

SELECTION POLICY - ENGLAND

<i>EVENT</i>	Commonwealth Championships 2017
<i>DATE</i>	3 rd -9 th September 2017
<i>LOCATION</i>	Gold Coast, Australia

1. Overview

This selection policy has been created in line with British Weight Lifting's (BWL) aims of providing opportunities for talented English lifters who demonstrate the necessary characteristics to medal for Team England at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Athletes will only be selected for the championships based on their potential to medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games and if they haven't secured a competitive Top 6 Commonwealth ranking. It should be noted that the final number of athletes selected will be dictated by the funding being available.

2. Eligibility

To be considered for selection for the Commonwealth 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. Attend Team England Commonwealth Games squads as required.

3. Selection Panel

The selection panel will be chaired by the BWL Performance Chair and will comprise of the England Team Leader and 2 England Performance 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.

4. Selection

1. The selection panel will only consider those athletes who have demonstrated the potential to medal at the 2018 CWG and haven't achieved a competitive top 6 Commonwealth ranking, Medal potential will be based on the following factors;
 - a. An athlete's current performance level and rate of progression.
 - b. Previous international medal winning success
 - c. For athletes who are currently injured or rehabilitating they can be considered based on their a performance over the past 4 years
2. The selection panel will convene to select athletes during the week beginning 17th July 2017.
3. The final number of athletes selected will be dependent on funding available (Team Size), there will be the opportunity for athletes to self-fund if they are considered to be medal potential.
4. The number of lifters selected in each weight category will not exceed 1
5. Although the selectors will only consider those athletes who satisfy the eligibility criteria as described in clause 2, this criteria does not guarantee selection and priority will be placed on those lifters with the greatest potential to medal.

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

- a. In addition to any other provision of this Policy, all selected athletes at the request of the England Team Leader 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.
- b. 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 England Team Leader
- c. 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 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 Championships
- d. The England Team Leader 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
- e. 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 England Team Leader 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 England Team Leader
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. 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.