



Weightlifting Wales Nomination Policy

Commonwealth Games 2022

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Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Weightlifting and IPC Para Powerlifting Selection Handbook

This selection policy has been agreed by Weightlifting Wales (WW) and Commonwealth Games Council for Wales (CGCW). It provides detail on the process by which Weightlifting Wales will arrive at its nominations for selection of athletes within the Welsh Team, for Birmingham 2022, which will be submitted to CGCW for consideration.

In all cases, Weightlifting Wales nominates athletes to CGCW for ratification and selection. The final decision in selection to the 2022 Games lies with CGCW. Achievement of the qualification criteria therefore represents eligibility for nomination; not selection or even nomination.

Weightlifting Wales will nominate only those athletes that have qualified under both the Wales Weightlifting Federation selection criteria stated below, and the CGCW General Selection Criteria (available on the CGCW website) that should be read in conjunction with this policy.

Weightlifting Wales reserve the right to change or deviate from the policy in exceptional circumstances.

Nomination Policy Aim

To nominate a team of athletes capable of competing with distinction at the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games, with the individuals having the ability to reach at least a top six ranking within the Commonwealth Ranking list in their bodyweight category as of the end of the qualification period in February 2022.

1a. Weightlifting Wales criteria for nomination - Weightlifting

1a.1 Weightlifting Wales will only nominate athletes if they have met the following criteria:

- Athletes must compete in at least one recognised IWF competition within the qualification period: E.g. **IWF Junior World Championships, European Championships, Commonwealth Championships, IWF World Championships, British Weightlifting Championships June 2021 and the British Championships 2022 (in-person events)**
- Athletes must compete in the **British National Championships 2021, 2022** (date TBC), and the **Welsh National Championships** in December 2021, unless previously agreed by the National Coach.
- Achieve the qualification standard as stated by Weightlifting Wales: Top 6th ranked position is calculated before the removal of the 2021 Commonwealth Championships 1st place athlete, the host nation athlete and allocated places not utilised by countries

- In addition to the top 6 criteria, athletes that demonstrate podium potential for 2026, will be considered by the selection panel if the athlete has gained an allocated slot by the CGF.

The following aspects will also be considered:

- The athlete's performance profile within 2021 and across the 4-year cycle since the 2018 Commonwealth Games
- The likely strength of the event in the 2022 Commonwealth Games
- The athlete's long-term potential and performance benefit of attending the 2022 Commonwealth Games in supporting future medal performance
- High level of attitude and commitment
- Ability to perform under pressure

All athletes must hold a British passport.

All athletes must be eligible to compete by nationality for Wales as per the CGF Constitution. Each athlete must either have been:-

- Born in Wales;
- Have a Welsh parent or Grandparent; or
- Have been granted Welsh residency (3 years)

1a.2 Athletes and staff members must be aware of the CGCW's code of conduct and ensure its compliance at all times.

1a.3. CGCW and Weightlifting Wales reserve the right to require standards over and above those set by CGF for Quota Sports.

1a.4 CGCW is not obliged to accept places in the Games offered by the CGF for the Quota Sports. Any such acceptance will be solely at the discretion of CGCW.

1a.5 The size of the Team will be capped by the Commonwealth Games Federation and CGCW.

1a.6 In conjunction with above, athletes must refer to the CGCW overarching policy.

1.b Weightlifting Wales criteria for nomination – IPC Powerlifting

1b.1 Weightlifting Wales will only nominate athletes if they have met the following criteria:

- Athletes must compete in at least one recognised World Para Powerlifting competition within the qualification period
- Athletes must compete in the British National Championships 2021 and the **Welsh National Championships** in December 2021, unless previously agreed by the National Coach.
- Achieve the qualification standard as stated by Weightlifting Wales: Top 6 ranking in the one-per-nation ranking list following final qualification event in 2022.
- In addition to the top 6 criteria, athletes that demonstrate podium potential for 2026, will be considered by the selection panel if the athlete has gained an allocated slot by the CGF.

The following aspects will also be considered:

- The athlete's performance profile within 2021 and across the 4-year cycle since the 2018 Commonwealth Games
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2. Nomination process

Weightlifting

2.1 The Weightlifting Wales Nomination Panel will select athletes to be nominated to the CGCW, in accordance with the nomination criteria detailed above.

