



**BRITISH  
WEIGHT  
LIFTING**

## Hall of Fame Guidelines



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## Introduction

It is proposed to establish the British Weight Lifting Hall of Fame (hereafter “the Hall”). The purpose of “the Hall” is to provide the ultimate peer-recognition by the British weightlifting community to the greatest performers in Olympic Weightlifting and Paralympic Powerlifting and significant contributors who have majorly assisted the development of either sport. Induction to “the Hall” will be governed by British Weight Lifting.

## Structure

The British Weight Lifting Hall of Fame is the property of the British Weight Lifting and all intellectual property, memorabilia, artefacts, citations, agreements and financial records will



be in its care. All matters pertaining to the structure, operation, funding, policy implementation et al will be the responsibility of British Weight Lifting.

Membership of “the Hall”, once bestowed is in perpetuity. Membership cannot be terminated by a resignation by the Member. Membership can only be withdrawn or terminated by the BWL Board of Directors because of a grave breach of the entry conditions by the inductee which, in the opinion of the BWL Board of Directors brings “the Hall” into disrepute.

The British Weight Lifting competitions team will manage the Hall of Fame. Members of BWL will be invited to submit names as per the process detailed in this document.

The selection of new members to the Hall of Fame will be reviewed on a yearly basis. The British Weight Lifting competitions team will use the guidelines detailed in this document to select potential new members from the nominations received.

The British Weight Lifting competitions team will then make a recommendation to the BWL Board of Directors as to who should be invited to be inducted. The BWL Board of Directors will have final say on who is included and ratify any decisions.

## Categories

The British Weight Lifting Hall of Fame is comprised of three categories. All Members will retain equal status, irrespective of the timing, category, or order of each Member’s induction. A description of each category is provided below.

**Weightlifters:** Athletes who have achieved major success representing Great Britain or a Home Nation in international weightlifting competitions.

**Paralympic Powerlifters:** Athletes who achieved major success representing Great Britain or a Home Nation in international Para Powerlifting competitions.

This include events formerly known as Paralympic Weightlifting which was recognised by the IPC until 1992.

**Significant Contributors:** Other long serving individuals who have helped to develop British Weight Lifting domestically and internationally including administrators, coaches, technical officials, sport scientists, medical personnel, and the original founders of the governing body.



## Annual Intake of Members

To ensure that the Hall of Fame is populated from the outset the inaugural intake will feature a number of candidates identified by the BWL team who meet the selection criteria outlined later in this document. These names will then be ratified by the BWL Board of Directors.

In subsequent intakes, external nominations will be also considered for Board approval providing they meet the criteria alongside individuals identified by the BWL team such as athletes who go on to hit the required competitive milestones required for inclusion.

The BWL Board of Directors hold the right to determine the number of new inclusions each year. When there are multiple eligible candidates the Board will decide who should be included.

It should be noted that Induction into the Hall of Fame is an ongoing long-term process. Candidates who miss out on one year's intake will still be considered for the next.

The Hall of Fame is designed to be a continuous annual celebration of the sport rather than a one-time event.

## Nomination Process

Nominations of potential inductees may be submitted in writing by any person. However, only those nominations that provide a minimum required level of information will be processed. The minimum level should include the candidate's full name and a summary of his or her best performances.

Nominations should be sent to the following address [competitions@britishweightlifting.org](mailto:competitions@britishweightlifting.org) with a subject line written in the following format **Hall of Fame: Name of Candidate**

Receipt of the nominations is to be acknowledged to the nominator with advice as to whether the nomination has met the minimum criteria for processing. A register of all nominations is to be maintained in perpetuity with an indication as to whether the nomination was forwarded for processing.

All nominations that meet the minimum criteria will be processed by the BWL competitions team who will confirm the details of performances, achievements or contributions submitted and expand on them where appropriate and necessary. These details are to form the basis of citations which are to accompany the actual announcement of selection of each candidate if they are approved.

## Selection Criteria



The following section outlines the selection criteria for athletes and significant contributors.

### Athletes

The criteria for athlete categories must be objective and rigid in its application so as to avoid the possibility of unintentional bias within the selection process.

