

BRITISH WEIGHT LIFTING SELECTION POLICY

COMPETITION: IPC WORLD PARA-POWERLIFTING WORLD CUP

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OVERVIEW

This selection policy has been created in line with British Weight Lifting's (BWL) primary aim of sending a Great Britain team to the 2017 World Para Powerlifting (WPP) World Championships, becoming eligible for and subsequently winning medals at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

This selection policy will support the WPP Tokyo 2020 Qualification Pathway for World Class Program (WCP) athletes who can contribute to the WCP's annual milestone targets.

This selection policy will also guide non-WCP athletes who aspire to achieve eligibility for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games who **are able to self-fund their own participation in full.**

This policy will also direct athlete's attentions to Home Nation selection policies and pathways for representation of England, Wales, Scotland and N.Ireland at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Please be aware this policy is currently subject to final funding decisions for the 2017 to 2021 Tokyo Paralympic Cycle. Any changes will be published online at <http://britishweightlifting.org/>. Any queries can be sent to tom.whittaker@britishweightlifting.org.

1. GREAT BRITAIN ELIGIBILITY

1.1. WCP Athlete Eligibility Requirements

To be considered to represent Great Britain at the IPC World Cup event in Eger, Hungary, athletes must satisfy the following for the BWL WCP to fund participation;

- 1.1.1. Be a member of the BWL WCP for 2017 – 2018; In addition, have a competition plan that has identified this event as part of their development strategy for 2017, have a current performance profile which meets agreed WCP performance objectives and furthermore there must be evidence the athlete has adhered to the WCP membership obligations
- 1.1.2. Be a citizen of the United Kingdom and hold a valid British passport
- 1.1.3. Be a current member of British Weight Lifting (BWL), not in dispute with BWL and/or its affiliated bodies or partners
- 1.1.4. Compliant with the BWL's Anti-Doping Controls and Procedures
- 1.1.5. Athletes must satisfy IPC eligibility rules and can obtain an IPC License for the 2017 Summer Season

- 1.1.6. Have gone through and been successful at National Classification assessment and/or International Classification assessment with either a Confirmed or Review sport status for 2017 with respect to the latter
- 1.1.7. Have competed in a BWL Para-Powerlifting or approved IPC World Para Powerlifting competition between 01st June 2016 and 8th April 2017
- 1.1.8. Have a development trajectory and or current performance level which demonstrates the potential to win medals at the World Championships and or win medals at the Paralympic Games.
- 1.1.9. Meet the BWL Minimum Qualifying Standard (MQS), in the class they intend to compete in (Section 2) *

*In accordance with IPC rule 4.1 athletes may be entered into a weight class that they did not qualify in when entry and team size rules and regulations can apply. These rules may be utilised by BWL during the selection process at their discretion if doing so increases the likelihood of meeting annual performance milestone targets or winning medals at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games. British Weight Lifting will take into consideration athletes preferences but will select athletes for weight classes that increase the likelihood of athletes finishing in the highest position wherever possible and contributes to a better overall team performance.

1.2. Non-WCP Athlete Eligibility Requirements

To be considered to represent Great Britain at the IPC World Cup event in Eger, Hungary, athletes not on the BWL WCP must satisfy the following to self-fund participation in full:

- 1.2.1. Satisfy the eligibility requirements in section 1 which are identified as; 1.1.2. – 1.1.9.

1.3. Home Nation Eligibility (Commonwealth Games Qualification Pathway)

For athletes with ambitions of attending this competition to represent their Home Nation and qualify for their respective CWG's Team at the 2018 CWG's please contact Tom Whittaker (tom.whittaker@britishweightlifting.org) who will forward you onto the relevant contact person within the relevant Home Nation organisation.

- 1.3.1. Home Nations athletes must satisfy the eligibility requirements in Section 1 which are identified as; 1.1.2. – 1.1.6.

