

Selection Policy for -

XXI Commonwealth Games (“CWG”) 2018
Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia
4-15 April, 2018

Overview

This document is intended to provide transparency on those factors that make up the selection process for the CWG 2018 – Gold Coast, 4-15 April, 2018.

The final selections will be made at the sole discretion of the Commonwealth Games Council for England and will be based on nominations made against this ASA Selection Policy. Nominations will be submitted to the Commonwealth Games Council for England and following ratification by the Commonwealth Games Council for England the Team will be announced (by the Commonwealth Games Council for England in consultation with the ASA).

Objectives

- To select athletes that will form the team to achieve the best possible results.
- To select athletes that have the potential to succeed at future events.
- To employ a transparent and fair selection process that provides all athletes a chance to challenge for team selection.

Rationale

Diving is an extremely subjective sport and thus there will be a significant component of subjective decision making in regard to the final selection of the team. Final selection is at the sole discretion of the National Performance Director (“NPD”).

This policy is a selection document and athletes should be aware of and understand the following:

1. *On meeting the Selection Criteria, divers are only **Eligible for Consideration for Selection**. The final team selection will be at the sole discretion of the NPD.*
2. *All selected team members are required to sign and comply with the Commonwealth Games Council for England Code of Conduct.*
3. *Any diver or coach who withdraws from the team following selection may be liable to the Federation for the reimbursement of any costs incurred.*

Requirements

- In all cases, it is a pre-condition of selection that **ALL** athletes complete a British Swimming Medical Declaration Form and that any athlete requiring a TUE

(Therapeutic Use Exemption) shall have obtained the necessary certification prior to travel.

There are no exceptions and any diver failing to follow these requirements will **NOT** be permitted to travel with the team to the relevant meet.

Nomination to the CWG Team

Qualification

The NPD will select the CWG team following the British National Championships. The NPD will announce the team selected for the CWG within 2 working days from the conclusion of the British National Championships 2018.

Selection to the CWG Team shall be at the sole discretion of the NPD.

1. **The winner of the individual events of the British National Championships 2018 will be eligible for selection by the NPD to the CWG Team.**
2. **The silver medalist of the British National Championships 2018 will be eligible for selection by the NPD as the second place individual diver, subject to achieving the Qualifying Standards.**
3. **The third place divers for individual events at the CWG's and synchronised couples at the CWG's will be eligible for selection by the NPD at his sole discretion based on the FINA World Series and FINA Grand Prix results from 2017.**

The NPD has identified the FINA World Series Competitions 2017 and the FINA Grand Prix Competitions 2017 for athlete performance monitoring in the build up to the Commonwealth Games. The NPD will use these competitions to assist his decision making and exercise of his discretion, however, performances at these Competitions will only be used as a guide. The NPD will select the athletes at his sole discretion.

Qualification Standards

The Qualification Standards below are taken and based on the results of our Commonwealth rivals (CAN, AUS, MAS) shown at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games, and based on our established CWG medal targets.

The minimum Qualification Standards required to be **eligible for selection** are:

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Standard</i>
Men's 3m	390
Women's 3m	310
Women's 10m	310
Men's 10m	455

For 1m events for the Commonwealth Games 2018 divers will be selected by the NPD, at his sole discretion, from within the team already selected to the Commonwealth Games 2018.

