



Event: European Senior Championships 2019

Date: 10th – 19th April 2019

Location: Batumi (Georgia)

1. Overview

This selection policy has been created to provide an opportunity for GB lifters to compete at the IWF World Senior Championships providing they demonstrate the potential to contribute towards:

- 2020 Olympic Games selection
- Medals at major senior international championships in the future.

2. Eligibility

To be considered for selection for the IWF World Championships 2018, athletes must satisfy the following:

1. A citizen of the United Kingdom and hold a valid British passport
2. In case of multiple citizenship, the athlete must not have represented another country within a period of 12 months
3. Have submitted a declaration of interest to compete via email to stuart.martin@britishweightlifting.org
4. A current member of British Weight lifting (BWL), not in dispute with BWL and / or its affiliated bodies or partners.
5. Compliant with the BWL and IWF Anti-Doping Controls and Procedures.
6. Display behaviours in-line with BWL's vision and values and consistently demonstrate appropriate performance related behaviours at international competitions.
7. Have achieved the relevant BWL qualification standard at a BWL event (Tier 2 & Above) or international competition during the qualification period between 01.04.2018 – 27.01.2019.
 - i. Extenuating circumstances for the inclusion of non-BWL/IWF events can be requested at the Discretion of the BWL Performance Pathway manager but must be requested a minimum of 4 weeks in advance of the competition in question.
8. Athlete must be listed on the BWL Rankings, formulated from registered BWL competitions and logged on the Sport80 - BARS system

3. Qualification standards

BWL will select a team which allows athletes the best opportunity to qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

1. Minimum standards required to be considered:

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Men's Totals	55	61	67	73	81	89	96	102	109	109+
	224	245	267	282	303	316	326	338	346	365
Women's Totals	45	49	55	59	64	71	76	81	87	87+
	140	150	167	182	188	196	202	206	212	218

2. Tokyo 2020 top 8 standard (modelled with 4 Olympic cycles of data):

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Men's Totals	55	61	67	73	81	89	96	102	109	109+
	264	288	314	332	356	372	383	398	407	429
Women's Totals	45	49	55	59	64	71	76	81	87	87+
	165	176	197	214	213	230	232	230	228	257

3. BWL Rankings will be used for selection to this event. Rankings will be based on the percentage of Tokyo 2020 predicted Top 8 standard (a copy of the most up to date ranking can be obtained from stuart.martin@britishweightlifting.org on request)

4. Selection

The selection panel will convene to select athletes during the week beginning 28th January 2019. Lifters will be provisionally selected based on the eligibility criteria in section 2. Thereafter selection will only be confirmed if BWL have agreed to invest in a specific athlete or an athlete is able to self-fund.

The following criteria will be applied:

1. BWL will use data from BWL/IWF/EIF licensed competitions over a 12-month period prior to the International competition in question.
2. The IWF maximum team size is 10 male and 10 female athletes
3. The number of lifters selected in each weight category will not exceed 2
4. If the number of athletes qualified exceeds the maximum Team Size or sufficient funding is not available to send all eligible athletes, then the following will apply to those athletes:

- (a) Each Athlete's best performance during the selection period will be expressed as a percentage of the Tokyo 2020 predicted top 8 zone
 - (b) Percentages will be rounded to the nearest whole number
 - (c) All Athletes will then be ranked using these percentages, the top ranked athletes will then be selected (a copy of the most up to date Ranking can be obtained from stuart.martin@britishweightlifting.org)
 - (d) In the event of a tie in this ranking, the next best performance that was achieved between 01.04.2018 – 27.01.2019 at a BWL/EFW/IWF event will be considered and the athlete with the highest percentage of the qualifying standards will be selected first.
- 5. If self-funding or funding through a home nation is not available (or agreed on) the next ranked eligible lifter following the process in point 4.4 will be provisionally selected.
 - 6. 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 qualification and performance at Tokyo 2020 or Birmingham 2022.

