



**Australian Para Powerlifting Team
2018 Commonwealth Games
4-15 April 2018**

Nomination Criteria

Version 3 – 26 October 2017

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The objective of these Nomination Criteria is to identify and advise Commonwealth Games Australia ("**CGA**") of those athletes who are best placed to achieve the best possible results at the 2018 Commonwealth Games ("**Games**").
- 1.2 Only with the approval of the CGA can these Criteria be amended or supplemented by an organisation licensed by the APC to manage the World Para Powerlifting High Performance program in Australia, being Powerlifting Australia (PA) including, but not limited to where matters arise which have not been provided for in these Criteria. Any amendment or supplement to these Criteria can only be issued by the Australian Paralympic Committee Limited ("**the APC**") who will endeavour to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any amendment or supplement to these Criteria.
- 1.3 The method of entry is by invitation ("**EBI**") of certain named athletes issued by World Para Powerlifting ("**WPP**") and the Commonwealth Games Federation ("**CGF**") jointly, following receipt of nominations from CGA and is at the sole discretion of WPP and CGF.
- 1.4 The number of athlete allocations per sport for the Games is subject to a decision by the CGF and advised to CGA. The sport can only nominate athletes up to the number of athlete allocations awarded by the CGF.

2. The Long List

- 2.1 Athletes who wish to be considered for selection to the 2018 Games must lodge a request with Powerlifting Australia to become a member of the Long List and sign the Powerlifting Australia Long List Agreement by **23 October 2017**.
- 2.2 In order to be included as a member of the Long List, an athlete must have satisfied the Athlete Eligibility criteria described in the 2018 Commonwealth Games Federation Athlete Allocation System.



- 2.3 Powerlifting Australia will advise the CGA of the athletes that it has chosen to become Long List Members when so requested by the CGA.
- 2.4 The APC or PA may, in their discretion, add additional members to the Long List at any time until **23 October 2017**.
- 2.5 Powerlifting Australia's High Performance Manager may only include members of the Long List in any advice to CGA of athletes available for the Games.

3. Process of Nomination and Selection

- 3.1 Athletes to be nominated by Powerlifting Australia to CGA for consideration of EBI by WPP and the CGF (**Nominations**) will be:
 - 3.1.1 Long List members;
 - 3.1.2 Athletes who have achieved the following Minimum Qualifying Standard (MQS) using the AH Formula Scoring Method at an WPP Recognised Competition (IPC Competition, IPC Sanctioned Competition, WPP Powerlifting Approved Competition) for their event between 1 September 2015 and 7 December 2017;

Men's Events	MQS - AH Formula	Women's Events	MQS - AH Formula
Lightweight (Up to and including 72.0 kg)	118	Lightweight (Up to and including 61.0kg)	58
Heavyweight (Over 72.0kg)	127	Heavyweight (Over 61.kg)	60

- 3.1.3 Be one (1) of the two (2) highest Internationally ranked Australian athletes throughout the qualification period of either weight category.

*Each Commonwealth Games Association can enter a total of 3 athletes per gender, but cannot exceed a maximum of 2 athletes in any 1 medal event.

*The final Medal Events for Powerlifting will be determined by WPP and the CGF at their sole and absolute discretion following the Invitation Confirmation Deadline. Final Medal Events will be determined having consideration for field depth, universality and competition strength as key drivers.



- 3.2 Nominations will be made by Powerlifting Australia to the CGA by no later than 5:00pm on Thursday 7th December. Any nomination made after this deadline will be invalid
- 3.3 The 5:00pm on Thursday 7th December deadline for making nominations by Powerlifting Australia applies irrespective of any deadline prescribed under the Athlete Allocation System or by CGA or by the Organising Committee for the 2018 Commonwealth Games
- 3.4 In making determinations on allocated slots, WPP and CGF at their sole and absolute discretion will consider factors including but not limited to:
 - (a) Overall WPP World ranking;
 - (b) recognise a maximum of two (2) athletes per CGA per nation per event;
 - (c) Only WPP recognised competitions will be accepted for the purpose of the WPP World ranking database (1 September 2015 to 7th December);
 - (d) Field depth and competition strength;
 - (e) Universality: Best endeavours will be made to ensure representation of at least four (4) CGF regions;
 - (f) Widely and regularly practicing national athletes;
 - (g) Demonstrated availability of athletes to participate in the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games competition; and
 - (h) Any other factor(s) considered relevant by WPP and CGF.
- 3.5 The final medal events and number of competitors invited to each event will be determined by WPP and CGF after a consideration of field depth, competition strength and universality across regions
- 3.6 WPP and CGF will consider all Nominations received, and will determine those slots to be allocated to Commonwealth Games Associations for eligible Events by Athlete by Name based on the principles above;
- 3.7 Athletes are to keep the fact that they have been Nominated confidential until such time as they are made public by the CGA.
- 3.8 Nominated athletes are not members of the 2018 Team unless and until CGA confirms the Invitation and subsequent Selection of Nominated athletes.

