



XXI Commonwealth Games
Gold Coast Australia

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Diving Selection Policy and Standards

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Athlete - Sport Selection Policy and Standards

Introduction

1. Scottish Swimming and Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS) have agreed this selection policy. It provides detail on the process by which Scottish Swimming will arrive at athlete nominations, which will be submitted to CGS for consideration, for final selection to Team Scotland for Gold Coast 2018.

Achievement, by an athlete, of individual selection standards, detailed in this document, is therefore the first step by which nomination can be considered. The final decision for selection to the 2018 Games rests with CGS.

2. Scottish Swimming will nominate only those athletes to have qualified under both the Diving Specific Selection Standards stated below, and the CGS General Selection Policy (available on the CGS website) that should be read in conjunction with these standards.
3. Entry numbers per event and the overall number of athletes in the diving team are in accordance with Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) agreed numbers. Should more athletes achieve the standards than spaces available, then Scottish Swimming will prioritise in accordance with this policy.

Team Scotland General Selection Policy Aim

4. Scotland selects a team that:
 - 4.1 perform with distinction in 2018;
 - 4.2 achieves the highest ever medals at a Games out with Scotland; and,
 - 4.3 overall have a higher percentage of athletes meeting the selection standards when competing at these Games than in 2014
5. This “Diving” selection policy is consistent with the aims above.

Athlete Eligibility

6. The eligibility criteria of the CGF, Article 24 (see Appendix 3) and R13.5 of Scottish Amateur Swimming Association Limited Company Rules must be met by all nominees.
7. Where prospective team members do not automatically comply with the above, in terms of birth or parent’s birth, they will only be nominated for final selection if they receive prior approval from the CGF under their guidelines. No applications will be considered after 1 March 2017 to allow any case sufficient time for review and any submission to the CGF.

Games Diving Competition Format

8. The diving competition comprises of events listed and detailed in Appendix 1.

The maximum number of athletes selected by any country will be:

- three for each individual event
- two pairs for each synchronised event

Sport Specific Selection Standards

9. Selection period of February 1st 2017 – February 4th 2018.

Athlete Qualification

10. Athletes achieving a qualifying score, detailed in Appendix 1, in any one of the following competitions will be nominated to CGS by 8th February 2018.

- 2017 British National Diving Cup (3rd – 5th February, 2017 Plymouth)
- 2017 British Elite Junior Diving Championships 2017 (9th – 12th April 2017, Plymouth)
- 2017 British Championships (2nd – 4th June 2017, Edinburgh)
- 2017 SASA National Diving Championships (2nd – 4th December 2017, Edinburgh)
- 2017 ASA National Diving Championships (6th – 9th July, 2017, Sheffield)
- 2018 British National Diving Cup (Date and venue TBC)
- Up to 3 LEN or FINA Accredited Events agreed in advance (minimum notice four weeks) with the Scottish Swimming Performance Director.

Please note Section 9 and 10 may be amended when information on dates and venues become available.

Should more than the maximum number of athletes allowable achieve the qualifying standard, priority will be given to the athlete with the highest score.

11. Other Factors for consideration

11.1 Where additional places are allocated by CGS to Aquatics, the prioritisation between Diving and Swimming nominations will be at the discretion of the Scottish Swimming Performance Director, who will use all current available information to reach his decision. This will include;

- Availability of spaces within an event
- Strength to medal at the 2018 Games
- Strength to contribute to a medal at the 2018 Games
- Current balance of the Swimming and Diving teams
- Previous recent international performances and achievements

11.2 Athletes achieving outside the published nomination scores (see Appendix 1) will not be considered for selection.

11.3 Only the events outlined in Section 10 will be used for selection.

- 11.4 In the event of a synchronised pairing achieving the synchronised standard and gaining selection OR divers achieving an individual standard, selection for individual/synchronised diving events may be allowed at the discretion of the Performance Director following discussion with the appointed Diving Coach.

12 SELECTION PROCESS TIMELINE

All nominated athletes must have completed the required anti-doping education

- 12.1 Scottish Swimming will communicate nominations to be made to CGS by 5th February 2018 (allowing time for any Appeals as per Section 15) and submit nominations to CGS by 8th February, 2018, CGS will confirm final selections by 20th February 2018.
- 12.2 Final selection to the Games team is dependent on provision of relevant information required by CGS such as completion and signing of the CGF Eligibility form and CGS Team Member Agreement.

13. DE-SELECTION

13.1 Anti-doping

Athletes suspended by their Governing Body as a result of ongoing or concluded anti-doping violation allegations, will not be considered for selection, and if previously selected will be deselected from Team Scotland 2018 .

13.2 Form and fitness issues – Injury Management

Where form and fitness issues are identified at or after selection, a fitness test may be used to determine that the athlete is capable of performing to the level required for the Games. The format will be determined by CGS after discussion with Scottish Swimming. This will be specific to swimming and the athlete's condition and may include input from CGS medical staff. Any selection or de-selection decision, following such a test, will be final.