5. Financial Contributions

- 1. Athletes may be required to self-fund their participation for the European Championships 2019 if funding or NGB support is not available. If full costs of the competition cannot be covered then lifters will be asked to cover the balance. Athletes are advised to sign-off fundraising ideas with Ashley.Metcalf@britishweightlifting.org to avoid any potential conflicts or embarrassment with current or potential partners.
- 2. The athlete must have paid the full agreed amount of financial costs to BWL before (date tbc). (a breakdown of costs will be provided at point of selection; costs are expected to be around £1500-2000 per person)
- 4. Flights. The deadline for refunds of this cost component will be communicated with athletes at point of purchase. BWL work with ATPI travel to ensure we use safe, efficient and cost-effective travel routes. Flexible flights are purchased where possible to account for emergency changes but in cases where cost is critical flights are non-transferrable and non-refundable.
- 4. Accommodation/Accreditation. Refunds after the final entry deadline for entries (date tbc) will be determined by the EWF or Host Federation.
- 5. BWL provides travel insurance for all individuals through our insurers (RSA). In the event you cannot attend a competition and would like to investigate a claim you must be able to evidence relevant extenuating circumstances that align to the policy. In the event you wish to make a claim please contact Sue.Ward@britishweightlifting.org

6.. Obligations

Selected athletes will be required to:

- 1. Sign a BWL Team Members' Agreement, which will include a code of conduct

2. Attend agreed team camps or activities prior to the Championships as requested
3. Provide BWL with information relating to an Olympic qualification strategy and preparation as requested
4. Adhere to specified travel dates organised by BWL
5. Wear appropriate apparel as specified by BWL at all camps, events and the Championships
6. Inform BWL immediately should your preparation or strategy be interrupted in any way, including injury and illness, between point of nomination and the championships.
7. Submit training and bodyweight information as requested to BWL
8. Not make any announcement to the public or the press or other media regarding their selection unless an official press release by BWL has taken place
9. Continually promote a positive message about the sport in Great Britain across social media platforms

7. Confirmation of Fitness and deselection

Prior to the Championship, BWL retain the right to deselect an athlete who has failed to prove their form or fitness as highlighted in points 1 to 5 below or who has otherwise failed to adhere to the terms of this selection policy

1. In addition to any other provision of this Policy, all selected athletes at the request of BWL will undergo medical, body composition/weight and performance assessments to ensure that they have maintained an adequate level of fitness to perform to the best of their ability at the Championships
2. Any cause for concern over injury, illness, strength or body composition/weight arising from an examination or otherwise will lead to the athlete needing to demonstrate their fitness by undergoing fitness assessments at intervals deemed appropriate by BWL
3. If an athlete displays behaviour that reflects poorly on BWL, themselves or other selected team members, will be entitled to investigate the situation fully. In the event that the actions of that athlete cannot be resolved, negatively affect other selected team members or there is a risk that there will be a negative effect on the personal or team performance at the championships, then BWL may outline an appropriate course of action to resolve the situation or deselect the athlete in question.
4. Athletes are expected to repeat or exceed their qualification totals at the Championship, consequently, BWL will be entitled to specify any reasonable method requiring a selected athlete to confirm their continued health, fitness and bodyweight. This might include: participating in certain competitions, attending meetings, submit training videos, attend squad training or undergoing fitness and body composition assessments.
5. All selected athletes will be expected to attend agreed preparation camps where they must demonstrate through their training performance and training plan that they are on track to, as a minimum, lift equal to or in excess of their qualification total.

6. In the event that an athlete who has agreed self-funding fails to meet obligation **5.2**, BWL retains the right to deselect the athlete with immediate action.

8. Selection Panel

The selection panel will be chaired by a member of BWL's Performance Committee and will comprise of the BWL Performance Pathway Manager, two International Arena Coaches and a minimum of one other.

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 particular selection but may participate in the general selection discussions, at the discretion of the Chair of the Panel.

Other members of BWL may be in attendance to supply background information and technical or medical information but in a non-voting capacity.

9. 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 04/02/19.