Nomination Panel:

Ray Williams – Head Coach
Simon Roach – Strategy and Development Manager
Ross Miller - Director
Nathan Stephens - Director

Para Powerlifting

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2.2.1 31st December 2021 End of Qualification

2.2.2 10th January 2022 CGF confirm with CGA qualified slots

2.2.3 11th January 2022 WW panel nominates athletes to CGW. CGW selects Para Powerlifting athletes.

2.2.4 24th January 2022 CGA confirm with CGF accepted slots

2.2.5 24th January 2022 WW notifies athletes of selection

3. De-nomination

3.1 De-nomination from the list of athletes submitted to CGCW may occur as a result of factors including (but not limited to):

- Failure to meet the standard fitness testing protocols.

- Failure to adhere to the athlete code of conduct or the Team Member agreement.
- The imposition of caps on the number of competitors by the CGF.

4. Appeals Process

Once the Weightlifting Wales nominations are notified, any athlete not included in the team has the right of appeal. Appeals against non-nomination, de-nomination will be heard by the Weightlifting Wales Appeals Committee in accordance with the rules of Weightlifting Wales and Team Wales.

Appeals Committee:

Jonathan Roberts – Independent member
Darren Rogers – Chairman of WW
Wendy Eley – Director of WW

An athlete not included for nomination may not appeal directly to the CGCW. Appeals to CGCW can only be made by athletes who are nominated by the NGB but not selected by CGCW.

5. Appointment of Team Staff

CGCW will appoint all team managers, coaches and support staff. Their appointment will be at the sole discretion of the CGCW Selection Panel following their nomination by the NGB.

6. Athlete Allocation System – Weightlifting

The information in this Athlete Allocation System is accurate as at 11th December 2020 but remains subject to change. As a result of the unique and extenuating circumstances caused by COVID-19 and the subsequent impact on international sporting calendars, the CGF and IWF will be closely monitoring this Athlete Allocation System to determine if any changes are necessary.

For the avoidance of doubt, the CGF and IWF reserve the right to amend this Athlete Allocation System in any manner, and in their sole and absolute discretion, should it be deemed necessary to ensure a fair qualification pathway for all Athletes.

The Weightlifting Athlete Allocation System includes four (4) key methods of qualification:

- 1. Host CGA**

(Automatic Qualification)

- 2. 2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships**

(Direct Qualification)

3. IWF Commonwealth Ranking List

(Ranking Period 01 January 2021 – 28th February 2022)

4. Bipartite Invitation

(IWF and CGF Bipartite Invitation)

7. Medal events

Men's Medal Events (8)	Women's Medal Events (8)
55kg	49kg
61kg	55kg
67kg	59kg
73kg	64kg
81kg	71kg
96kg	76kg
109kg	87kg
109kg +	87kg +

a) Maximum Field Size by Bodyweight Category

Men	Field Size	Group	Women	Field Size	Group
55kg	11	A	49kg	11	A
61kg	11	A	55kg	11	A
67kg	11	A	59kg	11	A
73kg	12	A	64kg	12	A
81kg	12	A	71kg	12	A
96kg	11	A	76kg	11	A
109kg	11	A	87kg	11	A
109kg +	11	A	87kg +	11	A

b) Athlete Allocation by Gender

Men	Women
90	90

During the ranking period of 01 January 2021 – 28th February 2022 the maximum number of athletes by CGA will be reduced by one (1) if any weightlifting athlete and/or athlete support personnel (regardless of whether such athlete appears, or not, on the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List) from that CGA records an anti-doping rule violation (ADRV) through testing or investigation conducted by the Independent Testing Agency (ITA) and/or any other WADA

approved Anti-Doping Organization. If there are multiple ADRV's recorded by weightlifting athletes and/or weightlifting athlete support personnel during the ranking period of 01 January 2021 – 28th* February 2022 the maximum number of athletes by CGA for the relevant CGA will be reduced by the same number as the number of ADRV's.

Additionally, if four (4) or more violations of the IWF's Anti-Doping Rules as sanctioned by the IWF and/or an Anti-Doping Organization other than the Member Federation or its National Anti-Doping Organization are recorded against an IWF Member Federation within a 12 month period, (regardless of whether such athlete appears, or not, on the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List) under the terms of the IWF's Anti-Doping Rules, the case of the relevant IWF Member Federation will be referred to the Independent Member Federations Sanctioning Panel (Independent Panel). The Independent Panel has the jurisdiction to impose sanctions in accordance with Article 12 of the IWF's Anti-Doping Rule further penalties. In the case of a CGA/athlete becoming ineligible to accept a qualification slot(s) as a result of an ADRV or sanctions imposed by the Independent Panel in line with the IWF's Anti-Doping Rules the respective slots shall be reallocated in accordance with the Reallocation of Unused Qualification slots process.

