

Event: Commonwealth Games 2022

Date: 30/07/2022- 03/08/2022

Location: Birmingham

1. Overview

The Commonwealth Games are a priority performance competition for English and British athletes. Success in Birmingham 2022 an important stand-alone performance event as well as an important milestone competition for Paris 2024. The event has further significance as an opportunity to build up the sport's reputation and inspire the nation through medal winning performances.

Commonwealth Games England must approve all nominations for final selection to 'Team England' for 'Birmingham 2022'. Athletes must fulfil all minimum eligibility criteria for both 'Team England' and the requirements of the athlete allocation policy outlined by the 'Commonwealth Games Federation' [here](#) to remain eligible for selection for 'Birmingham 2022'.

Selection of lifters representing England at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham will be made according to the criteria outlined in this document. Selection criteria remains subject to change as a result of the unique and extenuating circumstances caused by COVID-19 and the subsequent impact on the international sporting calendar. Commonwealth Games England ("CGE") and British Weight Lifting ("BWL") will be closely monitoring the Athlete Allocation System to determine if any changes are necessary. BWL therefore reserves the right to amend the selection policy or process in the event of unforeseen circumstances. Long-list athletes will be notified by email and updates will be published on the BWL Website [here](#).

2. Minimum Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for selection for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, athletes must satisfy the following criteria:

- 2.1 A citizen of the United Kingdom and hold a valid British passport prior to initial entry deadline and in addition, you must fulfil one of the following criteria.
 - (1) Have been born in England
 - (2) Have lived in England for a minimum of 3 years
 - (3) Have a minimum of 1 English Grandparent
- 2.2 In the case of multiple citizenship, the athlete must not have represented another country within a period of 12 months, in accordance with IWF Regulations
- 2.3 Athlete must have submitted a Application of interest (Appendix A) to compete via email to stuart.martin@britishweightlifting.org before 23:59, 24/12/2021
- 2.4 A current member of British Weight Lifting (BWL)
- 2.5 Athlete must not be in dispute with BWL, affiliated bodies or stakeholders.
- 2.6 Athlete must remain compliant with the BWL and IWF Anti-Doping Controls and complete all relevant UKAD Education & Training required by Team England

- 2.7 Athlete must meet the codes of conduct laid out by British Weight Lifting by signing the 'Athlete agreement'
- 2.8 Athlete must meet the codes of conduct laid out by Commonwealth Games England by signing the Team England 'Team Members Agreement' and the CGF Entry and Eligibility Form.
- 2.9 Athlete must display appropriate behaviours at all competitions and training camps as outlined in the 'BWL Athlete agreement'
- 2.10 Athlete must feature on the 'IWF Commonwealth Ranking list' [here](#) in the weight category(s) they wish to be considered for at the end of the 'IWF Commonwealth ranking period', 01/01/2021 – 14/02/2022. Results lifted at the following events meet the eligibility requirements to be included on the 'IWF Commonwealth Ranking list'.
- British Senior Championships (June 2021)
 - Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (July 2021)
 - EWF European Junior Championships (September 2021)
 - IWF World Youth Championships (October 2021)
 - ~~Commonwealth Senior Championships (December 2021) – Cancelled~~
 - IWF World Senior Championships (December 2021)
 - British Senior Championships (January 2022)
 - ~~CWF Continental championships in Mauritius, Canada, New Zealand, Singapore (February 2022) – Cancelled~~
- 2.11 Athlete must have lifted the development qualification standard (3.3) in the weight category they wish to be considered for at the following competitions during the England Commonwealth ranking period 01/01/2021 – 27/04/2022:
- Any competition outlined in 2.10 of this selection policy
 - EWF European Under 23 Championships (September 2021)
 - British Open (November 2021)
 - Welsh Championships (11 December 2021)
 - ~~EWF European Senior Championships (April 2022) – Cancelled / Moved to later date~~
 - England CWG Trial event (24th April 2022)
- 2.12 Athletes must have set up an ADAMS whereabouts profile and have submitted completed whereabouts information online before 23:59, 16/01/2021. Whereabouts must be complete with overnight accommodation and a daily 1-hour time slot for the full period of 25/04/2022 – 07/08/2022
- 2.13 Athletes must declare their chosen weight category to the BWL 'Head of Performance' no later than 20/02/2022, by returning the form attached to the end of this document in 'Appendix B – Athlete's Chosen weight category'

