



**Event:** IWF World Championships  
**Date:** 27 October - 8 November 2026  
**Location:** Ningbo (China)

**Timeline and critical dates (Subject to change by BWL/IWF/EWF)**

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1. **Qualification opens** – The qualification window will open on 07/03/2026
2. **Inform BWL of Intention to attempt to gain selection** – Athletes seeking nomination must confirm their intention and agreement to this Policy by submitting the online form [here](#).
3. **Submit necessary accreditation information** – Athletes must return an up-to-date copy of the Athlete's passport and WADA ADEL(ILA) certificate [tara.drake@britishweightlifting.org](mailto:tara.drake@britishweightlifting.org) no later than 23:59, 14/06/2026
4. **ADAMS Whereabouts submission deadline** – 14/06/2026 submission of complete whereabouts for Q3 & Q4 2026 and the WADA ADEL International-Level Athletes education programme [here](#) required by the IWF
5. **Athletes must have lifted in no less than two (2) of the following events in the last twelve (12) months** - To be eligible for selection, results from these events (which fall within the qualification period) will be given priority over results recorded at other events, provided they also fall within the qualification period.
  - *IWF - World and EWF European Senior Championships*
  - *IWF World and EWF European Junior, Under 23 and / or Youth Championships*
  - *A British Senior and / or Home Nation Senior Championships*
  - *A British Age-group and / or Home Nation Age-Group Championships*
6. **Qualification ends** – The qualification window will close on 28/06/2026
7. **Selection meeting** – will take place during the week commencing 29/06/2026. The selection committee will convene to select athletes.
8. **Selection panel decisions** – All long-list Athletes will be informed of selection decisions no later than 17:00 on Friday 19/06/2026. Selection decisions will be communicated to athletes by email.
9. **Appeal deadline for non-selection** - Athletes have 72 hours following receipt of the selection decision to file an appeal. Athletes will be immediately informed if an appeal is submitted which could effect their selection.
10. **Appeals panel meeting** - All appeals will be heard within 72 hours of the appeals deadline
11. **Appeals decision** - All Athletes effected by the decision of an appeal will be informed within 24 hours of the conclusion of the appeals meeting.
12. **Submission of preliminary entries** – ~3 months before the event 27/07/2026
13. **Submission of final entries** – ~1 month before the event 27/09/2026
14. **Deadline for deselection appeals** – 5 days prior to final verification meeting date
15. **Final Verification of entries** – ~2 weeks prior to the start of competition (tbc, Oct 2026)

## 1. Overview

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

- 2028 Olympic Games
- 2026 Commonwealth Games
- 2032 Olympic Games
- Future World Championships
- Future European Championships

British Weight Lifting ('BWL') and its funding stakeholders closely monitor the international competition calendar, available [here](#), and all travel advice provided by the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) for competition destinations, to determine the safety and appropriateness of attending international events.

The selection of lifters representing Great Britain at this event will be made according to the criteria outlined in this document.

BWL reserves the right to amend this selection policy or process in the event of unforeseen circumstances that could reasonably jeopardise the performance, safety, or wellbeing of athletes and staff.

Long-list athletes will be notified of any such changes to this policy via email, and updates to the policy will be published on the BWL website [here](#).

At the beginning of the selection meeting, the selection panel will be asked to:

- Review and verify the availability of supporting information.
- Check the longlist of athletes who submitted declarations of interest.
- Raise any concerns if they feel that any athletes are missing from the long-list
- Confirm their agreement on which athletes have met the minimum eligibility criteria

## 2. Minimum Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for selection for this event, athletes must satisfy the following criteria:

2.1 Be a citizen of the United Kingdom and hold a valid British passport prior to preliminary entry deadline for this event.

- (a) In the case of multiple citizenship, the athlete must not have represented another country within a period of 12 months and have been approved by the IWF according to their regulations.