**date was amended to 28th February by CGF*

8. Qualification Framework - Weightlifting

Allocations per Medal Event	Method of Qualification		Slot Allocation
1	Host CGA	The Host CGA is entitled to the maximum slot allocation of sixteen (16) athletes (8 Men and 8 Women) with no more than one (1) athlete permitted per medal event.	To CGA
1	2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships	The highest placed athlete from the eight (8) prescribed medal events per gender at the 2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships will be eligible for Direct Qualification. The slots will be issued to the CGA in the name of a specific athlete by event for allocation and are therefore non-transferable.	CGA Athlete Name by Event
8* (*For Men's Medal Events 73 kg and 81 kg and Women's Medal Events 64 kg and 71 kg only, there	IWF Commonwealth Ranking List	Qualification slots shall be drawn from the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List as at 28 th ** February 2022 and issued to the CGAs not otherwise qualified in that medal event in the name of a specific athlete for allocation and are therefore non-transferable.	CGA Athlete Name by Event

will be 9 allocations via this method of qualification)			
1	Bipartite Invitation	A maximum of one (1) Bipartite Invitation slot per event will be issued to athletes' of widely and regularly practising CGAs. Such invitation slots will be issued to the CGA in the name of a specific athlete for allocation and are therefore non-transferable.	CGA by Athlete by Name by Event

CGAs not affiliated with IWF will be required to affiliate with IWF, or if not eligible to affiliate will be required to obtain approval from IWF before they are deemed eligible to participate.*

***end of qualification date was amended by the CGF*

* IWF has confirmed that the Home Nations (England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland) and the Crown Dependencies (Guernsey, Jersey and Isle of Man) can compete as independent entities at the 2022 Commonwealth Games and the 2021 IWF Senior Commonwealth Championships. The IWF has confirmed that British Weightlifting as a member of IWF has jurisdictional responsibility of all eligible athletes across the UK (i.e. Home Nations and Crown Dependencies). These responsibilities include the facilitation and enforcement of an athlete's acceptance and compliance under the international regulations (including eligibility and anti-doping regulations) stipulated by IWF and the standards executed by British Weightlifting. In the case of the Home Nations (England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland) and Crown Dependencies (Guernsey, Jersey and Isle of Man), results attained by British athletes at IWF Sanctioned Events (i.e. competitions where athletes must compete for their IF affiliated-organisation) shall be attributed to their eligible CGA for the purposes of the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List. In this case only, it is the responsibility of the respective CGAs (via the IWF member) to ensure the IWF has correctly captured the CGA for which the athlete will represent at the Commonwealth Games, to ensure they are ranked on the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List correctly. This must be carried out immediately following the publication of the results of the relevant IWF Sanctioned Event eligible for IWF Commonwealth Rankings and by no later than 28th February 2022.

9. Qualification Pathway - Weightlifting

a) Host CGA

The Host CGA shall be issued with the maximum slot allocation of one (1) athlete per medal event (8 Men and 8 Women).

- Host CGA qualification slots are issued to the CGA for allocation to eligible athletes and are binding to the event. Eligible athletes shall have competed in at least one (1) IWF Sanctioned Event eligible for IWF Commonwealth Rankings within the Ranking Period of 01 January 2021 – 28th February 2022 in the specific medal event in which they are due to entered in at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.*

*Where an athlete has not competed in at least one (1) IWF Sanctioned Event eligible for IWF Commonwealth Rankings in the ranking period within the specific medal event that they are due to be entered in, but would otherwise be deemed eligible, the Bipartite Commission may grant an exemption on the grounds of extenuating circumstances.

- Host CGA qualification slots are issued to the CGA for allocation to eligible athletes by event, and the respective athlete(s) can therefore only participate in the Commonwealth Games in the bodyweight category in which they have been entered by the Entry by Name deadline.
- In the event the Host CGA is unable to accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via the Host CGA method, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots Process.

b) 2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships

The highest placed athlete from the eight (8) prescribed medal events per gender at the 2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships will be eligible for Direct Qualification.

