



British Weight Lifting (BWL) **Diploma in Sporting Excellence Selection Policy**

Overview

This selection policy has been created to provide an opportunity for lifters to apply to study the Diploma in Sporting Excellence.

Eligibility criteria

1. Up to a maximum of 20 athletes are eligible to join the DiSE programme in September 2019.
2. Athletes must meet all the following criteria in addition to this selection policy to be eligible for selection:
 - a. Born between 01.09.2002 – 31.08.2003 and reside in England
 - b. Be studying in Further Education (FE) in England from September 2019 (full time or approved part time study)
 - c. Be a current BWL member and not in dispute with BWL and / or its affiliated bodies or partners
 - d. Have been a resident in the UK / other EU Country for the last 3 years
 - e. Compliant with the BWL Anti-Doping Controls and Procedures
3. Athletes must be committed to carrying out a minimum of 13 hours per week directly linked to their development in the sport, throughout the course
4. Athletes must be committed to completing the 2-year course
5. Athletes must be committed to attending both the National and Regional programmes associated with the DiSE programme
6. Athletes must be able to demonstrate their commitment to improving their performance in Weightlifting
7. Weightlifting ability selection criteria:
 - a. Be a current participant on the regional talent pathway programme or enrolling onto the talent pathway programme
 - b. Athletes must have competed in a minimum of 4 BWL recognised competitions since 01 July 2018
 - c. Demonstrate Behaviours in-line with BWL vision & values
 - d. Athlete is proactive at engaging with BWL pathway staff to support their long-term development
 - e. Athlete must be listed on the BWL Rankings, formulated from registered BWL competitions and logged on the Sport80 - BARS system. Athletes should be ranked in the top 16 for their age category.

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Selections

All selections are subject to the final approval of British Weight Lifting's selection panel. The selection panel will be chaired by BWL Chief Operating Officer and will comprise of:

- Kath Leonard, Chief Operating Officer
- Stuart Martin, BWL Talent Pathway Manager
- Zoe Kettle-Metcalf, Head of Workforce

British Weight Lifting may seek supporting advice from a recognised coach currently working within the pathway.

Athletes will be provisionally selected based on the minimum eligibility criteria. The following criteria will be applied to determine selection;

1. BWL will use data from BWL/IWF/EIF licensed competitions and insight from BWL pathway coaches
2. The maximum number of athletes that can be selected is 20
3. If the number of athletes qualified exceeds the maximum number, then the following criteria will apply to those athletes:
 - a. Each Athlete's best performance during the selection period will be expressed as a percentage of the "British Youth & U15 Pathway Rankings"
 - b. Percentages will be rounded to the nearest whole number
 - c. All Athletes will be ranked using these percentages, the top ranked athletes will then be selected (a copy of the most up to date Ranking can be found [here](#) "British Youth & U15 Pathway Rankings") Only performances prior to 31 July 2019 will be considered.
 - d. In the event of a tie in this ranking, the next best performance that was achieved between 31/08/2018 – 31/07/19 at a BWL/EIF/IWF event will be considered and the athlete with the highest percentage of the "British Youth & U15 Pathway Rankings" standards will be selected.
4. If the number of eligible athletes is less than the Team Size the selection panel at their discretion reserves the right to select athletes who have demonstrated a performance trajectory in-line with performance at future major Junior and International events".

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. Deadline for submitting appeals is 5 days after the selection decision is communicated by BWL.

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