- 13.3 Athletes in breach of CGS policies, code of conduct and team agreement may be de-selected.

14. APPEAL PROCESS

14.1 An appeal against non-nomination to CGS by Scottish Swimming is entirely a matter for the athlete and Scottish Swimming. This should be held in accordance with Scottish Swimming own appeal procedures, but taking into consideration only the CGS selection policy and agreed sport specific selections standards and conditions.

14.2 Following publication of nominations by 5th February 2018, appeals will be heard in accordance with Scottish Swimming's internal appeals process.

14.3 All appeals must be received, in writing **by email**, including the grounds upon which the appeal is made, to the Scottish Swimming Chief Executive by 12:00pm, 6th February. In all instances, Scottish Swimming will respond in writing **by email** to the athlete within 2 days, notifying them of the outcome of the Appeal Process

14.4 Appeals shall only be considered if they address the selection process, clarification of fact or provide new and relevant information / evidence. Grounds for appeal do not include; eligibility, health, or times achieved out-with phases identified within the selection policy.

14.5 Divers will be nominated to CGS by 8th February, 2018.

14.6 Scottish Swimming will also have the opportunity to appeal to the CGS if athletes that have been nominated by Scottish Swimming are not selected. This will be completed within twenty four hours of CGS notification of non-selection. All CGS appeal decisions will be made ahead of final announcement of the team. Individuals do not have the right to appeal directly to CGS.

15 APPOINTMENT OF TEAM STAFF

A Team Manager will be appointed by CGS in consultation with Scottish Swimming by 30th April 2017. The Team Manager will work across the Aquatics team as agreed by the National Coach. The final complement of aquatics team staff attending the Games will ultimately depend upon team numbers and composition and will be determined by CGS in consultation with Scottish Swimming. This will include different categories of accreditation and access to the Games Village and other secure areas.

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Nomination Scores for Team Scotland Selection

		Consideration score	
MEN'S	1 metre springboard	354.25	6 dives
	3 metre springboard	404.78	6 dives
	Platform	411.42	6 dives
	3m Synchro	353.85	6 dives
	Platform Synchro	384.26	6 dives

		Consideration score	
WOMEN'S	1 metre springboard	258.17	5 dives
	3 metre springboard	288.93	5 dives
	Platform	309.37	5 dives
	3m Synchro	262.21	5 dives
	Platform Synchro	294.74	5 dives

Appendix 2

COACH SELECTION PROCESS

1. The Performance Director, in consultation with the National Coach, will appoint one diving coach to the Commonwealth Games Aquatic Team by September 30th 2017.
2. The confirmed coach will be expected to play a full part in the preparation of the Aquatics Team as identified by the Scottish Swimming Performance Director.
3. Coaches must hold the minimum of a Scottish Swimming Level 3 Licence or equivalent
4. There will be no appeal process for the Coach Selection

Appendix 3

ARTICLE 24

Eligibility

1. Subject to Article 24(2), as a condition of entry to compete in the Commonwealth Games, all athletes must be citizens or subjects of the Commonwealth Country that enters them and must:
 - (a) not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the Federation, or their respective Affiliated Commonwealth Games Association (CGA) or International Federation (IF) or under the World Anti Doping Code;
 - (b) comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Federation, their respective IFs 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.
2. Subject to Article 24(3), where an athlete was born in a Commonwealth Country that has common citizenship/passport with other Commonwealth Countries, the athlete may initially represent either the athlete's Commonwealth Country of birth; or the Commonwealth Country of birth of his or her father or mother that shares the same citizenship/passport.
3. After having represented one Commonwealth Country at the Commonwealth Games, an athlete may not represent another Commonwealth Country unless he or she receives the approval of the Federation, the relevant IF and the affiliated CGAs of the two Commonwealth Countries concerned. Applications under this article must be submitted to the Executive Board at least 12 months prior to the commencement of the Games.
4. It is the responsibility of all affiliated CGAs to ensure that their athletes are fully aware of and comply with the eligibility rules of the Federation.
5. The Executive Board will have the power to waive the provisions of Articles 24 (1-3) in its discretion.

In relation this clause, the CGF Executive Board at its meeting in August 2004 gave the following guidelines:

- If an athlete has previously represented a country at a Commonwealth Games they may continue to represent that country at future Games.
- Athletes wishing to compete for a country on the basis of residency must show they have resided in that country for five years immediately prior to those Games.

Further guidelines were given in August 2005 as follows:

Athlete Eligibility - Athlete Dispensation Criteria

The General Assembly noted the Executive Board's decision that in accordance with Article 25 (5) dispensations would be granted to athletes where common passports exist in that an athlete may represent the new country subject to having fulfilled all the requirements of the relevant International Federation.