- In the event that that the highest placed athlete is from the Host CGA, the next highest placed athlete in that medal event at the 2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships will receive the slot allocation.
- Qualification slots allocated via the 2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships method are issued to the CGA in the name of a specific athlete by event, and the respective athlete(s) can therefore only participate in the Commonwealth Games in the bodyweight category in which the qualification slot was achieved.
- In the event a CGA is unable to accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via this method, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots Process.
- The 2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships will be concluded by 28th February 2022 and will be confirmed by no later than 01 May 2021.
- If the 2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships is not held due to unforeseen or extenuating circumstances, the one (1) slot allocation per medal event will be allocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete not otherwise qualified on the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List at the close of the ranking period respecting the maximum CGA representation per medal event.

c) IWF Commonwealth Ranking List

The IWF Commonwealth Ranking List will be used to allocate slots to the *top eight (8) ranked athletes not otherwise qualified per medal event. *For Men's Medal Events 73 kg and 81 kg and Women's Medal Events 64 kg and 71 kg only, the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List will be used to allocate slots to the top nine (9) ranked athletes not otherwise qualified.

- Host CGA athletes may feature in the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List but will not be considered for qualification via this method and therefore will not be included within the *top eight (8) ranked athletes.
- CGAs/Athletes that have already qualified in a specific medal event via the 2021 IWF Senior Commonwealth Championships may feature in the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List but will not be considered for qualification via this method, and therefore will not be included within the *top eight (8) ranked athletes.
- CGAs will be eligible to qualify a maximum of one (1) athlete per medal event, and the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List has been amended to reflect this maximum representation per event.
- In the event the final slot of qualification has been achieved by more than one athlete with the same result, the slot will be allocated to the athlete that achieved the result first by date and time, calculated according to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).
- Athletes will be eligible to rank for one (1) individual bodyweight category (medal event) only. CGAs with athletes ranked in multiple bodyweight categories must elect which bodyweight category they wish their athlete to be ranked and submit in writing to the CGF by no later than 28th February 2022. Failure to notify the CGF of the elected bodyweight category by 28th February 2022 will result in the CGF selecting the final bodyweight category on behalf of the CGA firstly based upon the highest rank, and should the rank be equal it will then be selected based upon their most recent result. The IWF Commonwealth Ranking List for the medal event in which the CGA elects the athlete not to compete within, will then be updated to permit the next eligible highest ranked athlete from that CGA to feature on the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List within that medal event only.
- Qualification slots allocated via the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List are issued to the CGA in the name of a specific athlete by event, and the respective athlete(s) can therefore only participate in the Commonwealth Games in the bodyweight category in which the qualification slot was achieved.
- In the event a CGA is unable to accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via this method, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots Process.
- For the avoidance of doubt, only results achieved by athletes at the below IWF Sanctioned Events in the ranking period only are eligible for the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List. The eligible IWF Sanctioned Events are as follows:

2021

- Senior Commonwealth Championships

- Junior Commonwealth Championships
- Youth Commonwealth Championships
- The five IWF recognised Continental Championships (Oceania, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Pan America) for Senior, Junior and Youth
- Tokyo Olympic Games
- IWF Senior World Championships
- IWF Junior World Championships
- IWF Youth World Championships
- Senior British Championships (Results recognised by athletes from the following CGAs only: England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Guernsey, Jersey and Isle of Man)

2022 (Results from the below listed events will only be recognised for the purpose of the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List if held by the end of the ranking period).

- The five IWF recognised Continental Championships (Oceania, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Pan America) for Senior, Junior and Youth
- IWF Junior World Championships
- IWF Youth World Championships
- IWF Senior World Championships
- Senior British Championships (Results recognised by athletes from the following CGAs only: England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Guernsey, Jersey and Isle of Man)
- **IWF recognised Online Competition *****

*****As a result of the unique and extenuating circumstances caused by COVID-19 the 2022 IWF recognised Online Competition has been added to the list of eligible IWF Sanctioned Events. This event is open to all Commonwealth Nations affiliated with the IWF, however entries are restricted to only those athletes that have been unable to access a single qualification opportunity in 2022.**

d) Extenuating Circumstances

The IWF/CGF may, at their sole and absolute discretion, choose to consider extenuating circumstances regarding qualification through the Commonwealth Ranking Database and IWF/CGF Invitation processes above.

