

## **British Weight Lifting (BWL)** **Diploma in Sporting Excellence Selection Policy (2020)**

### **Overview**

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

### **Eligibility criteria**

1. Up to a maximum of 20 athletes are eligible to join the DiSE programme in September 2020 (dependent upon successful funding from Sport England).
2. Athletes must meet all the following criteria to be eligible for selection:
  - a. Born between 01.09.2003 – 31.08.2004 and reside in England
  - b. Be studying in Further Education (FE) in England from September 2020 (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. Demonstrate behaviours in-line with BWL vision and values
  - b. Be prepared to enrol onto the BWL Talent Pathway, or be currently enrolled on the Talent Pathway

### **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, Talent Pathway Manager
- Mark Hill, Workforce Manager

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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/EFW 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 2020 will be considered.
  - d. In the event of a tie in this ranking, the next best performance that was achieved between 31/08/2019 – 31/07/2020 at a BWL/EFW/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.

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