2.2 Must send a clear photo copy of their passport and a copy of their WADA ADEL(ILA) certificate via email to [tara.drake@britishweightlifting.org](mailto:tara.drake@britishweightlifting.org) no later than 23:59, 14/06/2026.

2.3 Must have submitted a Declaration of interest [here](#) no later than 23:59, 14/06/2026.

2.4 Must be a current member of British Weight Lifting (BWL)

2.5 Must not be currently under:

- (a) disqualification, expulsion or suspension by all or any of: BWL; the athlete's respective National Federation; the IWF; the EWF, IOC and/or any other body competent and recognised by BWL; or disqualification, expulsion or suspension under the World Anti-Doping Code.

2.6 Must remain compliant with the BWL and IWF Anti-Doping Controls and complete all relevant UKAD Education & Training required by British Weightlifting and the IWF

- 2.7 Must sign an 'Athlete Agreement' and display behaviours in-line with both the 'BWL codes of conduct' and BWL 'Bar None' standards at all competitions and training camps.
- 2.8 Must have an ADAMS Whereabouts profile and have submit complete whereabouts information for the full period of Q3 & Q4 2026 no later than 23:59, 14/06/2026.

If the Athlete meets the Minimum Eligibility Criteria at the time of selection, but subsequently, prior to or during the Event fails to meet them, then BWL shall have absolute discretion to deselect the Athlete from this event.

Any queries about the 'Minimum Eligibility Criteria' for this competition should be sent to [Beverley.Kettley@britishweightlifting.org](mailto:Beverley.Kettley@britishweightlifting.org) no later than 14/06/2026.

### 3. Minimum Qualification criteria

**3.1 Minimum Qualification Standards** - The Athlete must have lifted the minimum qualification standard (MQS) for their age in an IWF / EWF / BWL competition at the bodyweight category they have stated interest for in their declaration of interest (2.3), during the qualification period', 07/03/2026 – 28/06/2026. Minimum qualification standards for this event can be found [here](#).

*Athletes must be 15 years of age at the preliminary entry deadline to compete at Senior international events.*

**3.2 Key Selection Events** - Athletes must have lifted in no less than two (2) of the following events in the last twelve (12) months to be eligible for selection. Results from these events (which fall within the qualification period) will be considered in order of importance over results recorded at other events if they also fall within the qualification period:

(A) *IWF - World and EWF European Senior Championships*

(B) *IWF World and EWF European Junior, Under 23 and / or Youth Championships*

(C) *A British Senior and / or Home Nation Senior Championships*

(D) *A British Age-group and / or Home Nation Age-Group Championships*

Athletes are expected to lift in key selection events in order to demonstrate their ability to perform under pressure against high-level opponents. These events should also provide higher standards of officiating, and there is potential for the presence of anti-doping testing under the jurisdiction of UK Anti-Doping or the International Testing Agency (ITA)

### 4. Extenuating Circumstances

Extenuating circumstance applications will be considered at the beginning of the selection meeting, The selection panel will review Extenuating Circumstances (4.1, 4.2) prior to the Selection Process section (5.0)

**4.1 Bodyweight Discretion** - Athletes may request "bodyweight discretion" for cutting weight during the qualification period if doing so poses a significant risk to their health & wellbeing or performance at this competition. Please see "Appendix A" for further details on how to request bodyweight discretion. All requests will be shared with the selection panel (but will not be reviewed until during the selection meeting). Final approval is at the absolute discretion of the selection panel.

**4.2 Extenuating Circumstances** - Can be considered in specific situations where an athlete is unable to achieve the minimum eligibility criteria (2.0) or minimum qualification criteria (3.0) through no fault of their own. Please see "Appendix B" for further details on how to request extenuating circumstances. Final approval is at the absolute discretion of the selection panel.