In particular, the IWF/CGF reserve the right to re-allocate available quotas from the Commonwealth Ranking Database where athlete performances tabled within the Commonwealth Ranking Database are not commensurate to average results from the last three Commonwealth Games competitions. In this instance, the IWF/CGF may choose to re-allocate these slots via the IWF/CGF Invitation Method (without the application of a CGA) or may return these slots to another sport for allocation.

e) Confirmation Process of Allocated Slots

At the close of the qualification period, the following procedure will be implemented:

- CGAs with an individual athlete(s) ranked in multiple medal events are required to declare to the CGF which medal event their athlete(s) wish to compete in;
- CGF will advise CGAs in writing of the slots attained from the Host CGA, 2021 Commonwealth Championships and IWF Commonwealth Ranking List qualification methods;
- CGAs will confirm in writing their intention to accept the slots attained drawn from the Host CGA, 2021 Commonwealth Championships and IWF Commonwealth Ranking List qualification methods;
- All slots awarded via the Host CGA qualification method will be issued to the CGA for allocation and are binding to the event;
- All slots awarded via the 2021 Commonwealth Championships and IWF Qualification Ranking List qualification methods are issued to the CGA for allocation and are binding to the event and athlete that attained the slot;
 - CGAs to nominate to the CGF for Bipartite Invitation slots; Bipartite Commission to determine the allocation of Bipartite Invitation slots;
 - CGF to advise CGAs of the Bipartite Invitation slots attained; CGAs to confirm their intention to accept the Bipartite Invitation slots offered.

f) Reallocation of Unused Qualification slots

Any qualification slots that are not used by the CGA will be reallocated as follows:

- Any unused slots earned via the Host CGA method shall be reallocated via the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List to the next highest ranked eligible athlete not otherwise qualified from that bodyweight category respecting the maximum CGA representation per medal event. Prior to reallocation, ranked CGAs will initially be asked to confirm their interest in receiving the reallocation of unused qualification slots. Where there are no eligible athletes remaining on the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List from the respective medal event(s), remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and IWF.
- Any unused slots earned from the 2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships method shall be reallocated via the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List to the next highest ranked eligible athlete not otherwise qualified from that bodyweight category respecting the maximum CGA representation per medal event. Prior to reallocation, ranked CGAs will initially be asked to confirm their interest in receiving the reallocation of unused qualification slots. Where there are no eligible athletes remaining

on the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List from the respective medal event(s), remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and IWF. Should a CGA return a slot earned from the 2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships they would not be ranked within the adjusted IWF Commonwealth Ranking List in that medal event and would therefore not be eligible to receive the reallocated qualification slot for that medal event.

- Any unused slots earned via the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List shall be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete not otherwise qualified from that bodyweight category on the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List respecting the maximum CGA representation per medal event. Prior to reallocation, ranked CGAs will initially be asked to confirm their interest in receiving the reallocation of unused qualification slots. Where there are no eligible athletes remaining on the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List from the respective medal event(s), remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and IWF. The IWF Commonwealth Ranking List has been amended to reflect the maximum CGA representation per event, and should a CGA return a slot earned from the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List then they would have no further athletes ranked within that medal event, and would therefore not be eligible to receive the reallocated qualification slot.

CGF and IWF reserve the right not to reallocate a qualification slot, in the case that the reallocation process results in the potential award of a slot to an athlete whose performance could compromise the safety and integrity of the competition.

10. Athlete Eligibility -Weightlifting

To be eligible for endorsement by a CGA, an athlete must:

- Have achieved a valid result in at least one (1) IWF Sanctioned Event eligible for IWF Commonwealth Rankings within the ranking period of 01 January 2021 – 28th February 2022*
- *IWF and CGF may consider any valid, personal, and or extenuating circumstances for not being compliant with the above eligibility requirements. All decisions made by IWF and CGF are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.
- Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or IWF or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, IWF and the World Anti- Doping Code as may be modified and applied by the Federation to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed. In the case of any inconsistency, CGF rules and regulations will prevail;
- Have met the CGF's eligibility regulations in accordance with the CGF Constitution; o Have complied with the minimum age regulations as stipulated by the IWF.

11. Time lines - Weightlifting

7	TIMELINES
01 January 2021	Weightlifting qualification period commences
By 01 October 2021	IWF to confirm the 2021 IWF Senior Commonwealth Championships**
27 January 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive Entry by Number information
By 11 February 2022	CGA deadline to submit Bipartite Invitation applications to CGF
By 28 February 2022	Completion of the 2021 IWF Senior Commonwealth Championships**
28 February 2022	Weightlifting qualification period closes
28 February 2022	CGA deadline to confirm the final elected bodyweight category of athlete(s) ranked in more than one (1) bodyweight category on the IWF Commonwealth Rankings to the CGF
By 07 March 2022	CGF to confirm with CGAs qualified slots (Host CGA, 2021 Commonwealth Championships and IWF Commonwealth Ranking List)
By 07 March 2022	CGF to confirm with CGAs Bipartite Invitation slots
By 18 March 2022	CGA deadline to confirm acceptance of qualified places (Host CGA, 2021 Commonwealth Championships and IWF Commonwealth Ranking List)
18 March 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive accreditation application forms submitted by CGAs
By 28 March 2022	Re-allocation of returned places
April 2022	Pre-Delegation Registration Meetings
29 June 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive Entry by Name information
July 2022	Delegation Registration Meetings