General

- Only athletes who are eligible to compete and available to represent England as documented in the CWG Federation Rules and Articles at the CWG 2018 will be selected.
- Selection will be conditional on athletes signing and complying with the following:-
 - British Swimming Doping Control Rules and Protocols
 - Selection Agreement and Code of Conduct
 - CWG 2018 Team Members Agreement
 - ASA Child Protection Procedures
 - UKAD Clean Games Policy
- The NPD will exercise his authority to ensure that the final nominations for the CWG 2018 Team are in line with this Policy with a view to achieving the Objectives set out at the beginning of the Policy.
- Athletes must demonstrate an uncompromised commitment to training preparation for peak performance at the CWG 2018 as determined by the NPD. If for any reason the athlete is unable or unwilling to fulfil this commitment, they may be withdrawn from the team at the discretion of the NPD and Commonwealth Games Council for England.
- Athletes will be expected to attend each programmed event, where selected, taking part in all programmed activities. Unless otherwise agreed, no athlete will be allowed to leave a camp or undertake any activities that are not directly relevant to the camp programme, this includes any external media or social activities.
- Athletes becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time following selection of the team must notify the NPD immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination (by an independent medical advisor approved by the Amateur Swimming Association medical staff), which may result in the athlete being de-selected from the team at the discretion of the NPD and Commonwealth Games Council for England.
- The NPD in agreement with Commonwealth Games Council for England may amend this selection policy at any time at their discretion and will ensure any amendments are communicated to all Team members.

CWG Athlete Replacement Policy

3.1.9 In accordance with CGF Obligation SPT 18 (from the CGF Manual – Sport) under exceptional circumstances after close of entries and up to the time of the relevant sport technical meeting ‘like for like’ athlete replacements (same sport, same discipline, same event) may be approved by the CGF Executive Board following consultation with the relevant IF. When deemed necessary by the CGF, independent medical advice will be sought to assess any illnesses or injuries. The CGF Technical meeting dates and times will be detailed in each of the individual sport guides (Appendix 2 of the Sport Handbook).

This Athlete Replacement policy refers to an athlete being withdrawn from all entered events after close of entries and prior to the approved technical meeting (and competition commencing) and being replaced in one or more of these events by an un-entered athlete. Once an Athlete Replacement has been approved, all athlete privileges will be transferred

from the withdrawn athlete to the replacement athlete. The withdrawn athlete's Accreditation Pass must be handed in if they have already completed the validation process and they cannot be re-accredited to participate at the XXI Commonwealth Games in any event.

A request for an Athlete Replacement, in line with the approved CGF policy, will be coordinated through the Sport Entries team, located in the Sports Information Centre at the CGV.

Requests for Athlete Replacement will be considered provided that:

- All requests occur prior to the approved technical meeting.
- The replacement is for the same sport, discipline and event(s)
- The replacement does not change the total athlete numbers submitted upon the close of entries for the CGA.
- The replacement athlete is eligible and entitled to take part in the Games, in accordance with the Eligibility rules stated in the CGF Constitution Article 24.
- An accreditation application is submitted by CGA for the replacement.
- The replacement athlete completes and submits the CGF Entry and Eligibility Conditions Form to Gold Coast 2018.
- The relevant IF has been consulted.
- When deemed necessary by the CGF, independent medical advice has been sought to access any illnesses or injuries.

Note: If the replacement athlete is not already in the United Kingdom and is not in the possession of a Non-Valid Accreditation Pass (NVP) (for example because their application for accreditation was cancelled from the list of potential athletes at the Pre-DRM), then they will not be eligible to receive an NVP in advance of their travel to the United Kingdom. In such cases, if their nationality requires them to do so, the incoming athlete would need to make their own visa and entry clearance arrangements to travel to the United Kingdom.

After the technical meeting and prior to the commencement of a medal event, where changes are permitted to athlete entries within the regulations, rules or conditions of play for each sport as applicable to the Commonwealth Games, these will be managed by the IF and Gold Coast 2018 competition management at the venue.

Full details of the procedure for submitting athlete replacement requests will be advised to CGAs in V2 of the Sports Guide and through their Sport Entries Coordinator.

Appeals

All appeals on the nomination (or non-nomination) to the CWG 2018 Team will be dealt with under the Amateur Swimming Associations Team Selection Appeals Procedure. Details are available from the Amateur Swimming Associations Legal Affairs Department if required. Athletes should be aware of the time limits contained in the Procedures, which are designed with the intention of resolving issues expeditiously and fairly.