

Event: European Youth Championships 2018

Date: 23.07.17-29.07.18

Location: Lignano Sabbiadoro (Italy)

1. Overview

This selection policy has been created in line with British Weight Lifting's (BWL) aims of providing opportunities for talented lifters who demonstrate the necessary characteristics to contribute towards, 2022 Commonwealth Games or 2026 Olympic Games selection and medals at major youth, junior and senior international championships in the future.

2. Eligibility

To be considered for selection for the European Youth Championships, 2018, 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. Displays behaviours in-line with British Weightlifting's vision and values
6. Be of eligible age
 - U17 – 16 on 1st January 2018
 - U15 – 14 on 1st January 2018
7. Have achieved the relevant BWL qualification standard at a tier 2 competition during the qualification period between 03rd February 2018 – 30th April 2018

3. Qualification

1. The BWL qualification standards for this Championship are:

U17s								
Men's	50	56	62	69	77	85	94	94+
	165	171	189	209	230	238	252	261
Women's	44	48	53	58	63	69	75	75+
	110	120	129	138	147	155	160	165

U15s								
Men's	50	56	62	69	77	85	94	94+
	152	160	177	195	215	222	234	245
Women's	44	48	53	58	63	69	75	75+
	103	112	121	129	137	145	150	153

4. Selection

The selection panel will convene to select athletes during the week beginning 23rd January 2018. Lifters will be provisionally selected based on the eligibility criteria in section 2, selection will only be confirmed if funding for participation has been agreed with BWL.

The following criteria will be applied:

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. If the number of athletes qualified exceeds the maximum Team Size or sufficient funding is not available to send all eligible athletes, then the following will apply to those athletes:
 - (a) Athlete 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 23 July 2018 at a national or international event will be considered and the athlete with the highest percentage of the qualifying standards will be selected first
4. If funding either through a home nation is not available or agreed with BWL the next ranked eligible lifter following the process in point 4.3 will be provisionally selected

5. If the number of eligible athletes is less than the Team Size the selection panel reserves the right to select athletes who have demonstrated a performance trajectory in-line with top 5 performances at future Youth, Junior or Senior events.

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 Pathway Manager 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 multiple fitness assessments at intervals deemed appropriate by the Performance Pathway Manager
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 Pathway Manager (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 Pathway Manager 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 Pathway Manager 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 Pathway Manager
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

7. Selection Panel

The selection panel will be chaired by a member of BWL's Performance Committee and comprise of BWL's Performance Pathway Manager, the National Youth coach & Head of Coaching.

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 particular selection, but may participate in the general selection discussions.

8. 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.