(Any queries about the 'Minimum Eligibility Criteria' for this competition should be sent to BWL Head of Performance stuart.martin@britishweightlifting.org)

3. Qualification standards

BWL's will select a team which prioritises the athletes which have the best potential to win Medals and contribute to the overall performance of the team at Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. In categories where an athlete does not demonstrate clear medal potential in a category, this policy allows for the selection of younger weightlifters who demonstrate a long-term commitment to Weightlifting and the potential to win Medals at the following events (in order of priority) Paris 2024 Olympics, the 2026 Commonwealth games, and Los Angeles 2028 olympics.

3.1 The maximum team size for this event is eight (8) male and eight (8) female athletes

3.2 The number of lifters selected in each weight category will not exceed one (1)

3.3 Performance standards

The athlete must lift the relevant standard in the same category during the qualification period (2.11)

Women's Categories

w49	w55	w59	w64	w71	w76	w87	w87+
153	171	182	187	197	202	208	222

Men's Categories

m55	m61	m67	m73	m81	m96	m109	m109+
213	251	270	281	297	315	329	340

3.4 Development Standards

The athlete must lift the relevant standard in the same category during the qualification period (2.11)

Women's Categories

w49	w55	w59	w64	w71	w76	w87	w87+
148	164	175	180	189	194	200	213

Men's Categories

m55	m61	m67	m73	m81	m96	m109	m109+
204	241	260	271	285	303	316	327

4. Selection Process

The selection panel will convene to select athletes during the week beginning 25/04/2022 (subject to change by BWL). The selection process will be conducted by a BWL selection panel, who will be provided with the following supporting information:

- (1) **The most up to date copy of the 'IWF Commonwealth Ranking list'** [here](#)
- (2) **BWL Absolute Ranking lists** - of Eligible England weightlifters for each category
- (3) **BWL Athlete Dashboard** - containing key information about each athlete to support voting members to make informed, objective decisions. The Dashboard includes the following information on each athlete:
 - UKS Performance Funnels
 - Analysis of results recorded at all relevant qualification events (2.11)

The advice and experience of the BWL performance team and International Arena coaches who work regularly with athletes during training camps and international competitions will also be considered throughout the selection process to evaluate whether athletes demonstrate the necessary performance behaviours to deliver medal winning performances at Birmingham 2022.

The W45, W81, M89, M102 are not included as categories at 'Birmingham 2022' and performances recorded in these categories are not recognised on the IWF Commonwealth Games ranking list'. However, during selection discussions any performances (from relevant events [2.11]) in these categories will be considered as performance for the following corresponding categories:

- W45kg category performances will be considered as W49kg category performances
- W81kg category performances will be considered as W87kg category performances
- M89kg category performances will be considered as M96kg category performances
- M102kg category performances will be considered as M109kg category performances

Selection process will take place in 2 phases

Phase 1 (Selection based on athlete's potential to win medals at Birmingham 2022)

4.1 If the athlete has achieved the Performance standard (3.3), the BWL selection panel must determine if the athlete is on trajectory to challenge for a medal in their respective category at Birmingham 2022 considering all of the following criteria:

- 4.1.1 *Competition results from relevant qualification events (2.11)*
- 4.1.2 *Performance Trajectory*
- 4.1.3 *The lifter's Average number of successful lifts made in the last 4 competitions should be $\geq 4/6$ lifts (see appendix 2)*

- 4.1.4 *Athletes' engagement with England Commonwealth Games Training Squads and performance reviews*
- 4.1.5 *International Performance trends and predicted Commonwealth medal zones*

Phase 2 (Final team Selection)