4 Athlete Allocation System



4.1 Athlete Allocation by Gender

Men – 22 athletes*	Women – 18 athletes*
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*If the number of entries in either gender is less than the number of slots available, the additional slots may, at the sole and absolute discretion of WPP and CGF, be added to the slots available for the equivalent event of the other gender.

4.2 Maximum Number of Athletes available to be entered by a Commonwealth Games Association.

Events		
Maximum Entry per Commonwealth Games Association		*3 Men and 3 Women Athletes
Men	Lightweight	2 Athletes
	Heavyweight	2 Athletes
Women	Lightweight	2 Athletes
	Heavyweight	2 Athletes

*Each Commonwealth Games Association can Nominate and subsequently select, following Invitation by CGF, a total of up to 3 athletes per gender, but cannot exceed a maximum of 2 athletes in any one medal event

5 Athlete Eligibility

5.1 To be eligible for Nomination, and subsequent Selection by the CGA, athletes must;

- a) Be internationally classified with a status of Confirmed (C), Fixed Review Date (FRD) or Review (R)
- b) Hold an active WPP license;
- c) Be an Australian citizen
- d) Have competed in at least one (1) recognised WPP competition between a compulsory period of 1 September 2015 and 7 December 2017 (WPP and CGF may consider any valid, personal, and or extenuating circumstances for not being compliant with the above eligibility requirements. All decisions made by WPP and CGF are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal);



- e) At the time of Nomination not be disqualified or suspended by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or WR or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- f) Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, WPP 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. In the case of any inconsistency, CGF rules and regulations will prevail;
- g) Have met the CGF eligibility standards in accordance with the CGF Constitution;
- h) Be at least the minimum age stipulated by WPP;
- i) Have not by their actions or omissions brought themselves or their Sport into disrepute; and
- j) Sign the 2018 Team Agreement

6 Selection Announcements & Timelines

- 6.1 CGA will determine the date when it will announce the nominated athletes and subsequent selection to the Team and this date will be advised.
- 6.2 CGA is solely responsible for the announcement of 2018 Team athletes.
- 6.3 CGA will consult with Powerlifting Australia to publicly announce 2018 Team Athletes at an agreed place and time.
- 6.4 CGA will work with Powerlifting Australia and Australian Paralympic Committee media staff to promote the announcement of 2018 Team athletes.

TIMELINES	
28 February 2017	Confirmation from CGF to CGA regarding GC2018 athlete allocation for Australia.
23 October 2017	Athletes seek inclusion on the Long List to be considered for nomination by CGA to WPP & CGF for Entry by Invitation.
24 November 2017	Deadline for GOLDOC to receive accreditation application forms submitted by Commonwealth Games Associations.
8 December 2017	Commonwealth Games Associations' Deadline to submit Nominations to be considered for Entry by Invitation.



8 December 2017	World Para Powerlifting Qualification Period closes.
14 December 2017	GOLDOC to confirm with Commonwealth Games Associations qualified slots (Invitations by name).
28 December 2017	Commonwealth Games Associations deadline to confirm acceptance of qualified slots (Invitations by name).
29-30 December 2017	Re-allocation of returned places.
7 March 2018	Deadline for GOLDOC to receive entry forms submitted by Commonwealth Games Associations and Sport entries into GOLDOC Sport Entries System.

8 Appeals

8.1 Any decision made by WPP and CGF is final and binding

9 Interpretation

9.1 Words used in these Criteria have the same meaning ascribed to them in the Commonwealth Games Federation – Athlete Allocation System, unless a contrary meaning appears in the context

10. Attachments

10.1 Commonwealth Games Federation Athlete Allocation System for Powerlifting