



## **VII Commonwealth Youth Games**

**Trinidad & Tobago 2023**

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**Sport Selection Policy and Standards  
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**scottishathletics**

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# Athletics Athlete Selection Policy

## Introduction

1. This selection policy has been agreed by Scottish Athletics Ltd (**scottishathletics**) and Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS). It provides detail on the process by which **scottishathletics** will arrive at its nominations for selection of athletes within the Scottish Team for Trinidad & Tobago 2023 which will be submitted to CGS for consideration.
2. In all cases, selection by **scottishathletics** represents a nomination to CGS for ratification. The final decision in selection to the 2023 Youth Games lies with CGS. Achievement of the selection criteria therefore represents **eligibility for nomination**, not selection or even nomination.
3. **scottishathletics** will nominate only those athletes that have qualified under the selection criteria stated in this policy.

## Selection Policy Aim

4. To select a team of athletes capable of competing with distinction for Scotland at the 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games and who have the potential to win medals for Scotland at future Commonwealth Games.

## Scottish Commonwealth Youth Games Athlete Eligibility

5. To be eligible to compete for Scotland in the Commonwealth Youth Games in Trinidad & Tobago, the eligibility criteria of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF), Byelaw 17, must be met by all nominees, see Appendix 1.
6. Where prospective team members do not comply with the above, they will only be nominated for final selection if they receive prior dispensation from the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF).
7. The **eligible age** category for athletics for the Commonwealth Youth Games is for Men and Women who are born in either **2007 or 2006**.

## Games Competition Format

8. The Commonwealth Youth Games 2023 will include athletics events in the following disciplines:
  - **Men's: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m 1500m, 3000m, 110m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus, Javelin**
  - **Women's: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m 1500m, 3000m, 100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus, Javelin**
  - **Mixed Relays: 4x100m, 4x200m, 4x400m**
  - **Maximum of two athletes per event**
  - **Relay athletes will only be nominated from individually selected athletes**

## Sport Specific Selection Criteria

9. CGS has allocated **scottishathletics** up to a **maximum** of **seven** places on Youth Team Scotland.
10. Selection period: 1st January 2023 until 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

CYG 2023 Standards		
Female	Event	Male
<b>11.85</b> <b>(7.55)</b>	100 (60m)	<b>10.75</b> <b>(6.91)</b>
<b>24.50</b>	200	<b>21.80</b>
<b>55.00</b>	400	<b>48.50</b>
<b>02:08.70</b>	800	<b>01:52.80</b>
<b>04:28.00</b>	1500	<b>03:52.00</b>
<b>09:38.00</b>	3000	<b>08:28.00</b>
<b>13.90</b> <b>(8.70)</b>	100/110 H (2ft6/3ft) (60 H)	<b>14.10</b> <b>(8.00)</b>
<b>01:02.00</b>	400 H	<b>53.50</b>
<b>1.73</b>	HJ	<b>2.05</b>
<b>5.98</b>	LJ	<b>7.05</b>
<b>15.10</b>	SHOT (3kg/5kg)	<b>17.50</b>
<b>43.50</b>	DISCUS (1kg/1.5kg)	<b>54.00</b>
<b>46.43</b>	JAVELIN (600g/700g)	<b>62.00</b>

### Other Factors for Consideration

11. Any athlete achieving one eligible standard from the above table within the qualifying period will be considered for nomination.
12. Indoor competitions will be accepted for qualifying performances.
13. If more than 7 athletes achieve a qualifying performance within the qualification window, **athletes will be prioritised (in order) based on their current Commonwealth youth ranking at the time of the nomination meeting.** The top 7 (max 2 per event) on this list will then be nominated for selection to CGS.
14. Performances will only be accepted if they are achieved within an official competition organised as follows:
  - Field events must have at least three qualified level 2 and above officials present and the Referee must be at least level 3.
  - Performances at Level 2 Licenced events will be prioritised above those achieved at a Level 1 Licensed event.
  - A fully approved automatic timing device must be used in all track events up to and including 400m.
  - In endurance events of 800m and longer, where automatic timing is not used, the performance must have been timed by three timekeepers each of whom should be level 4.
  - In the sprints, sprint hurdles, and long jump performances where wind conditions are greater than +2.0m/s will not be considered. The wind gauge must be sited in accordance with World Athletics (WA) rules and a graded official must also be present to ratify wind speeds.
  - In the throwing events no performance will be considered if it is achieved in a mixed age group competition where lighter weight implements are in the same pool.
  - Performances achieved in mixed gender track events will not count towards qualification times for major competitions and championships as per rule C35 S1 (31) (UKA supplement).

