

SELECTION POLICY



<i>EVENT</i>	European Championships 2017
<i>DATE</i>	1 - 9 April 2017
<i>LOCATION</i>	Split, Croatia

1. Overview

This selection policy has been created inline with British Weight Lifting's (BWL) aims of providing opportunities for talented lifters who demonstrate the necessary characteristics to contribute towards 2020 Olympic Games selection and medalling at major senior international championships in the future.

2. Eligibility

To be considered for selection for the European Championships, 2017, athletes must satisfy the following:

1. A citizen of the United Kingdom and hold a valid British passport
2. In case of multiple citizenship, the athlete must not have represented another country within a period of 12 month
3. A current member of BWL, not in dispute with BWL and / or its affiliated bodies or partners
4. Compliant with the BWL Anti-doping Controls and Procedures
5. Aged 15 years or older in 2017
6. Have achieved the relevant BWL qualification standard between 1st August 2016 and 22nd January 2017 or;
7. Be a member of the WCP and satisfy agreed WCP objectives

3. Qualification

1. The BWL qualification standards for this Championship are:

MEN	56	62	69	77	85	94	105	105+
	229	254	281	304	320	331	345	362
WOMEN	48	53	58	63	69	75	90	90+
	150	166	182	192	199	205	217	228

4. Selection

The selection panel will convene to select athletes during the week beginning 23rd January 2017

The selection process will consist of 2 parts

PART 1

Any lifter who is a member of the Word Class Programme who has the European Championships featuring as part of their performance plan and is meeting their agreed WCP objectives is automatically selected if funding via the WCP is available.

PART 2

The number of athletes selected in part 2 will depend on the number of places left after part 1 and Home Nation funding or self-funding being available to cover the cost of participation for each athlete. In this part of the selection process, lifters will be provisionally selected and their selection will only be confirmed once funding for their participation has been agreed with BWL.

The following criteria will apply:

1. The maximum team size is 8 male and 8 female athletes
2. The number of lifters selected in each weight category will not exceed 2
3. The selectors will only consider those athletes who satisfy the eligibility criteria as described in clause 2
4. If the number of athletes qualified exceeds the Team Size the following will apply to those athletes:
 - a. Athletes performances during the selection period will be expressed as a percentage of the qualification standards (clause 3)
 - b. Percentages will be rounded to the nearest whole number
 - c. Based on these percentages athlete will be ranked and the top ranked athletes will be selected
 - d. In the event of a tie in this ranking, the next best performance that was achieved within 6 months of 10th April at a national or international event will be considered and the athlete with the highest percentage of the qualifying standards will be selected first
5. If funding either through a home nation or self-funding is not available or agreed with BWL the next ranked eligible lifter from point 4 will be provisionally selection
6. If the number of eligible athletes is less that the Team Size the selection panel reserves the right to select athletes who have demonstrated recent competitive performances at a level that is high enough to achieve a top 12 Commonwealth ranking. Under these circumstances selection will be based on an athlete's potential to be medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

5. Confirmation of Fitness and deselection

Prior to the Championship, BWL retain the right to deselect an athlete who has failed to prove their form or fitness as highlighted in points 1 to 5 below or who has otherwise failed to adhere to the terms of this selection policy

1. 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 Championships
2. 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 multiple fitness assessment at intervals deemed appropriate by the Performance Director
3. If an athlete has an injury or, in the reasonable opinion of the BWL, lacks fitness, has bodyweight issues or displays a poor attitude after their formal selection, then designated medical, coaching, sport science personnel and/or the BWL Performance Director (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 Championships
4. Athletes are expected to repeat or exceed their qualification totals at the Championship, consequently, the Performance Director will be entitled to specify any reasonable method requiring a selected athlete to confirm their continued health, fitness and bodyweight, which might include, participating in certain competitions, attending meetings, submit training videos, attend squad training or undergoing fitness and body composition assessments.
5. All selected 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 the best of their ability

6. Obligations

Selected athletes will be required to:

1. Sign a BWL Team Members' Agreement, which will include a code of conduct
2. Attend team camps or activities prior to the Championships as requested
3. Provide BWL with information relating to performance plans and preparation as requested
4. Adhere to specified travel dates
5. Wear appropriate apparel as specified by BWL at all camps, events and the Championships
6. Inform the BWL Performance Director immediately should their preparation be interrupted in any way, including injury and illness, subsequent to nomination
7. Submit training and bodyweight information as requested to the BWL Performance Director
8. Not make any announcement to the public or the press or other media regarding their selection unless and until an official press release by BWL has taken place

6. Selection Panel

The selection panel will be chaired by a member of BWL's Performance Committee and comprise of BWL's Performance Director and 2 BWL Arena coaches.

All conflicts of interest will be declared and in the event of a conflict, the chair of the selection panel will determine whether or not the conflicted individual can take part in the selection discussion. A conflicted

individual will not vote on that particular selection, but may participate in the general selection discussions.

7. Appeals

Athletes have the right to appeal their non-selection or de-selection in accordance with the "BWL Selection Appeals Policy". A copy can be obtained by contacting the BWL main office.