- 4.2 If the number of athletes per category eligible for selection using the criteria in (4.1) is greater than the maximum number of athletes per weight category (3.2), the selection panel at their discretion reserves the right to select the athlete who demonstrates the potential to win Medals at the following events (in order of priority) Paris 2024 Olympics, the 2026 Commonwealth Games, and Los Angeles 2028 Olympics.
- 4.3 If the number of athletes identified using the criteria in (4.1) is less than the maximum number of lifters per category (3.2), the selection panel at their discretion reserves the right to select athletes who have demonstrated the greatest potential to medal at Paris 2024, LA 2028 or the 2026 Commonwealth Games, subject to them having achieved the 'Development Standard' (3.4)
- 4.4 At point of selection the selection panel at their discretion reserves the right to set additional conditions of selection for all athletes in any of the following key areas:
 - 4.4.1 *Capability to deliver against performance targets*
 - 4.4.2 *Athlete Health & Fitness*
 - 4.4.3 *Performance trajectory*
 - 4.4.4 *Engagement with the performance team and the England Commonwealth Games training squad (e.g. Attendance at Camps, Squads and Education sessions)*
- 4.5 An athlete must consistently display performance related behaviours as outlined by the BWL Athlete agreement, which provide the selection panel with confidence that the athlete will not negatively affect the performance of other selected athletes. The selection panel at their discretion reserves the right not to select an athlete if reasonable concerns exist about their behaviour, which the panel feel could negatively impact the following:
 - 4.5.1 *The performance of the athlete*
 - 4.5.2 *The performance of the team as a whole*
 - 4.5.3 *The reputation of BWL.*
 - 4.5.4 *The health, wellbeing and safety of athletes, coaches, and support staff*

5. Funding

This event is funded by Sport England, BWL & Commonwealth Games England. Specific rules apply to sponsorship around the Commonwealth Games. It is an athlete's responsibility to carefully read the BWL 'athlete agreement' and Commonwealth Games England 'Team member agreement' and fully comply with the requirements of these legal documents. Failure to do so could result in de-selection.

BWL recognise that Athletes may have sponsors who support them in the lead up to this competition, where these sponsors have asked to be promoted by the athlete following their selection we recommend they contact the BWL Head of Performance in order to discuss any potential conflicts with current or potential partners.

6. Obligations

Selected athletes will be required to:

- 6.1 Sign a BWL 'Athlete Agreement', including the most up to date code of conduct
- 6.2 Sign a Commonwealth Games England Team Member agreement
- 6.3 Attend agreed team camps or activities prior to Birmingham 2022 as reasonably requested

- 6.4 Work with the performance team to agree a competition strategy which aligns to performance targets at this competition.
- 6.5 Adhere to specified travel dates organised by BWL
- 6.6 Stay in the Commonwealth Games Village for at the least four (4) nights around competition, to meet potential IWF anti-doping control requirements
- 6.7 Wear appropriate apparel as specified by BWL at all camps, events, and Birmingham 2022
- 6.8 Inform BWL immediately should their preparation or strategy be interrupted in any way, including injury and illness, between point of nomination and Birmingham 2022
- 6.9 Submit training and bodyweight information as requested by BWL
- 6.10 Keep your selection confidential until an official press release by BWL and 'Team England' has taken place

7. Confirmation of Fitness and deselection

Each selected athlete must consistently display performance related behaviours, which provide the BWL Performance team and Selection panel with confidence that they can achieve key performance targets.

The Selection panel under the advice of the BWL Performance team reserve the right to deselect any athlete who fails to adhere to the terms outlined in this selection policy & the 'BWL athlete agreement', or who has failed or refused to prove their form or fitness as highlighted below.

- 7.1 Any cause for concern over injury or illness arising from an examination or otherwise will lead to the athlete needing to demonstrate fitness at the discretion of the BWL Head of Performance by undergoing fitness assessments with appropriate medical practitioners, regardless of whether they have done so previously. BWL will provide reasonable notice of no less than 3 days.
- 7.2 If an athlete displays inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour that reflects poorly on BWL, themselves or other selected team members, BWL is entitled to investigate the situation fully. If the actions of the athlete cannot be resolved, negatively affect other selected team members or there is a risk that there will be a negative effect on performance of other individuals or the team at the championships, then BWL may outline an appropriate course of action to resolve the situation, which may include informal or formal disciplinary action and deselection if a resolution is not deemed possible without having an impact on the performance of the team.
- 7.3 Athletes are expected to achieve key performance targets at Birmingham 2022, If an athlete has an injury or, in the reasonable opinion of the Selection panel, lacks fitness prior to their formal selection to the Team by Commonwealth Games England, then designated medical, coaching, sport science personnel and/or the BWL Head of Performance (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 Games. The athlete under review will be entitled to make representation during the process of this decision being reached.
- 7.4 The BWL Head of Performance will be entitled to specify any reasonable method requiring a selected athlete to confirm their continued health and fitness, which might include, participating in certain competitions, attending meetings or squad training, or undergoing a fitness assessment
- 7.5 All nominated 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 their personal best at the Games