**4.3 The Selection Panel, in its sole discretion, may approve applications** from athletes who have been unable to meet the minimum eligibility criteria (2.0) or minimum qualification standards (3.0) for this event, provided that such inability does not reasonably appear to limit the athlete's ability to

achieve a performance at least equal to the Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) (3.0) in their respective bodyweight category at this event.

It is highly probable that athletes whose requests for extenuating circumstances are approved and who are subsequently selected for this event will be subject to additional conditions of selection (6.4) pertaining to the area(s) impacted by their extenuating circumstances (6.2.1 to 6.2.4). These conditions are intended to ensure the athlete's capability of achieving a performance that is at least equal to the Minimum Qualification Standard at this event.

## 5. Selection Process

BWL will select a Team that possesses the greatest potential for achieving Medals and contributing to the overall Team performance at this Event. This policy permits the selection of Weightlifters who have demonstrated a commitment to the sport of Weightlifting and possess the potential to win Medals at the following Events (in order of priority):

- 2028 Olympic Games
- 2032 Olympic Games

The selection panel will convene during the week beginning 29/06/2026

**Supporting information** - The selection panel, who will be provided with access to (without limitation) the following supporting information:

- (A) The Long-list of all athletes who submitted a declaration of interest for the event
- (B) BWL Ranking list of all lifters who meet the minimum eligibility criteria (2.0)
- (C) Results from the IWF World Championships 2025
- (D) Predicted medal zones for this event
- (E) UKS Performance Trajectory & Competition History of BWL Sport 80, IWF and EWF events
- (F) Registers of Attendance for GB Training Camps and Squads over the last 12 months
- (G) A recommendation for team selection from the BWL Performance Team

The advice and experience of the BWL performance team and national coaches who work regularly with athletes during training camps and international competitions will be considered by selectors throughout the selection process to evaluate whether athletes demonstrate the necessary skills & behaviours to deliver no less than equal to their best performance at this competition and future events (1.0)

### 5.1 Team size restrictions

- 5.1.1 The IWF maximum team size for this event is Eight (8) male and Eight (8) female athletes.
- 5.1.2 The IWF maximum number of lifters selected in each weight category will not exceed two (2)
- 5.1.3 The IWF allow a maximum of Two (2) male and Two (2) female reserves to be nominated..
- 5.1.4 BWL can fund up to 8 athletes for this event

**5.2 Athlete Ranking** - BWL, IWF and EWF competition data will be used exclusively to generate a combined ranking list including all Men & Women who have lifted the minimum standard. The following formula will be used to generate each athlete's percentage ranking:

Best total during Qualification period  
Ranking Standard (Kg)

The ranking standard against which athletes are measured is based on the average total required to win a bronze medal at the last three World Championships.

BWL Sport80 data is used exclusively to generate athlete ranking lists (5.2); however, only results recorded at the following levels of competition will be used to generate ranking lists for international qualification purposes:

- IWF / EWF / CWF competitions
- British and Home Nation Championships (or overseas equivalents)
- British and Home Nation Age-group Championships
- BWL Performance Pathway Trials events

If an athlete wishes to include competition results in the BWL Sport80 system that are not from BWL, IWF, EWF, or CWF competitions, they should contact [competitions@britishweightlifting.org](mailto:competitions@britishweightlifting.org) to explore the possibility of doing so. BWL reserves the right to reject competition results if any doubt exists regarding the standards of anti-doping, technical officiating, or the accuracy of the results.

BWL Pathway Rankings are updated online [here](#) on the 15th of each month, based on results recorded in the six months prior to the 1st of each month. Athletes and coaches should note that pathway rankings may not align perfectly with international competition qualification periods, and should check dates thoroughly when reviewing the data.