12. BIPARTITE COMMISSION

12.1 Governance

12.1.2 The membership of the CGF/IWF Bipartite Commission shall comprise of the CGF Sports Director (or appointed designate) and the official IWF appointed designate.

12.1.3 All Bipartite Invitations will be approved by the CGF Executive Board.

12.2 Purpose

12.2.1 The purpose of the Bipartite Commission will be to assess, evaluate and make recommendations to the CGF Executive Board on the award of Bipartite Invitation slots.

13. Athlete Allocation System –Para Powerlifting

For the avoidance of doubt, the CGF and World Para Powerlifting reserve the right to amend this Athlete Allocation System in any manner, and in their sole and absolute discretion, should it be deemed necessary to ensure a fair qualification pathway for all Athletes.

The Para Powerlifting Athlete Allocation System includes two (2) key methods of qualification:

- i. **World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings (Ranking period 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2021)**
- ii. **Bipartite Invitation - World Para Powerlifting and CGF Bipartite Invitation**

14. Medal Events – Para Powerlifting

Medal Event	Bodyweight	*World Para Powerlifting bodyweight categories included within this medal event
Men's Lightweight	Up to and including 72.00kg	Up to 49.00kg, Up to 54.00kg, Up to 59.00kg, Up to 65.00kg, Up to 72.00kg
Men's Heavyweight	Over 72.00kg	Up to 80.00kg, Up to 88.00kg, Up to 97.00kg, Up to 107.00kg, Over 107.00kg
Women's Lightweight	Up to and including 61.00kg	Up to 41.00kg, Up to 45.00kg, Up to 50.00kg, Up to 55.00kg, Up to 61.00kg
Women's Heavyweight	Over 61.00kg	Up to 67.00kg, Up to 73.00kg, Up to 79.00kg, Up to 86.00kg, Over 86.00kg

*The CGF and World Para Powerlifting reserve the right to adjust the bodyweight categories included in each medal event where insufficient representation means the viability of a medal event may be at risk. This decision will be made at the sole and absolute discretion of the CGF and World Para Powerlifting immediately following the close of the qualification period on 31 December 2021.

15. Allocations per Event – Para Powerlifting

Men's Medal Events	Maximum Possible Slot Allocations
Men's Lightweight	10
Men's Heavyweight	10
Women's Medal Events	Maximum Possible Slot Allocations
Women's Lightweight	10
Women's Heavyweight	10

b) Maximum Number of Athletes by Commonwealth Games Association (CGA)

16. Qualification Framework - Para Powerlifting

Gender	Event Specific
Men	2 per medal event
Women	2 per medal event
World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings	Bipartite Invitation
Qualification slots shall be drawn from the World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings as at 31 December 2021 and issued to the CGA in the name of a specific athlete for allocation and are therefore non-transferable.	Bipartite Invitation slots will be issued to athletes' of widely and regularly practising CGAs. Such invitation slots will be issued to the CGA in the name of a specific athlete for allocation and are therefore non-transferable.
Slot-Allocation	Slot-Allocation
CGA by Athlete by Name	CGA by Athlete by Name

17. Qualification Pathway - Para Powerlifting

a) World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings

The World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings will be used to allocate slots to the top eight (8) ranked athletes per medal event utilising the AH Formula point score.

- CGAs will be eligible to qualify a maximum of two athletes per medal event, and the World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings will be amended to reflect this maximum representation per medal event.

- In the event the final slot of qualification has been achieved by more than one athlete with the same result, World Para Powerlifting and the CGF will at their sole discretion determine who receives the final slot.
- In the event a CGA is unable to accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via this method, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots Process.
- For the avoidance of doubt, only results achieved by athletes at World Para Powerlifting Recognised Competitions are eligible for Commonwealth Rankings. The qualification period is as follows:
 - 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2021

The World Para Powerlifting competition levels are defined in the World Para Powerlifting Rules and Regulations. The World Para Powerlifting Rules and Regulations and competition calendar can be found on the World Para Powerlifting Website: www.paralympic.org/powerlifting.