If the panel decides that an athlete has failed to adhere to the code of conduct, has failed to demonstrate the appropriate form & fitness, or refused to prove their form & fitness as reasonably requested, they will be entitled to appeal this decision and provide written representation (9.0).

Subject to the conclusion of any ongoing athlete appeals the BWL Selection panel reserves the right to replace a deselected athlete with another eligible athlete that demonstrates appropriate form &

fitness to achieve performance objectives at Birmingham 2022. Deadline for Athlete replacement is 22nd June 2022 prior to BWL making Final nominations to Team England.

8. Selection Panel

The selection panel will be chaired by the Chair of BWL's Performance Advisory Group and will comprise of:

- Chair of the Performance Advisory Group (Chair)
- England Performance Coach
- England Performance Coach
- 1 member of the Performance Advisory Group
- Commonwealth Games England sport manager (Independent)

Other members of BWL and the 'England Athlete Representative' may be in attendance in a non-voting capacity to supply background information and technical or medical information.

A written summary of the notes from this meeting will be recorded and available to an athlete on request in the event an athlete wishes to consider appealing the selection panel's decision.

Athletes will be informed by email of the selection decision no later than 17:00 on Friday 29/04/2022 (subject to change by BWL).

Athletes who are not selected or who are deselected will be provided with a clear reason for their non-selection to allow them to make an informed decision on whether to appeal.

All conflicts of interest will be declared. A conflicted individual will not vote on that particular selection or be permitted to contribute to discussions unless their views are specifically requested by the Chair of the Panel.

In the event of a tied vote the Chair of the Performance Committee will cast the deciding vote.

9. Appeals

Athletes have the right to appeal their non-selection in accordance with the "BWL Selection Appeals Policy". A copy can be obtained [here](#). Deadline for submitting appeals is 12:00, 04/05/2022 (subject to change by BWL).

Athletes have the right to appeal if they are de-selected in accordance with the "BWL Selection Appeals Policy"..

BWL reserves the right to deselect athletes if sufficient evidence exists to suggest that an athlete is not meeting the conditions of this policy. BWL will give athletes a minimum of 3 days to notify BWL of intention to appeal their deselection.

BWL / CGE will not take further action to remove an athlete's eligibility to compete until a decision on any appeal has been reached.

Prior to BWL's final nomination of athletes to Commonwealth Games England on the 22/06/2022, BWL reserve the right to select another eligible athlete to replace a deselected athlete once the appeal process has been concluded.

The appeals panel will be chaired by a member of the Independent Chairman of BWL (who was not a member of the original selection panel (8.0) and will comprise of.

- The Independent Chairman of BWL
- Independent Director of BWL (Performance experience)
- BWL CEO

All conflicts of interest will be declared. A conflicted individual will not vote on that particular selection or be permitted to contribute to discussions, unless their views are specifically requested by the Chair of the Panel. In the event of a tied vote the Chair will cast the deciding vote.

