

SELECTION POLICY



<i>EVENT</i>	World Youth Championships 2017
<i>DATE</i>	1 st -11 th April 2017
<i>LOCATION</i>	Bangkok, Thailand

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 and potential to contribute towards future Olympic Games selection and medal at major age group and senior international championships.

It should be noted that BWL has the authority for the representation of the Great Britain Team at the World Youth Championship and funding for this event will be via Home Nations. Funding from home nation sport councils is awarded to home nations for the purposes set out in their strategy and for supporting lifters from the respective home nation only. Consequently, the team size and selection will be dependent on home nation funding being available.

2. Eligibility

To be considered for selection for the World Youth 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 months
3. A current member of BWL, not in dispute with BWL and / or its affiliated bodies or partners or at any stage acted in a manner that has brought the sport into disrepute.
4. Compliant with the BWL Anti-Doping Controls and Procedures
5. Youth - Aged u17 from the 1st January 2017
6. Have achieved the relevant BWL qualification standard in 2017.
7. Attend all National Youth Squads in Loughborough as requested.

3. Qualification

1. The BWL qualification standards for this Championship are:

MEN	50	56	62	69	77	85	94	94+
	178	181	203	227	245	257	269	274
WOMEN	44	48	53	58	63	69	75	75+
	115	124	133	143	150	159	165	171

4. Selection

The selection panel will convene to select athletes during the week beginning 6th February.

The selection process will consist of 2 parts

PART 1

Any lifter who has achieved the qualification standard at the British Age Groups on the 4th & 5th February will be given priority in the selection process and selected first.

PART 2

Following part 1, any lifter who has achieved the qualification standard in 2017 at another BWL sanctioned event will then be considered in the selection process.

The following criteria will apply:

1. The final number of athletes selected will be dependent on Home Nation funding being available
2. The number of lifters selected in each weight category will not exceed 2
3. The maximum team size is 8 male and 7 female athletes
4. The selectors will only consider those athletes who satisfy the eligibility criteria as described in clause 2
5. If the number of athletes qualified exceeds the Team Size (dictated by funding) the following will apply to those athletes:
 - a. Athletes performances in 2017 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 athletes 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 the 5th February at a national or international event will be considered and the athlete with the highest percentage of the qualifying standards will be selected first.
6. 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

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 prior to 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. 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 or 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 and confirms the individual at all times will act in a professional manner that is in the best interests of both the individual and BWL and at no stage brings the sport into disrepute.
2. Attend team camps or activities prior to the Championships
3. Adhere to specified travel dates
4. Wear appropriate apparel as specified by BWL at all camps, events and the Championships
5. Inform the BWL Talent Pathway Manager immediately should their preparation be interrupted in any way subsequent to nomination
6. Provide BWL with information relating to performance goals, plans and preparation as requested.
7. Submit training and bodyweight information as requested to the BWL Talent 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

6. Selection Panel

The selection panel will be chaired by a Member of BWL's Performance Committee and will comprise of the BWL Talent Pathway Manager, BWL Performance Director and a BWL Arena Coach or National Youth Coach.

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.