#### 5.2.1 Women's Ranking Standard

49kg	53kg	57kg	61kg	69kg	77kg	86kg	+87kg
197	208	218	225	237	245	256	275

#### 5.2.2 Men's Ranking Standard

60kg	65kg	70kg	75kg	85kg	95kg	110kg	+110kg
291	310	329	342	369	384	407	442

### 5.3 Final Team Selection

Using the supporting information available (highlighted above) the selection panel must use the following criteria in order of importance to select a team for this event:

- 5.3.1 Does each athlete's current performance suggest the potential for winning a medal in the combined total in their respective category?
- 5.3.2 Does each athlete's current performance suggest the potential for finishing top 8 in the combined total their respective category?
- 5.3.3 Does each athlete's progress rate suggest the potential for winning medals at future senior international events?
- 5.3.4 Does each athlete's progress rate suggest the potential for winning medals at this competition next year?

If, after reviewing the points above (5.3.1–5.3.4), the number of athletes who have met the minimum standard (3.1) does not match the team size restrictions (5.1.1 to 5.1.4), the Selection Panel, at its discretion, reserves the right to select the athletes who they believe demonstrate the greatest potential to win medals at the following events (in order of priority): the 2028 Olympic Games, and the 2032 Olympic Games.

If the number of athletes selected by the Selection Panel exceeds the number BWL has the budget to fund for this event (5.1.4), the Selection Panel, at its discretion, reserves the right to:

- 5.3.5 Explore whether BWL can find additional budget to fund further athletes for this event.
- 5.3.6 Explore part-funded options for athletes who are not deemed to have the potential to win a medal in their respective category at this event.
- 5.3.7 Explore self-funded options for athletes ranked 13th and below.

## 6. Conditions and Obligations of Selection

Athletes representing Great Britain are expected to meet high standards of performance, preparation, and behaviour. The following section outlines guidance on those expectations. If there is evidence suggesting that an athlete is not meeting the conditions and obligations listed below, the Selection Panel and BWL reserve the right to investigate or assess each situation further. If, following such an investigation, the Selection Panel concludes that an athlete has failed to meet any of the conditions and obligations below, the Selection Panel, at its discretion, reserves the right to:

- De-select the athlete
- Impose additional conditions of selection
- Request further assessment

Assessments of injury, illness, health, form, or fitness will be conducted under the guidance of suitable coaching, sports science, and/or medical personnel as designated by the BWL Head of Performance or their delegate (e.g. the designated team leader(s) for the event).

If BWL wishes to request an assessment before departure for competition, then the BWL performance team will provide reasonable notice of no less than 72 hours to the athlete.

If BWL wishes to request an assessment after departure for competition, then the BWL performance team may request an assessment as soon as is practically possible.

Should an athlete refuse to undergo a required assessment, the Selection Panel, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to de-select the athlete.

If an athlete is de-selected after departure for this event or any associated training camps, BWL will initiate their repatriation as expeditiously as is reasonably safe and practicable.

Withdrawal and performance support contribution: In the event that an athlete elects to withdraw from the competition after selection but prior to the final entry deadline—specifically as a consequence of failing to satisfy the requisite conditions of selection (clauses 6.1–6.4) due to injury, illness, or inadequate physical preparation which, in the absolute discretion of the British Weight Lifting (BWL) Selection Committee, was beyond the athlete’s control—BWL shall provide a financial contribution of up to £500.

This sum is intended to facilitate the resolution of issues necessitating the athlete's self-withdrawal. The application of these funds must be mutually agreed upon by the athlete and their assigned Performance Manager to support the athlete’s rehabilitation and return to full training.

Where funds are utilised for coaching, sports science, or medical services, such services must be rendered by reputable practitioners holding valid licences and professional qualifications appropriate to their field (e.g. a BWL coaching licence, HCPC registration, SENR membership, or a recognised equivalent). All disbursements are subject to the provision of appropriate receipts or formal invoices.