In the case of Great Britain, Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories, results attained by British athletes at World Para Powerlifting Recognised Competitions (i.e. competitions where athletes must compete for their IF affiliated-organisation) shall be attributed to their eligible CGA for the purposes of the Commonwealth-adjusted Ranking List.

b) Bipartite Invitation

In recognition of widely and regularly practising Para Powerlifting athletes who have not otherwise earned a slot-allocation, two (2) Bipartite Invitation slots per medal event will be issued.

Applications for Bipartite Invitation slots are to be submitted by the CGA in accordance with the prescribed deadline. It is at the sole and absolute discretion of World Para Powerlifting and the CGF to allocate a Bipartite Invitation slot in an instance where no application has been received.

Athletes to be considered by the Bipartite Commission shall have competed in at least one (1) World Para Powerlifting Recognised Competition within the qualification period of 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2021.

Where an athlete has not competed in at least one (1) World Para Powerlifting Recognised Competition within the qualification period, but would otherwise be deemed eligible, the Bipartite Commission may grant an exemption on the grounds of extenuating circumstances.

CGAs may request this consideration when applying for the Bipartite Invitation slot.

These slots are non-transferable and in the event the CGA is no longer able to accept the Bipartite Invitation slot it will be redistributed at the sole and absolute discretion of the Bipartite Commission with consideration for the factors listed below.

Allocation of Bipartite Invitation slots are made at the sole and absolute discretion of World Para Powerlifting and CGF. In making these decisions, the Bipartite Commission will award in the first instance to:

- Eligible athletes who have successfully participated in the CGF development programme (GAPS), that have demonstrated previous levels of performance commensurate to participation in the Commonwealth Games.

If there are no eligible athletes that have successfully participated in the CGF development programme (GAPS), the Bipartite Commission will consider factors including but not limited to the following:

- Regional representation within the event at the end of the qualification period.
- Depth of field and strength of competition.
- Demonstrated previous levels of performance commensurate to participation in the Commonwealth Games but an athlete has not otherwise attained qualification.
- Extenuating circumstances that may have resulted in an eligible athlete being unable to achieve a valid result within the qualification period.

c) Confirmation Process of Allocated Slots

At the close of the qualification period, the following procedure will be implemented:

- CGAs with an individual athlete(s) ranked in both medal events (Lightweight and Heavyweight) are required to declare to the CGF which medal event their athlete(s) wish to compete in;
- CGF will advise CGAs in writing of the slots attained from the World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings;
- CGAs will confirm in writing their intention to accept the slots attained drawn from the World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings;
 - All slots awarded via the World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings qualification pathway will be issued to the CGA for allocation;
 - These slots are binding to the event and athlete that attained the slot;
 - CGAs to nominate to the CGF for a Bipartite Invitation slot;
 - Bipartite Commission to determine the allocation of Bipartite Invitation slots; o
 - CGF to advise CGAs of the Bipartite Invitation slots attained;

- CGAs to confirm their intention to accept the Bipartite Invitation slots offered.

d) Reallocation of Unused Qualification slots - Para Powerlifting

Any qualification slots that are not used by the CGA will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete (respecting the maximum CGA representation per event). Prior to reallocation, ranked CGAs will initially be asked to confirm their interest in receiving the reallocation of unused qualification slots. Where there are no eligible athletes remaining on the World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings, remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and World Para Powerlifting. The CGF and World Para Powerlifting reserve the right not to reallocate the slot, in the case that the reallocation process results in the potential award of a slot to an athlete whose performance could compromise the safety and integrity of the competition.

To be eligible for endorsement by a CGA, an athlete must:

- Be internationally classified with a confirmed sport class status or review with a fixed review date of 2023 or later, at the sport entries deadline of 29 June 2022;
- Hold an active World Para Powerlifting Licence for the 2022 season;
- Have competed in at least one (1) World Para Powerlifting Recognised Competition within the qualification period of 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2021*;

**World Para Powerlifting and CGF may consider any valid, personal, and or extenuating circumstances for not being compliant with the above eligibility requirements. All decisions made by World Para Powerlifting and CGF are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.*

- Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or IPC or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, World Para Powerlifting, IPC and the World Anti-Doping Code as may be modified and applied by the Federation to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed. In the case of any inconsistency, CGF rules and regulations will prevail;
- Have met the CGF's eligibility regulations in accordance with the CGF Constitution;
- Have complied with the minimum age regulations as stipulated by World Para Powerlifting.

