



Award: Sports Aid & Backing the Best (BWL - Weightlifting)

Date: December 2020 – November 2021

1. Overview

This selection policy has been created to provide an opportunity for GB lifters to access financial support from Sports aid providing they demonstrate the potential to contribute towards:

- Birmingham 2022, Paris 2024, the 2026 Commonwealth Games or LA 2028
- Medals at Major senior international events in the future.

2. Minimum Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for Sports Aid

- 2.1 Athlete must have submitted an application via email to stuart.martin@britishweightlifting.org before 13:00, 06/12/2020
- 2.2 Should be 13-20 years of age and in Secondary, Further or Higher education in England
- 2.3 A current member of British Weight Lifting (BWL),
- 2.4 Athlete must not be in dispute with BWL, affiliated bodies or stakeholders.
- 2.5 Compliant with the BWL and IWF Anti-Doping Controls and Procedures.
- 2.6 Display behaviours in-line with BWL's vision and values and consistently demonstrate appropriate performance related behaviours at BWL squads
- 2.7 Athlete should be a member of a BWL pathway squad and have lifted >90% of the [CWPS](#) in a BWL Sport80 competition between 01/09/2019 – 01/11/2020
- 2.8 Athlete must be listed on the BWL Rankings, formulated from registered BWL competitions and logged on the Sport80 - BARS system
- 2.9 Athlete must not be in receipt of either a TASS award or UK Sport funding

3. Selection Process

The selection panel will convene to select athletes during the week beginning 07/12/2020 (subject to change by BWL). The selection process will be conducted by a BWL selection panel. The Selection process will take place as outlined below.

- 3.1 BWL has been offered (6) awards for Weightlifting by Sports Aids & up to (10) Backing the best awards for individuals from households with an annual income of less than £55k p/annum
 - Individuals on DiSE, or in receipt of a TASS awards are not eligible for Sports Aid
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- 3.2 If the athlete achieves the minimum eligibility criteria (2.0), they will be considered for selection
- 3.3 Using the BWL athlete dashboard a BWL selection panel must determine if the athlete is on trajectory to medal at international championship events in future considering the following;
 - 3.3.1 *The athlete's current performance standards*

3.3.2 *The athlete's Annual Progress Rate*

3.3.3 *The athlete's Vision & Mission (outlined in their TASS application form)*

3.3.4 *The athlete's engagement with BWL Squads & Camps*

3.4 If the number of athletes who submit applications is greater than the maximum number of full awards (3.1), the selection panel at their discretion reserves the right to select the athletes who have demonstrated the greatest potential to medal at Paris 2024, the 2026 Commonwealth Games or LA 2028.

3.5 Athletes must consistently display performance related behaviours, which provide the selection panel with confidence that they have the capability to achieve their development objectives.

The selection panel at their discretion reserves the right to deselect an athlete at this stage if reasonable doubts exist about any athlete's behaviour, which they feel could negatively impact;

3.5.1 The athlete's ability to achieve performance or development objectives

3.5.2 The experience or engagement of other BWL Pathway squad members

3.5.3 The reputation of BWL

4. Obligations

Selected athletes will be required to:

4.1 Sign a BWL Team Members' Agreement, which will include a code of conduct

4.2 Attend agreed team camps or activities

4.3 Work with the BWL performance team to agree a development plan which aligns to the BWL What it Takes to Win Model

4.4 Wear appropriate apparel as specified by BWL at all camps/events

4.5 Submit training information as requested by BWL

Continually promote a positive message about the sport in Great Britain across all social media platforms

5. Selection Panel

The selection panel will be chaired by a member of BWL's Performance Advisory Group and will comprise of;

8.1 Chair of the Performance Advisory Group (Chair)

8.2 BWL Performance Coach (Para-Powerlifting)

8.3 BWL Performance Coach (Weightlifting)

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

All conflicts of interest will be declared. 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.

In the event of a tied vote the Chair of the Performance Committee will cast the deciding vote.

6. 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 17:00, 13/12/2020 (subject to change by BWL).