### 6.1 Mandatory Conditions of Selection

From the point of selection all athletes must:

- 6.1.1 Continue to meet all of the Minimum Eligibility Criteria (2.0).
- 6.1.2 Keep selection confidential until an official team announcement has taken place by BWL.
- 6.1.3 Adhere to travel itineraries organised by BWL, unless otherwise agreed.
- 6.1.4 Stay in official IWF / EWF accommodation for no less than four (4) nights around competition.
- 6.1.5 Wear Team kit during training and competition as requested and provided by BWL.
- 6.1.6 Athletes must attend performance planning meetings with their assigned Performance Manager and agree clear performance targets for this competition within four weeks of notification of their selection. Where an athlete fails to attend or refuses to do so, the performance team, at its discretion, reserves the right to set performance objectives for the athlete.
- 6.1.7 Inform the BWL Head of Performance immediately should preparation for this event become interrupted in any way

### 6.2 Additional Conditions of Selection

At point of selection, the selection panel, at their discretion, reserves the right to set additional 'conditions of selection' in any of the following key areas:

- 6.2.1 *Capability to deliver against agreed performance targets*
- 6.2.2 *Athlete health and wellbeing (including Injury and Illness)*
- 6.2.3 *Engagement with the performance team, training camps & squads*
- 6.2.4 Submission of training and bodyweight information

### **6.3 Causes or Concerns for Injury and/or Illness**

If any concern arising from an examination, observation, or otherwise indicates that an athlete's health & wellbeing could be at risk if they compete at this event, then BWL will be entitled to request an assessment of the athlete's health, form or fitness.

### **6.4 Causes or Concerns for Poor Preparation, form and fitness**

From the point of selection all athletes must consistently demonstrate, through their training and behaviour, that they are on track to achieve agreed performance targets (6.1.6).

If any concern arising from an observation of training, testing, or otherwise indicates that an athlete is not on-track to achieve agreed performance targets (6.1.6), then BWL will be entitled to request an assessment of the athlete's form and fitness.

### **6.5 Funding & Sponsorship Conditions**

This event is funded by BWL, UK Sport, and/or Home Nation funding bodies. The cost of sending one athlete to an international competition ranges from £1,500 to £4,500, depending on the location and length of stay (excluding additional staff costs). BWL asks all athletes to tag and thank UK Sport, The National Lottery, and their respective Home Nation funding body (if applicable) in any social media posts during the competition period, to acknowledge the support in funding their participation.

BWL recognises that athletes may have personal sponsors who support them in the lead-up to this competition. We recommend that athletes contact [matthew.curtain@britishweightlifting.org](mailto:matthew.curtain@britishweightlifting.org) to discuss potential conflicts with current or prospective partners before signing any agreements. Failure to adhere to the terms outlined in the BWL 'Athlete Agreement' regarding sponsorship could result in de-selection.

### **6.6 Causes or Concerns for Poor Behaviour**

Athletes should refer to the BWL Athlete Code of Conduct, the Athlete Agreement, and their programme induction pack for further guidance on what constitutes 'clumsy', 'inappropriate', or 'unacceptable' behaviour.

If an athlete's actions cannot be resolved, negatively impact other selected team members, or risk negatively impacting the performance of others or the team, BWL may investigate the situation through the BWL complaints and disciplinary procedure. Appropriate action, including de-selection or formal disciplinary action, may be taken if a satisfactory resolution cannot be achieved without compromising the following:

- 6.1.1 *The performance of the athlete*
- 6.1.2 *The performance of other individuals or the team as a whole*
- 6.1.3 *The reputation of BWL.*
- 6.1.4 *The health, wellbeing and safety of athletes, coaches, and support staff*

Clumsy behaviour, defined as behaviour that is awkward or insensitive in social situations, is not abnormal or uncommon. If an athlete exhibits occasional clumsy behaviour that falls below the standards outlined in the BWL Athlete Code of Conduct or the respective 'Age-group' Athlete Charter, BWL may initiate an informal resolution process involving all parties.

