



**Event:** EWF European Junior/U23 Championships 2019

**Date:** October 2019 (exact dates tbc)

**Location:** Bucharest (Romania)

## **1. Overview**

This selection policy has been created to provide an opportunity for gifted lifters to gain international competition experience. Gifted lifters are individuals who demonstrate potential to achieve qualification or medals at an Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games or other major Junior and Senior International Championships in the future.

## **2. Eligibility**

To be considered for selection for the IWF Youth World Championships 2019, 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](mailto:stuart.martin@britishweightlifting.org) before 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019
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. Be of eligible age
  - Junior – 15-20 years of age on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019
  - Under 23 – 21-23 years of age on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019
8. Have achieved the relevant BWL qualification standard at an IWF/EWF Championships, or BWL Tier 1 or 2 competition during the qualification period between 18.01.2019 – 09.06.2019.
  - a) 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.
9. 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 individuals who demonstrate the potential to develop towards Olympic & Commonwealth level and deliver performances at Birmingham 2022 and Paris 2024

**1. Minimum standards required to be considered for selection:**

An athlete must have achieved the 'Development pathway standard' for their age during the qualification period to be considered for selection (age on the 31/December 2019).

- a) Male Development pathway standards found [here](#)
- b) Female Development pathway standards found [here](#)

**2. Junior & U23 Ranking standard**

The Youth ranking standard is used to calculate absolute athlete rankings only. It is NOT a qualification standard.

Men's Totals	U55	U61	U67	U73	U81	U89	U96	U102	U109	109+
	214	245	259	269	285	298	303	306	312	327
Women's Totals	U45	U49	U55	U59	U64	U71	U76	U81	U87	87+
	142	152	168	179	185	195	198	204	208	221

### 4. Selection Process

Lifters will be provisionally selected based on the eligibility criteria in section 2. Selection will only be confirmed once the athlete's Home nation has agreed to invest in a specific athlete or an athlete is able to self-fund. The following criteria will be applied to determine selection;

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/EIF maximum team size is;
  - a) 10 Male (+2 Male Reserves)
  - b) 10 Female athletes (+2 Female Reserves)
3. The number of lifters selected in each weight category will not exceed 2
4. If the number of athletes qualified exceeds the IWF maximum Team Size or sufficient funding is not available to send all eligible athletes, 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 "Junior & U23 Ranking Standard" (3.2)
  - 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](#) "BWL Junior & u23 Pathway Rankings")
  - d) In the event of a tie in this ranking, the next best performance that was achieved between 01.11.2018 – 14.04.2019 at a BWL/EIF/IWF event will be considered and the athlete with the highest percentage of the Olympic Pathway standards will be selected.
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 Birmingham 2022 or Paris 2024.

## 5. Financial Contributions

1. Athletes may be required to self-fund their participation for the European Junior & U23 Championships 2019 if Home nation funding is not available. If full costs of the competition cannot be covered by their respective Home Nation, lifters will be asked to cover the balance. Athletes are advised to sign-off fundraising ideas with [Ashley.Metcalf@britishweightlifting.org](mailto:Ashley.Metcalf@britishweightlifting.org) to avoid any potential conflicts or embarrassment with current or potential partners.
2. Home Nations are responsible for funding of Age-group athletes. BWL advises that athletes make direct contact with their Home nations to identify if funding is available to support their participation at international events.

**English Athletes** should contact EWL [here](#) to identify what funding is available

**Scottish Athletes** should contact WL Scotland [here](#) to identify what funding is available

**Welsh Athletes** should contact WL Wales [here](#) to identify what funding is available

**Northern Irish Athletes** should contact NI WL [here](#) to identify what funding is available

3. The athlete must have paid the full balance of financial costs to BWL before 17:00 on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019.
4. The deadline for refunds will be communicated with athletes at point of invoice. 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.
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](mailto: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, BWL 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 **5.3**, BWL retains the right to deselect the athlete with immediate action.

## **8. Selection Panel**

1. The panel shall consist of the following members:
  - (1) Chair of the Performance Advisory Group (Chairperson)
  - (2) BWL Pathway Coach
  - (3) BWL International Arena Coach
  - (4) BWL International Arena Coach
  - (5) Member of the Performance Advisory Group
2. Each member of the selection panel has 1 vote. Individuals can abstain from voting, in the event of a tie the chair will get the casting vote.
3. The selection meeting will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (Subject to change).
4. Athletes will be notified of selection on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (Subject to change)
5. 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.
6. In the event of a tie the Chair will cast the deciding vote.
7. Other members of BWL staff may be in attendance to supply background information and technical or medical information but in a non-voting capacity.

## **8. Appeals Process**

1. 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.
2. Deadline for submitting appeals is 12:00 on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019. (Subject to change)
3. Appeals may only be made on the grounds that the procedure outlined in this policy has not been adhered to.