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Team Scotland: Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games

Athlete - Sport Selection Policy and Standards

Introduction

- 1 This selection policy has been agreed by Bowls Scotland and Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS). It provides detail on the process by which Bowls Scotland 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 1st step by which nomination can be considered. The final decision in selection to the 2018 Games lies with CGS
- 2 Bowls Scotland will nominate only those athletes that have qualified under both the Bowls 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 are in accordance with Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) allocation. Should more athletes achieve the standards then Bowls Scotland will prioritise in accordance with this policy.

Team Scotland General Selection Policy Aim

- 4 Scotland selects a team that performs with distinction in 2018, achieving our highest ever number of medals at a Games out with Scotland and overall have a higher percentage of athletes meeting the selection standards when competing at these Games than in 2014
- 5 This bowls policy is consistent with the aim.

Athlete Eligibility

- 6 The eligibility criteria of the CGF, Article 24, must be met by all nominees, see Appendix 1.
- 7 Where prospective team members do not automatically comply with the above, in terms of birth or parents 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 for review and any submission to CGF.

Games Competition Format

- 8 Men's and Women Singles, Pairs ,Triples and Fours

A maximum of five male and five female players can be nominated by each country.

Each player will be allowed to compete in two events

- Singles or Fours
- Pairs or Triples

Sport Specific Selection Standards

9 The Selection Period will take place over 2 selection phases

- Discipline Places - Phase 1 to be used as the primary selection opportunity for Scotland to evidence an overall top 6 finish of Commonwealth countries across the groups for singles, pairs, triples and fours
- Individual Standards – Phase 2 to be used as the primary selection opportunity for each individual player to evidence their ability to achieve a Commonwealth position of top 6

9.1 Phase 1 – Discipline Places

Achieve a top 3 finish of Commonwealth countries in the group stage

or

A top 6 finish across the groups of Commonwealth countries at the World Championships in New Zealand in December 2016 in each of the disciplines named above.

9.2 Phase 2 – Individual Standards

The selection period is 1 January 2017 to 20 September 2017. Selection standards are in no particular order.

9.2.1 Mens Singles

Top 4 finish at the 8 Nations Invitational in June 2017 (subject to change in format)

or

a position in the top 16 WBT ranking list during the selection period

or

proven success at Test Events within the selection period, previously agreed with CGS.

9.2.2 Mens Pairs/Triples/Fours

Top 4 finish at the 8 Nations Invitational in June 2017 (subject to change in format)

or

proven success at Test Events within the selection period, previously agreed with CGS.

9.2.3 Womens Singles/Pairs/Triples/Fours

Top 4 finish at the 8 Nations Invitational in June 2017 (subject to change in format)

or

proven success at Test Events within the selection period, previously agreed with CGS.

9.3 In order to maximise medal potential, Bowls Scotland will nominate athletes based on composition of position, specific specialist and team dynamics which may be at the expense of a qualified athlete in another discipline.

Other factors for consideration

9.4 The following may also be taken into account

- Performance record at world and international events up to four years prior to 1 January 2017
- Current and past performances on relevant playing conditions
- Track record against international teams with relevance placed on results at major international championships
- Benchmarking – Data gathered during training and competition
- Any breach of Bowls Scotland's athlete agreement during the selection period
- Current form and fitness

10 Selection Process

- Bowls Scotland selection panel meeting will take place on 20 September 2017
- Bowls Scotland will write to all nominated athletes after the Bowls Scotland selection panel meeting on the 20 September 2017. The Bowls Scotland High Performance Manager will also contact, in confidence, those athletes whom they consider were very close to nomination but not successful on 22 September 2017.
- Any appeals to be lodged by 27 September 2017 to Bowls Scotland in line with their Appeals Procedure.

- 11 BOWLS Scotland will send their final nominations to CGS by 6 October 2017. CGS will confirm the initial team selections by 16 October 2017 and final team selections by 20 February 2018.
- 12 Final selection to the Games team is dependent on receipt of relevant information required by CGS such as completion and signing of the CGF Eligibility form and CGS Team Member Agreement.

De-selection

- 13 **Antidoping** - 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 Gold Coast 2018 team.
- 14 **Injury Management** - Where injury 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 that they were selected for the Games. The format will be determined by CGS after discussion with the bowls Team Management. This will be specific to bowls 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.
- 15 **CGS and BOWLS Scotland Policies** - Athletes in breach of CGS policies, code of conduct and team agreement may be de-selected.

Appeal Process

- 16 An appeal against non-nomination to CGS by BOWLS is entirely a matter for the athlete and BOWLS Scotland. This should be held in accordance with BOWLS Scotland own appeal procedures, but taking into consideration only the CGS selection policy and agreed sport specific selections standards and conditions.
- 17 Following communication of nominated Athletes appeals will be heard in accordance with the BOWLS Scotland Internal Appeals Procedure
- 18 Any athlete not nominated to CGS has the right to meet with the High Performance Head Coach and the High Performance Manager in order to seek further clarification on their non-nomination to the Team. After this meeting the athlete may appeal in writing including the grounds for appeal.
- 19 An appeal against CGS non-selection on behalf of an athlete may only be submitted by BOWLS Scotland and not by any individual athlete. If an appeal is submitted to CGS by BOWLS Scotland, a CGS Appeal Panel will consider the case along with any additional information provided. The appeal must be made in writing within one week of notification of selection outcomes to BOWLS Scotland by CGS.

Appointment of Team Staff

- 20 A Team Manager will be appointed by CGS in consultation with BOWLS Scotland by April 2017. The final complement of bowls team staff attending the Games will ultimately depend upon team numbers and composition and will be determined by

CGS in consultation with Bowls Scotland. This will include different categories of accreditation and access to the Games Village and other secure areas.

Appendix 1

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.