A resolution could include the behaviour being challenged by a member of BWL staff or other athletes, an informal apology to those affected by the athlete's behaviour, and formal or informal education to help the athlete understand how and why the behaviour falls below the desired standard. If an athlete repeatedly exhibits clumsy behaviour, despite informal warnings from BWL staff or other athletes, BWL may initiate a formal investigation through the BWL complaints and disciplinary procedure.

## **7. Selection Panel**

### **7.1 The selection panel will normally comprise:**

- Chair of the Performance Advisory Group (Chair) – in voting capacity
- An independent member of the BWL Performance Committee – in voting capacity
- An independent member of the BWL Performance Committee – in voting capacity
- A member of the BWL Performance Team – in voting capacity

Members of the BEAA, BOA, UK Sport, or representatives from other key stakeholders who are invested in or have jurisdiction over the nomination of athletes for this event may be present to observe and answer questions. BWL performance team members may be in attendance to supply background information only.

All conflicts of interest will be declared. A conflicted individual will not vote on that selection, nor will they be permitted to contribute to discussions unless their views are specifically requested by the Chair of the Panel. In the event of a tied vote, the Chair will cast the deciding vote.

### **7.2 A written summary of the notes from this meeting will be recorded**

### **7.3 All long-list Athletes will be informed by email of the selection decision**

Athletes will be informed No later than 17:00 on the Friday of the week of selection (subject to change by BWL). Athletes who are not selected will be provided with a clear reason for their non-selection in accordance with this policy, to allow them to make an informed decision on whether to appeal.

## **8. Appeals**

A copy of the BWL Appeals Policy can be obtained [here](#).

**8.1 Athletes have the right to appeal if they are not selected**, in accordance with the 'BWL Selection Appeals Policy'. The deadline for submitting an appeal is 72 hours after notification of the selection decision (subject to change by BWL).

**8.2 Athletes have the right to appeal if they are de-selected**, in accordance with the 'BWL Selection Appeals Policy'. BWL will grant athletes a minimum of 72 hours to notify the organisation of their intention to appeal following notification of their de-selection.

**8.3 If an athlete wishes to appeal the selection panel's decision, they may request access to the summary of selection meeting notes relating specifically to their selection.**

BWL will not take further action to remove an athlete's eligibility to compete until a decision on any appeal has been reached.

BWL reserves the right to select another eligible athlete to replace a de-selected athlete until the final verification of entries meeting, subject to the conclusion of any appeal process.

### **8.4 The appeals panel will normally comprise:**

- A legal representative (who shall be a qualified lawyer) – in a voting capacity
- An independent BWL Board member – in a voting capacity
- A second independent BWL Board member – in a voting capacity

At the request of the Chair, other members of the BWL performance team may be in attendance to supply background information only.

All conflicts of interest will be declared. A conflicted individual will not vote on the selection, nor will they be permitted to contribute to discussions unless their views are specifically requested by the Chair of the Panel. In the event of a tied vote, the Chair will cast the deciding vote.

## APPENDIX A - Bodyweight discretion

### Minimum criteria for consideration

- The athlete and their personal coach has completed an annual planning meeting with the BWL performance team
- The athlete must have a track record of consistently making weight safely and effectively
- The athlete must submit a written request for discretion by email to [Beverley.Kettley@britishweightlifting.org](mailto:Beverley.Kettley@britishweightlifting.org) no later than 23:59 on the last day of the qualification period. The request must clearly outline the individual's request for discretion and should consider the criteria below. (*no more than 250 words*)

### Potential reasons for consideration of bodyweight discretion

- Cutting weight for a qualification competition is not in the best interest of the athletes agreed development objectives (outlined in their BWL annual plan)
- The athlete and / or team will gain a significant performance advantage by competing in a different category (e.g. higher ranking or the potential to win a medal)
- The athlete is a UK Sport funded member of the BWL Podium & Academy programme, and it is necessary for them to compete at a milestone event in a different category to maintain sport funding.
- The athlete has had an injury during the qualification period which has prevented them from competing in their desired category
- The athlete's selection does not impact another athlete's selection within the same category that has met the regular criteria.

