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# ADDENDUM TO THE 2017 IPC WORLD PARA POWERLIFTING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY

## PERTINENT TO:

**Non-WCP athletes** wishing to attend the World Para Powerlifting World Championships 2017, Mexico City.

This addendum is effective as of the date of publication and adds to the Overview and the below section within BWL's selection policy for these Championships;

## 2.1. NON-WCP ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

### BACKGROUND

British Weight Lifting (BWL) have a responsibility to support those athletes on the World Class Program (WCP), aligning and prioritising the National Governing Bodies (NGB) investment from funders into athletes with medal potential at Paralympic Games.

The support of non-WCP athletes is subject to available funding, changes to competition costs, World Para Powerlifting maximum team size rules and regulations and the total number of athletes eligible according to BWL's selection policies and procedures.

### NON-WCP ATHLETE SELF INVESTMENT

Further to the policy published on **10/03/2017**

BWL can now outline what non-WCP athletes will need to invest to attend the Championships should they be selected.

Non-WCP athletes can agree a performance target which needs to be achieved at the British Championships 2017. This target needs to be agreed with the Paralympic Performance Director ([tom.whittaker@britishweightlifting.org](mailto:tom.whittaker@britishweightlifting.org)) and should be aligned with the following at the time of agreement:

- » Continual annual progress
- » Development at a rate aligned with winning medals at the Paralympic Games based on Rio 2016 winning Performances.
- » A performance level higher than the MQS outlined in BWL's selection policy for the Championships
- » In a specified weight class agreed by BWL

Achieving this target at the British Championships will, if selected mean **BWL commits to paying 100%** of all associated costs for the 2017 World Championships. This does not include domestic travel or accommodation prior to departure or after athletes return.

This does include:

- » Fights (aligned with team travel dates set by BWL)
- » Accommodation costs
- » Entry fees

If this target is not reached and an athlete is still eligible for selection BWL may select and request the athlete contributes **£600 towards the total cost their participation.**

Non-WCP athletes will need to make payment to BWL ahead of final payment to the organisers of the competition. Deadlines for payment will be provided by BWL at a later date after team selection is made.

This addendum is subject to changes in funding, associated competitions costs, the number of eligible athletes qualifying for the Championships, consideration of what BWL regards necessary to support the achievement of WCP annual milestones and ultimately funding targets at the 2020 Paralympic Games. Athletes not on the WCP are advised to consider how they would fund their participation at the championships in full should circumstances change.

At BWL's discretion, decisions to fully fund other athletes eligible for the Championships may be made aligned with the selection policy for this championship.

## **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- » For current internationally classified IPC powerlifters, the 2017 World Championships are mandatory for participation at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games.
- » New IPC powerlifters can enter the 2020 Paralympic Games qualification pathway, aligned with IPC's Powerlifting Qualification Pathway 2017-2020, prior to the **5th December 2018.**

## **DEFINITION OF KEY TERMS:**

'New IPC Powerlifters' – An athlete is new until they have successfully passed International classification at an IPC approved competition where their subsequent competition result has been recognised for the first time by IPC World Para Powerlifting.