- The onus of providing evidence of the achievement of a performance rest with the athlete/coach.

### **Selection process**

15. All nominated athletes must have completed relevant Clean Sport education.
16. **scottishathletics** will communicate the nominations to eligible athletes and send their final nominations, in priority order, to CGS by no later than 22 May 2023.
17. CGS will confirm the final team selections by 30 May 2023.
18. Final selection to the Games team is dependent on receipt of relevant information required by CGS such as the Team Member Agreement.

### **Appeals Process**

19. There shall be no right of appeal to the nomination of the athletics team made by the **scottishathletics** panel.
20. An appeal against CGS non-selection on behalf of an athlete may only be submitted by **scottishathletics** and not by any individual athlete. If an appeal is submitted to CGS by **scottishathletics**, a CGS Appeal Panel will consider the case along with any additional information provided. The appeal must be made in writing within 3 days after selection outcomes to **scottishathletics** by CGS.

### **De-selection**

21. Athletes may be deemed ineligible for selection or deselected for the following reasons:
  - **Anti-doping:** Athletes suspended by UK Athletics because of an ongoing or concluded anti-doping violation allegations will not be considered for selection, and if previously selected, will be de-selected from Youth Team Scotland.
  - **Form and Fitness - Injury Management:** Where form and fitness issues are identified at or after selection, a fitness test may be used to determine that the athlete can perform to the level that they were selected for the Youth Games. The format will be determined by CGS after discussion with the Athletics Team Management. This will be specific to athletics 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.
  - **CGS Policies:** Athletes in breach of CGS policies, code of conduct and Youth Team Agreement may be de-selected.

### **Appointment of Team Staff**

22. One initial sport specific member of staff will be appointed by CGS in consultation with **scottishathletics** by the end February 2023. The final complement of the athletics Team staff attending the Games will ultimately depend upon team composition and will be determined by CGS in consultation with **scottishathletics**.

## Appendix 1

<b>CGF Byelaw 17 Eligibility</b>
<p>1. It is the responsibility of all Affiliated CGAs to ensure that their competitors are fully aware of and comply with Byelaw 17.</p>
<p><b>2. Primacy</b></p>
<p>2.1 Subject to Byelaw 17(4) 17(5) 17(6) and 17(7), a competitor shall be eligible to represent the Commonwealth Country which enters them where they satisfy at least one of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Are in possession of a current valid passport of the Commonwealth Country which enters them;</li></ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>b) Are a subject who can demonstrate 'Belonger Status' in Great Britain or relevant British Overseas Territory of the Commonwealth Country which enters them</li><li>c) In respect of the following Affiliated CGAs: -<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Guernsey, Jersey, and Isle of Man. The governments of these three Crown Dependencies do not define citizenship. For these Affiliated CGAs, citizenship shall be defined as three (3) years continuous residency immediately prior to the Commonwealth Games. For the avoidance of doubt, the immediately prior three-year period shall mean the three-year period that immediately precedes the "final entries deadline"* date of the relevant Games as determined by the respective Organising Committee ("Continuous Residency") and the competitor must be in possession of a current valid UK passport.</li><li>ii. Northern Ireland. Byelaw 17 will defer to the Belfast Agreement (1998). Northern Ireland athletes who meet birth right criteria are to be treated equally regardless of their possession of either a current valid UK or Irish passport (but must hold one of these). This right is enshrined within the Constitution Issues (iv) of the 1998 Belfast Agreement.</li><li>iii. Norfolk Island. Any individual who was in possession of a current valid New Zealand passport and was also deemed eligible to compete at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games for Norfolk Islands may continue to compete for Norfolk Islands at future iterations of the Games.</li></ul></li></ul>
<p><b>3. Secondary</b></p>
<p>3.1 Subject to Byelaw 17(4) 17(5) 17(6) and 17(7), where a competitor was born in a Commonwealth Country which has common citizenship/passport with other Commonwealth Countries, the competitor may represent either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) the Commonwealth Country of their birth;</li></ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>b) the Commonwealth Country of birth of their parent;</li></ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>c) where the relevant IF recognises grandparents as part of its eligibility criteria, the competitor may represent the Commonwealth Country of birth of their grandparent;</li></ul> <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>d) the Commonwealth Country where they have completed a minimum period of three (3) years continuous residency immediately prior to the Commonwealth Games. For the avoidance of doubt, the immediately prior three-year period shall mean the three-year period that immediately precedes the "final entries deadline"* of the relevant Games as determined by the respective Organising Committee.</li></ul> <p>3.2 Subject to the other provisions of this Byelaw 17, where a competitor is eligible to</p>