Appendix A: Application of interest Form for an athlete wishing to be selected for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games

Athlete's Name:

Please accept my application for consideration for selection to the England Weightlifting Team for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games

I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to follow the British Weight Lifting selection criteria for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games

I agree that as a condition of my participation in the Games, I will be obliged to enter into the following agreements prior to my nomination to Commonwealth Games England

- The Team England Team Members Agreement'
- The British Weight Lifting's 'Athlete Agreement'

ATHLETE STATEMENTS

1. I wish to be considered for selection to Team England for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games in the weightlifting competition, agree to adhere to the BWL selection policy and agree to facilitate the various procedures laid out in that policy and to provide such assistance and information as BWL and Commonwealth Games England shall reasonably require in connection with the selection process laid out
2. I agree to cooperate with the BWL and Team England Medical Officers (and each of any other medical specialists and BWL staff involved in any fitness assessment process contemplated by the selection policy) in connection with all the medical assessments and fitness tests mentioned in this policy to the extent necessary to allow for the communication of information regarding my health, fitness and ability to compete
3. I agree that medical personnel will be permitted to communicate the findings of any assessments or tests strictly and only for the purpose of selection. Therefore, I agree to waive any right to medical confidentiality for the purpose of selection under the policy
4. I agree to work cooperatively with any staff that BWL designate to support the Team, and undertake to ensure that that any parties associated with me (including my personal coach) cooperate likewise
5. My normal contact details for further correspondence are given below. I undertake to notify British Weight Lifting's Head of Performance immediately should these details change

Address:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

Signature:

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18):

Date:

Please return this form to stuart.martin@britishweightlifting.org by **24th December 2021**

Appendix B: Athlete's Chosen Weight Category for Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games for those athletes who are eligible in more than one Commonwealth Games category on the IWF/CWF ranking list at the end of the qualification period on the 28/February 2022

Athlete's Full Name:

Please accept this form as confirmation of the category I would like to be considered for selection in (in order of priority) to represent the England Weightlifting Team at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games

I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to follow the British Weight Lifting Selection policy and process for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games

I understand that in accordance with the 'Commonwealth Games Weightlifting Athlete allocation policy' I can only be eligible for selection in one Bodyweight category and that BWL must confirm this category with the IWF/CWF/CGF by the 28th of February 2022.

I wish to be considered for selection in the following bodyweight category:

(Please write an x in the box corresponding to your chosen weight category)

Women's Categories

w49	w55	w59	w64	w71	w76	w87	w87+

Men's Categories

m55	m61	m67	m73	m81	m96	m109	m109+

Athlete's Signature:

Athlete's Name (Printed):

Date

Please return this form to stuart.martin@britishweightlifting.org no later than 12:00 on Sunday the 20th February 2022

APPENDIX C

Basic timeline and critical dates (Subject to change by BWL/CWE/IWF/CWF)

1. **Inform BWL of Intention to attempt qualification and to gain selection** –Athletes seeking nomination must confirm their intention and agreement to this Policy by completing the form attached to the back of this Policy and returning it to the BWL Head of Performance by 23:59, 24/12/2021.
2. **Submit necessary accreditation information** – Athletes and staff must provide Team England with all information necessary for games time accreditation applications to be completed no later than 31/01/2022
3. **Athlete to confirm chosen weight category**– no later than 12:00 on the 20/02/2022
4. **BWL to confirm athlete’s chosen weight categories with the IWF/CGE** – no later than 12:00 on the 28/02/2022
5. **IWF/CGF to confirm ‘IWF Commonwealth Ranking list** – after 07/03/2022
6. **Short List** – BWL to provide Team England with a list of individuals who meet general eligibility criteria at the end of the IWF/CGF Ranking period. Those not meeting these criteria will be removed from the short list no later than 28/02/2021.
7. **Final England Selection events** –The European Senior Championships and an England CWG Trials in April 2022 event will act as final selection events for the England Weightlifting Team
8. **England Selection meeting** – will take place during the week commencing 25th April 2022. The selection committee will convene to select athletes.
9. **Selection panel decisions** – Athletes will be informed of selection decisions no later than 17:00 on Friday 29th April 2022. Selection decisions will be communicated to the selected athletes and non-selected athletes. All selection decisions will however be subject to ratification by Team England, and athlete appeals hearings.
10. **Appeal deadline for non-selection** - Athletes have until 12:00 on 04/05/2022 to file an appeal for their non-selection.
11. **Appeals panel meeting** - All appeals will be heard on or before the 7th May 2022
12. **Provisional nomination to Commonwealth Games England** – 9th May 2022
13. **Final nomination to Team England** – no later than 17:00 on 22nd June 2022.