**Catch Weights & Adjusted Qualification Standards** - Athletes who wish to be considered must lift within the catch weight for the relevant category and lift the MQS (3.0) + an "add on" to be considered.

The bodyweight allowance for each category has been created by considering the upper end of what is commonly considered possible for making weight without significant risks to athlete health or reductions in performance.

- 1.5% Bodymass lost through dehydration
- 0.5kg lost through fiber depletion and food volume
- Assuming the athlete is athletically lean at their weight class (circa 13-14% body fat for men and 20-21% for women), men's weight loss from fat mass is estimated at up to 1.5%, and women's weight loss is estimated at up to 2.5% from less than 6 weeks of gradual dieting to make weight safely.

The "Add on" to the minimum standard for each category is:

- 2 x the bodyweight allowance + 1kg (rounded to the nearest kilo)

### Women's Bodyweight Categories

	49kg	53kg	57kg	61kg	69kg	77kg	86kg	+87kg
Bodyweight Allowance	51.0	55.1	59.2	63.3	71.6	79.8	89.1	na
"Add on" to the minimum standard	+4kg	+5kg	+5kg	+5kg	+6kg	+6kg	+7kg	na

### Men's Bodyweight Categories

	60kg	65kg	70kg	75kg	85kg	95kg	110kg	+110kg
Bodyweight Allowance	62.3	67.5	72.6	77.8	88.1	98.4	113.8	na
"Add on" to the minimum standard	+5kg	+5kg	+6kg	+6kg	+7kg	+7kg	+8kg	na

Athletes wishing to compete at W86+ or M110+ may request to do so if they have lifted the minimum standard for the category below (w86kg or M110kg category respectively).

## **APPENDIX B - Consideration for selection under extenuating circumstances**

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**Criteria for consideration** - Athletes experiencing challenges related to any of the following criteria may apply for Extenuating Circumstances that have affected their ability to meet minimum eligibility criteria (2.0) or minimum qualification standards (3.0) for the event but will not limit their ability to deliver a performance in excess of the MQS (3.0) at this event.

- Academic limitations
- Vocational limitations
- Financial limitations
- Poor physical wellbeing
- Poor mental wellbeing

### **Supporting Evidence**

The athlete must submit a written request for discretion by email to [Beverley.Kettley@britishweightlifting.org](mailto:Beverley.Kettley@britishweightlifting.org) no later than 23:59 on the last day of the qualification period.

- The request must clearly outline the individual's request for discretion and should consider the criteria below. (no more than 250 words)
- A signed and dated supporting statement or evidence from a relevant individual (e.g., Psychiatrist, Doctor, Teacher, Line Manager, depending on the nature of the request). This individual cannot be a relative of the athlete.

**Review Process** –The Selection panel as a whole will be presented with the written discretion and asked to consider its relevance prior to the selection discussion (5.0)

- Is the request for exemption considered reasonable and is the evidence provided considered to be true and accurate?
- Is the athlete engaged in a BWL programme and do they have an up-to-date BWL annual plan?
- Does the panel agree that not competing during the qualification period serves the best interest of the performance of the athlete and / or team?
- Does the panel agree that competing at the target event is in the best interest of the athlete and / or team considering their individuals current extenuating circumstances?
- Could selection of the athlete displace the selection of another athlete who has fulfilled all minimum eligibility criteria? If yes this should be considered during final team selection (5.3)
- Has the athlete lifted the qualification standard in the last 12 months in the same category they have declared interest to compete in?
- Is the athlete a UK Sport funded member of the BWL Podium & Academy programme, and it is necessary for them to compete at a milestone event to maintain funding.
- Has the athlete fulfilled all other minimum selection criteria, and would the panel have selected them during the selection process under normal conditions?

