qualification Period closes
- 7 November 2017 GOLDOC to confirm with CGE qualified slots
- 21 November 2017 CGE deadline to confirm acceptance of qualified places and notification to selected athletes.

If you have any questions regarding the selection policy please contact dan.wagner@britishweightlifting.org.