represent more than one Affiliated CGA due to common passport privileges they may choose which Affiliated CGA to represent. For the avoidance of doubt, if an individual has competed at a Commonwealth Youth Games this will not be deemed to be a choice of country, and the competitor may choose to represent a different Affiliated CGA at a Commonwealth Games.

3.3 For the avoidance of doubt subject to Byelaw 17(4) and 17(5) any competitor of a common passport area who competes for their common passport country (i.e. Great Britain, New Zealand and Australia) at either the Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games and/or any World Championships or any other major sporting event shall be entitled to choose to represent their home Affiliated CGA (e.g. Turks and Caicos) at the Commonwealth Games.

#### 4 Disqualifications and Suspensions

4.1 A competitor shall not be eligible to represent the Commonwealth Country which enters them if they:

a) are currently under disqualification, expulsion or suspension by the Federation;

and/or

b) are currently under disqualification, expulsion or suspension by their respective Affiliated CGA;

and/or

c) are currently under disqualification, expulsion or suspension by their respective IF, National Federation;

and/or

d) are currently under disqualification or suspension under the World Anti-Doping Code.

#### 5 Compliance with applicable rules and regulations

5.1 A competitor shall only be eligible to represent the Commonwealth Country which enters them if they:

a) Satisfy and comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Federation;

and

b) Satisfy and comply their respective IF rules and regulations (including but not limited to, complying with respective IF eligibility rules as applied within each respective edition of the Commonwealth Games Athlete Allocation Systems);

and

c) Satisfy and comply with the World Anti-Doping Code as applied within the Federation Anti-Doping Standard to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed.

5.2 For the avoidance of doubt, where there is an inconsistency between respective IF Nationality rules and regulations and those of the Commonwealth Games Federation, the Commonwealth Games Federation Bye Law 17 shall prevail.

#### 6 Transfer of Allegiance

6.1 After having established eligibility status under this Byelaw 17 a competitor who has previously represented one Commonwealth Country at a Commonwealth Games may not represent another Commonwealth Country unless they also receive the prior approval of the Federation, the relevant IF and the relevant previously represented Affiliated CGA. For the avoidance of doubt, this Byelaw shall not apply if an individual has represented a Commonwealth Country at a Commonwealth Youth Games. Applications under this Byelaw 17(6) must be submitted to the Executive Board two calendar months before the "final entries deadline"\* for the respective Commonwealth

Games. Applications must include formal confirmation of the prior approval of the relevant IF and the relevant previously represented Affiliated CGA.

6.2 All applications for transfer of allegiance under Byelaw 17(6) and/or discretionary eligibility dispensation under Byelaw 17(7) including all relevant paperwork and documentation must be submitted no later than two calendar months prior to the published "final entries deadline"\*, as outlined by the respective Organising Committee.

## 7 Dispensations

7.1 The Executive Board shall delegate authority to the Governance and Integrity Committee (GIC) who have the power to grant dispensations to Byelaw 17 in exceptional circumstances and to consider any matters relating generally to Byelaw 17. Each application for dispensation under Byelaw 17 shall be considered on its own merits and will not create a precedent for any future applications. Decisions made by GIC are subject to the right of appeal directly to the Executive Board, whose decision shall be final and binding.

\*"final entries deadline" means the final date that an individual athlete may be entered in a particular event(s) for the relevant Commonwealth Games, usually completed via an online entry system. Such date to be communicated for each relevant Commonwealth Games in the Sport Handbook.