**Accepted Solutions** - If the case for extenuating circumstances is granted the panel can propose any or all the following solutions:

- The panel can choose to consider historic results recorded prior to the qualification deadline and select the athlete
- The panel can choose to extend the qualification period for the athlete to allow them more time to fulfil the necessary qualification criteria that the extenuating circumstances prevent them from demonstrating.
- The panel can request that the athlete completes a 'Fitness test' on a defined date, time, and location in the presence of the performance team to demonstrate that they can achieve key performance targets.

## **APPENDIX C - Definition of Key Terms**

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**British Olympic Association (BOA)** – the organisation which governs and approves the selection of “Team GB” athletes and Officials for the Olympic Games.

**British Weight Lifting (BWL)** – the National Governing Body for Weightlifting and Weight Training in the UK

**Commonwealth Games England (CGE)** – the organisation which governs and approves the selection of “Team England” athletes and Officials for the Commonwealth Games.

**Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF)** – the organisation which governs the Commonwealth Games

**Commonwealth Weightlifting Federation (CWF)** – the commonwealth federation which governs the sport of Weightlifting across the Commonwealth, overseeing the Commonwealth Championships and the Weightlifting event at the Commonwealth Games.

**Dispute** – any claim, action, suit, arbitration, proceeding, investigation, complaint or prosecution to which the Athlete is a party or materially involved details of which it appears necessary (in BWL’s sole discretion) to make available to the Selection Panel.

For example only (and without limitation to BWL’s discretion) if an athlete is under investigation for and/or charged with conduct which:

- A) (if convicted) amounts to criminality for which a custodial sentence may be given and/or criminality which harms or places in danger other individuals,; or
- B) would bring or brings BWL and/or the sport into serious disrepute;

then details of this kind of Dispute may be notified to the Selection Panel if BWL believes it will ensure factors such as (and without limitation) fairness, safety of any other individuals participating in or attending the Event (or training and preparing for the Event) and/or the reputation of: BWL, the sport and/or the Event.

**An Engaged athlete** – an athlete who is present at 80% or more of the BWL Camps & Training Squad opportunities they are invited to attend and has worked in collaboration with the NGB to maintain an up-to-date performance plan which includes a competition plan and clearly articulated development objectives.

**A Committed/Dedicated Weightlifter** – consistently prioritises their training and preparation for Weightlifting competition, choosing Weightlifting over other sports when necessary (e.g., making the choice to train for and compete at an international Weightlifting competition rather than an international fitness racing event).

**European Weightlifting Federation (EWF)** – the continental federation which governs the sport of Weightlifting in Europe, overseeing major continental championships etc.

**International Olympic Committee (IOC)** – the organisation which governs the Olympic Games and affiliated international federations (e.g., the IWF)

**International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)** – the federation which governs the sport of Weightlifting globally

**Long List Athlete** – An athlete who has completed an application of interest and submitted all other necessary documents 6 months before the event.

**Performance Targets** – With consideration for the expectations of key funding partners BWL reserves the right to agree individualised performance targets specific to the athlete, event, or both. BWL will communicate performance targets in writing with each athlete no less than 6 weeks before any event. If no performance target is set BWLs generic performance targets for international competition will apply. BWLs generic performance target for international competition are as follows:

- Athletes should make a minimum of 4/6 lifts
- Athlete should lift no less than equal to their Personal Best for the selected weight category

**UK Sport** – an organisation who provides funding to support the development of elite sport pathways in the United Kingdom for athletes who demonstrate potential to win medals representing Great Britain at the Olympic games.

**Home Nation Funding body** – an organisation who provides funding to support grass roots and the development of elite sport pathways in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland for athletes who demonstrate potential to win medals at future Commonwealth Games

## **APPENDIX D – Policy Changes**

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*01/05/2026 – Ammendments made to the qualification period to include the BWL Pathway Trials on 27/06/2026*