As a guideline, a person should not be inducted into the Hall of Fame if their performances are not of true international standard.

It is not anticipated that the winning of British titles or setting of British records would be of a sufficient standard on their own to qualify a candidate for selection.

Conversely, winners of Olympic Medals or World & European Championships etc should automatically qualify for membership unless other degrading circumstances exist.

Any person convicted of serious breaches of weightlifting rules and regulations such as using, providing or being in possession of performance enhancing substances, receiving criminal convictions or being in dispute with BWL and the like are ineligible for selection.

Athletes are not automatically enrolled into the board of fame and confirmation is only subject to board approval. BWL determines the eligibility or otherwise of each candidate.

### Weightlifters

British Weightlifters will be inducted into the hall of fame if they meet **one** of the following criteria:

- A. Olympic Medallist
- B. IWF World Champion
- C. EWF European Champion
- D. Multiple Commonwealth Games Champion
- E. Commonwealth Games Champion + either European EWF Medallist, or IWF World Medallist
- F. Commonwealth Games Medallist + EWF European Senior Medallist + IWF World Medallist
- G. Current, or Former Official World or Olympic Record Holder



**Note: All these refer to results recorded in Senior competitions.**

### Para Powerlifters

The criteria for Para Powerlifting are slightly different to weightlifting reflecting its standing as a separate sport.

British Para Powerlifters will be inducted into the Hall of Fame if they meet **one** of the following criteria:

- A. Paralympic Games medallist
- B. WPPO World Champion
- C. 2 x WPPO World Championships Senior medallist
- D. Commonwealth Games Champion
- E. 3 x WPPO European Champion
- F. Commonwealth Games medallist + WPPO World Championships Senior medallist + European Championships Gold medallist

- **Note: All these refer to results recorded in Senior competitions.**

### Significant Contributors

The criteria for significant contributors are naturally less rigid than the athlete categories to accommodate long term participation from different fields related to the sport.

Significant Contributors should only be considered for induction to “the Hall” if he or she achieves **one or more** of the following criteria, for example:

- A. Was responsible for the creation of Weightlifting & Para Powerlifting in Great Britain or for the establishment of the national body



- B. Represented Great Britain with distinction on an international body or a major national body for a long period of time (e.g., UK Sport, Commonwealth Sport, WADA, UKAD, EWF, CWF, IWF, IOC, IPC etc)
- C. Held an executive or prominent position in British Weight Lifting and provided service or contribution over an extended period of time of a quality above and beyond that of others performing the same service, and who has during his or her stewardship demonstrably
- D. Achieved success as a lifter that does not immediately meet the threshold for the athlete categories but contributed to a wider and significant social impact
- E. Contributed to the positive development of the sport of Olympic Weightlifting, or Paralympic Powerlifting within Great Britain over a long period of time.
- F. Significant long-term, high-quality involvement in international coaching (e.g. Coaching numerous successful British athletes at international events over a long period of time)
- G. Significant long-term, high-quality involvement in international officiating (e.g. Officiating at multiple Olympic Games)
- H. Was the recipient of a BWL lifetime achievement award.
- I. Received an honour from the British Monarchy

## Ratification & Induction

The BWL Board of Directors will review any eligible candidates put forward by the BWL competitions team and ratify whether they should be included in the Hall of Fame, or not.

This process will involve a discussion regarding the candidate's suitability and the board making a final decision based upon the information they have at their disposal.

Individuals will be notified where possible if they have been selected to become a member of the BWL Hall of Fame.

Each new addition to the Hall of Fame will be announced at the next British Championship following the Board's decision and will subsequently be shared on social media.

New members of the Hall of Fame will receive a commemorative engraved plaque from BWL upon their enrolment. They will also be invited to a ceremonial dinner with the BWL Board, and other existing Hall of Fame Members.



The full Hall of Fame will be visible to view in its entirety on the BWL Website. The list will be displayed in chronological order to allow BWL website users to explore the journey of British athletes from the amateur ideals of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century right through to the modern professional era of today.

Each member's achievements will be summarised in a short bullet point on the main Hall of Fame page, and readers will be able to click through and read a more in-depth biography of each person.