



XXI Commonwealth Games

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**Swimming - Para
Selection Policy and Standards
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Athlete - Sport Selection Policy and Standards - Draft

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.
- 2 Scottish Swimming will nominate only those athletes to have qualified under both the Para-Swimming Sport Specific Selection Standards stated below, and the CGS General Selection Policy (available on the CGS website) and where an athlete slot is available.

Team Scotland General Selection Policy Aim

- 3 Scotland selects a team that:
 - 3.1 performs with distinction in 2018;
 - 3.2 achieves the highest ever medals at a Games out with Scotland; and,
 - 3.3 overall have a higher percentage of athletes meeting the selection standards when competing at these Games than in 2014.
- 4 This Para-Swimming selection policy is consistent with the aims above.

Athlete Eligibility

- 5 The eligibility criteria of the CGF, Article 24 (see Appendix 2) and R4.5.3 of Scottish Amateur Swimming Association Limited Company Rules must be met by all nominees.
- 6 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.
- 7 All Para-Swimming athletes must have either an IPC "confirmed" (C) or "review" (R) sport classification status beyond 2018, appear on the IPC Swimming Classification Master List at time of selection and be eligible as per the individual event eligible classes outlined in 8.1.

Games swimming competition format

8 General selection details

8.1 The swimming competition will take place 5 – 11 April 2018 and comprises events listed and detailed below:

Men's Events	Also Eligible		Women's Events	Also Eligible
S9 100m Freestyle	S8		S8 50m Freestyle	S7
S9 100m Backstroke	S8		S9 100m Freestyle	S8
S7 50m Freestyle	S6		SB9 100m Breaststroke	SB8
SB8 100m Breaststroke	SB7		SM10 200m IM	SM9
SM8 200m IM	SM7		S7 50m Butterfly	S6
S14 200m Freestyle			S9 100m Backstroke	S8

8.2 The overall team size for swimming will be determined by CGS.

8.3 In accordance with the CGF statutes and GOLDOC competition rules, the maximum number of athletes selected by any country for each event will be three.

9 SPORT SPECIFIC SELECTION STANDARDS

9.1 CGS will receive the athlete slot allocation from CGF in events outlined above using the athlete allocation system.

9.2 Athlete allocation slots shall be drawn from the IPC World Ranking database and issued to the Commonwealth Games Association for allocation. The IPC World Ranking database will be used to create the Commonwealth-adjusted Ranking List which will be used to allocate the top seven (7) slots per medal event (capped at three per nation)

9.2.1 The Qualification period is as follows:

31 October 2016 to 8 December 2017

9.2.2 Only IPC Sanctioned events will be recognised for the purpose of the IPC World Ranking Database. IPC sanctioned events are outlined via the IPC website (www.paralympic.org).

9.3 Any unused (returned) slots shall be reallocated by the same method and to the next highest ranked eligible athlete(s).

9.4 Timelines

8 December 2017	IPC Swimming Qualification period closes
14 December 2017	GOLDOC to confirm with CGAs qualified slots
28 December 2017	CGA deadline to confirm acceptance of qualified slots
29-30 December 2017	Re-allocation of returned places

- 9.5 Any Scottish Athlete(s) named in the top seven ranked athletes on the IPC Commonwealth-adjusted Ranking List (as per 9.2) will be nominated by Scottish Swimming to CGS.
- 9.6 In the event of an athlete not taking up their slot as per 9.5, Scottish Swimming will nominate the next fastest ranked Scottish athlete on the IPC Commonwealth-adjusted Ranking List in that event providing they have achieved;
- a top ten ranking in the IPC Commonwealth-adjusted Ranking List; and
 - their ranked time is within 3% of the seventh ranked time in that list.
- 9.7 Any athlete named in the list of reallocated athlete slots (as per 9.3) will be nominated by Scottish Swimming to CGS provided they have achieved;
- a top ten ranking in the initial IPC Commonwealth-adjusted Ranking List and;
 - their ranked time is within 3% of the seventh ranked time in that list.

10 **SELECTION PROCESS & TIMELINE**

- 10.1 All nominated athletes must have completed the required anti-doping education.
- 10.2 Scottish Swimming will communicate nominations to be made to CGS by 15 December 2017 (allowing time for any Appeals as per Section 15) and submit nominations to CGS by 22 December 2017. CGS will confirm final selections by 10 January 2018.
- 10.3 For the use of reallocated slots SS will communicate nominations to be made to CGS by 6 February 2018 and submit nominations to CGS by 13 February 2018. CGS will confirm Final selections by 20 February 2018.
- 10.4 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.

11. **DE-SELECTION**

11.1 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 the Team Scotland 2018.

11.2 **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.

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

12 APPEAL PROCESS (Reallocation Timeline in Brackets)

- 12.1 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's own appeal procedures, but taking into consideration only the CGS selection policy and agreed sport specific selection standards and conditions.
- 12.2 Following publication of nominations by 15 December 2017 (6 February 2018), appeals will be heard in accordance with Scottish Swimming's internal appeals process.
- 12.3 All appeals must be received, in writing **by email**, detailing the grounds upon which the appeal is made, to the Scottish Swimming Chief Executive by 12:00 hours midday, 19 December 2017 (9 February 2018). In all instances, Scottish Swimming will respond in writing **by email** to the athlete within two days, notifying them of the outcome of the appeal process
- 12.4 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.
- 12.5 Swimmers will be nominated to CGS by 22 December 2017 (13 February 2018).
- 12.6 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.

Appendix 1

COACH SELECTION PROCESS

1. The National Coach will act as the Head Coach for the team.
2. Following the completion of the swimmer selection process (30 September 2017), coaching staff will be appointed to the Commonwealth Games Aquatic Team (Swimming) by the Scottish Swimming Performance Director & National Coach.
3. Confirmed coaches will be expected to play a full part in the preparation of the Team as identified by the Scottish Swimming Performance Director & National Coach.
4. Coaches based out with Scotland will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.
5. Coaches must hold the minimum of a Scottish Swimming Level 3 Licence or equivalent
6. A minimum coach/swimmer ratio of 1:6 will be applied, excluding the head coach and depending on accreditations provided by CGS
7. There will be no appeal process for the Coach Selection

Appendix 2

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.