18. Timelines - Para Powerlifting

01 January 2020	Para Powerlifting Qualification period commences
31 December 2021	Para Powerlifting Qualification period closes
31 December 2021	Deadline for CGAs with individual athletes ranked in both medal events to declare to the CGF which medal event their athlete(s) wish to compete in
10 January 2022	CGF to confirm with CGAs qualified slots
24 January 2022	CGA deadline to confirm acceptance of qualified places
24 January 2022	CGA deadline to submit Bipartite Invitation applications to CGF
27 January 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive Entry by Number information
7 February 2022	Re-allocation of returned places
7 February 2022	CGF to confirm with CGAs Bipartite Invitation slots
18 March 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive accreditation application forms submitted by CGAs
April 2022	Pre-Delegation Registration Meetings
29 June 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive Entry by Name information
	Delegation Registration Meetings

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19. BIPARTITE COMMISSION

19.1 Governance

19.1.1 The membership of the CGF/World Para Powerlifting Bipartite Commission shall comprise of

the CGF Sports Director (or appointed designate) and the World Para Powerlifting Sport Manager (or appointed designate).

19.1.2 All Bipartite Invitations will be approved by the CGF Executive Board.

19.2 Purpose

19.2.1 The purpose of the Bipartite Commission will be to assess, evaluate and make recommendations to the CGF Executive Board on the award of Bipartite Invitation slots.

20. Nomination appeals to Weightlifting Wales

The Parties agree to exclusively submit any dispute concerning any matter connected with or arising out of this Nomination Policy and procedure to binding arbitration to be conducted by an arbitrator (or panel) appointed Mr Jonathan Roberts who will appoint a committee of two additional independent members (Darren Rogers and Wendy Eley) and pursuant to any rules as to the conduct of the arbitration laid down Weightlifting Wales (WW) (or the Arbitrator so appointed).

The Parties agree that they will not commence, continue or maintain any legal challenge to any matter falling under the jurisdiction of this Procedure to any court of law or any other dispute resolution procedure. The outcome of the WW arbitration shall be final and binding.

Any appeal against the decision(s) made by the WW Birmingham 2022 Nomination Panel must be submitted to Chairman of the Appeals panel in writing or email: jonathan.roberts@sport.wales No later than three days after the athlete has been notified.

The process to be followed is as outlined:

The Appellant shall lodge an appeal in email (“Notice of Appeal”) to Jonathan Roberts, jonathan.roberts@sport.wales after being notified of the final decision of the WW Birmingham 2022 Nomination Panel against which the Appellant wishes to appeal no later than three days

after the athlete has been notified. The Notice of Appeal should set out in full the basis on which the Appellant wishes to appeal and the remedy sought, and should be accompanied by all relevant documentation which the Appellant wishes to rely on in support of the Appeal.

WW shall appoint a single arbitrator Mr Jonathan Roberts (“the Arbitrator”) to consider the appeal who will call on the panel; Darren Rogers and Wendy Eley.

A party may challenge the appointment of the arbitrator where there are justifiable doubts as to the Arbitrator’s impartiality or independence or where the party raises a material objection. Such challenge must be made in writing or email to WW within two working days of the party being notified of the Arbitrator’s appointment. Unless the Arbitrator elects to withdraw, WW shall decide on the validity of the challenge within two working days. The decision of WW shall be final. A replacement arbitrator shall be appointed by WW as appropriate.

- WW shall have three working days to make its written response to the Notice of Appeal (“the Response”). WW may inform athlete(s) whose nomination maybe impacted by a successful appeal. These athletes may request being party to the Appeal.
- The Appeal shall be heard by way of written submissions unless the Appellant requests an oral hearing at the time of giving Notice of Appeal or the arbitrators so directs. Such hearing shall take place on a date and at a place to be determined by the Arbitrator normally within seven working days of the Notice of Appeal being lodged.
- The Arbitrator may give such directions as he deems appropriate regarding the arrangements for, and the conduct of, the Appeal.
- Where the Appeal is considered by way of written submissions the Arbitrator shall give his written decision within three working days of WW’s Response being received.
- Where the Appeal is considered by way of oral hearing, the Arbitrator shall give his written decision within three working days of the hearing. The hearing shall be held in private. WW may publish the written decision after it has been received by the parties.
- The decision of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties.
- The Appeal shall otherwise be governed by the arbitrator.