2. GREAT BRITAIN MINIMUM QUALIFYING TOTALS

MEN

Weight Class	49	54	59	65	72	80	88	97	107	107+
MQS (KG)	115	122	132	143	151	157	164	169	179	184

WOMEN

Weight Class	41	45	50	55	61	67	73	79	86	86+
MQS (KG)	52	59	67	69	70	74	75	80	82	83

3. GREAT BRITAIN SELECTION

3.1. Process

- 3.1.1. The selection panel will convene to select athletes on the 8th April 2017
- 3.1.2. All athletes who have achieved the MQS during the selection period (see Section 1) will be considered in the selection meeting.
- 3.1.3. Athletes who are current members of the BWL WCP will be provisionally selected having satisfied the eligibility criteria in Section 1; this includes but is not limited to having a competition plan that has identified this event as part of their development plan for 2017, has a current performance profile which meets agreed WCP performance objectives and furthermore there is evidence the athlete has adhered to the WCP membership obligations
- 3.1.4. Athletes not on the WCP who achieve the MQS and are able to self-fund their participation in full will be provisionally selected if they have a rising performance trajectory which is aligned with the potential to medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games or the 2024 Paralympic Games.
- 3.1.5. A selection letter shall be sent to all selected athletes which must be signed and returned to confirm selection and their understanding of the grounds on which selection is confirmed and continued selection is maintained. For non-WCP athletes it will state that participation will be funded by themselves in full and shall contain details outlining payment deadlines to BWL.

3.2. Selection Panel

- 3.2.1. The selection panel will be chaired by a member of the BWL High Performance Committee and include the BWL Performance Manager and one member of the BWL High Performance Committee or WCP
- 3.2.2. All conflicts of interest will be declared and in the event of a conflict, the chair of the selection panel will determine whether the conflicted individual can take part in the selection discussion. A conflicted individual will not vote on that selection but may participate in the general selection discussion

4. GREAT BRITAIN CONFIRMATION OF FITNESS

4.1. Pre-Selection

- 4.1.1. Prior to selection any athlete who has satisfied eligibility requirements but there is doubt about their current performance potential may, at the request of and deemed appropriate by the BWL Performance Director or Manager be required to undergo physical testing to provide further information for consideration. Any performance or medical review would be performed by a member of the BWL WCP performance team and/or a Doctor identified by the Performance Director or Manager. The performance test would be the Bench Press to IPC competition rules.
- 4.1.2. Any decision not to consider an athlete on grounds of ill health or injury having satisfied eligibility requirements will be confirmed in writing to the athlete after verbal communication by BWL.

4.2. Post Selection

- 4.2.1. At the request of BWL all selected athletes may undergo or have requested of them reasonable medical assessments or physical testing to ensure performance levels are maintained to perform appropriately and to the best of their ability at this World Cup Event.
- 4.2.2. BWL is entitled to request any reasonable method to determine a level of good health and high performance capability, which may include but is not limited to; General Practitioner review, musculo-skeletal assessments, body weight/composition assessment, performance testing and meetings.

5. GREAT BRITAIN DE-SELECTION

- 5.1. Prior to departure, BWL retains the right to de-select any athlete under circumstances such as;
 - 5.1.1. Illness, injury or not fit to travel abroad and compete at the level they qualified at
 - 5.1.2. Non-compliance with post selection fitness testing or requests to prove/establish good health
 - 5.1.3. Any doping infringement incompatible with BWL Anti-Doping policies and procedure
 - 5.1.4. Any deadline that is missed regarding payment of participation costs by non-WCP athletes to BWL may result in de-selection and may still require the athlete to cover costs related to delayed or missed payment to BWL
- 5.2. If de-selection occurs the athlete will be informed verbally and in writing to explain the decision-making process.

6. GREAT BRITAIN OBLIGATIONS

- 6.1. Selected athletes will be required to;
 - 6.1.1. Attend agreed team camps, training days or activities prior to the competition
 - 6.1.2. Adhere to specified travel dates
 - 6.1.3. Athletes will compete in the bodyweight category agreed by BWL
 - 6.1.4. Wear appropriate apparel as specified by BWL at all camps, events and the competition
 - 6.1.5. Inform the BWL Performance Manager immediately should their preparation be interrupted in any way after selection
 - 6.1.6. Submit training and bodyweight information as requested by BWL
 - 6.1.7. Meet competition payment deadlines (relevant only for non-WCP selected athletes)

7. GREAT BRITAIN APPEALS

- 7.1. Athletes have the right to appeal their non-selection in accordance with the BWL Appeals Policy. A copy can be obtained by contacting the BWL main office. Appeals may be only made on the grounds the procedure outlined in this policy has not been adhered to.
- 7.2. The notice of appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of £250, payable to BWL as a contribution to administrative costs associated with processing any appeal.