2027 English Age Group Championships

Oldbury Academy

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Qualification System | 19–21 February 2027

Key dates

Stage	Date
Qualification period	1 May 2026 to 1 January 2027
Round 1: invitations (U15 to U23)	6 –10 January 2027
Round 2: open entry (Sport 80)	Opens: 09:00, 12 January 2027 Closes: 17:00, 21 January 2027
Draft competition schedule	By 27 January 2027
Final schedule and start list	By 9 February 2027
U20 and U23 competition	Friday 19 February 2027
U15 and U17 competition	Saturday 20 February 2027
U10 and U12 competition	Sunday 21 February 2027

Eligibility

To be eligible to compete, athletes must:

- hold current British Weight Lifting (BWL) membership
- be domiciled in England, as defined in the BWL Technical Competition Rules and Regulations (TCRR)
- compete in one age group only, determined by their year of birth
- **U15 to U23:** achieve at least the minimum qualification total for their bodyweight category at a BWL-licensed competition during the qualification period
- **U10 and U12:** compete at least once at a BWL-licensed competition during the qualification period. No minimum total applies.

Entry process

Places in the U15 to U23 age groups are allocated in two rounds. There is no invitation round for U10 and U12.

1. **Round 1 – Invitation.** Athletes whose best total during the qualification period meets or exceeds the invitation total for their category (90% of the British Age Group Standard or Record) will receive a direct invitation from BWL.
2. **Round 2 – Open entry.** Remaining places, including any unused invitations, are allocated on a first come, first served basis through the Sport 80 entry portal. Athletes must meet the minimum qualification total for their category.

Allocation	Male	Female
U20 & U23	45	45
U15 & U17	60	60
U10 & U12	30	30

BWL reserves the right to allocate places where this is in the best interest of the performance programme.

U20 & U23 invitation and qualification totals (kg)

Men

Category	U20 invitation	U20 minimum	U23 invitation	U23 minimum
60kg	214	145	219	160
65kg	240	153	242	173
70kg	266	176	266	194
75kg	263	194	272	205
85kg	278	207	286	223
95kg	289	214	303	232
110kg	293	217	302	239
+110kg	297	225	318	243

Women

Category	U20 invitation	U20 minimum	U23 invitation	U23 minimum
49kg	140	86	144	95
53kg	158	95	162	110
57kg	176	104	176	116
61kg	171	110	172	123
69kg	194	117	194	128
77kg	201	122	212	137
86kg	202	130	202	142
+86kg	201	135	212	151

U15 & U17 invitation and qualification totals (kg)

Men

U15 category	U15 invitation	U15 minimum	U17 category	U17 invitation	U17 minimum
51kg	137	90	**55kg**	174	106
55kg	153	97	**60kg**	198	117
60kg	168	106	**65kg**	240	122
65kg	180	109	**70kg**	229	126
70kg	190	113	**75kg**	231	134
75kg	197	117	**85kg**	243	142
85kg	206	123	**95kg**	260	150
+85kg	213	129	**+95kg**	270	158

Women

U15 category	U15 invitation	U15 minimum	U17 category	U17 invitation	U17 minimum
41kg	94	62	**45kg**	114	71
45kg	109	66	**49kg**	129	77
49kg	116	70	**53kg**	152	89
53kg	123	79	**57kg**	166	95
57kg	130	86	**61kg**	157	100
61kg	135	92	**69kg**	172	108

U15 category	U15 invitation	U15 minimum	U17 category	U17 invitation	U17 minimum
69kg	146	97	**77kg**	175	111
+69kg	152	106	**+77kg**	177	116

U10 & U12 bodyweight categories

No minimum qualification total applies. Athletes must have competed at least once at a BWL-licensed competition during the qualification period.

U10 boys	U12 boys	U10 girls	U12 girls
42kg	46kg	32kg	36kg
46kg	51kg	36kg	41kg
51kg	55kg	41kg	45kg
55kg	60kg	45kg	49kg
60kg	65kg	49kg	53kg
65kg	70kg	53kg	57kg
70kg	75kg	57kg	61kg
+70kg	+75kg	+57kg	+61kg

Category changes

- **Moving down a category:** athletes must notify BWL at least 14 days before (5 February 2027) the event. Any change is granted at BWL's discretion.
- **Moving up a category (U17 and under only):** athletes may move up one bodyweight category without achieving the minimum total for the higher category. This may be requested up to and including weigh-in. Any change is at BWL's discretion.
- **Entry changes:** no further changes will be accepted after final verification, 14 days before the event.
- **20kg rule:** the 20kg rule applies to all age groups except U10 and U12.