



**Australian Para Powerlifting Team  
2022 Commonwealth Games  
28 July - 8 August 2022**

**Nomination Criteria  
V1.4 – December 2021**

## **1. Introduction**

1.1 The primary objective of these Nomination Criteria is to enable the nomination of Athletes to Commonwealth Games Australia ("**CGA**") who Paralympics Australia Limited ("**PA**") considers have the greatest potential of winning medals in Para Powerlifting events at the 2022 Commonwealth Games ("**B2022**").

1.2 The secondary objective of these Nomination Criteria is to enable the nomination of Athletes to CGA to fulfill the maximum allowable quota of Athletes (2) per nation for each medal event.

1.3 The Men's Lightweight, Men's Heavyweight, Women's Lightweight and Women's Heavyweight are separate events and different considerations may be relevant in nominating Athletes according to these criteria, to provide the greatest opportunity to achieve the objective for B2022 stated in clause 1.1.

1.3 Only with the approval of CGA can these Criteria be amended or supplemented (most likely for matters which have not been provided for in these Criteria) by an organisation licensed or responsible for the management of the World Para Powerlifting ("**WPP**") High Performance Program in Australia. Any amendment or supplement to these Criteria can only be issued by PA, which will endeavour to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any amendment or supplement to these Criteria.

1.4 The method of Athlete slot allocation by name is determined by WPP Commonwealth Rankings for the top eight (8) ranked Athletes per medal event utilising the AH Formula point score.

1.5 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 For the purpose of identifying prospective members of the Team for B2022, PA or CGA may maintain a Long List of Athletes.

2.3 PA will advise CGA of the Athletes that it has chosen to become Long List Members when requested to do so by CGA.

2.4 PA may in its discretion, add additional members to the Long List at any time until 25 April 2022.

### **3. Process of Nomination and Selection**

3.1 PA will appoint a Panel which will be responsible for applying these Nomination Criteria. The Panel will be made up of three members chosen by PA:

- one representative from Paralympics Australia (Chair);
- one representative from the sport of Para Powerlifting; and
- one independent person with high performance para sport expertise.

3.2 Athletes to be nominated by PA to CGA for consideration by WPP and the CGF (Nominations) will:

3.2.1 Have signed a PA B2022 Athlete Agreement (“The Agreement”);

3.2.2 Be awarded a Qualification Slot by the CGF by being ranked in the top eight (8) Athletes per medal event utilising the AH Formula point score via the World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings Method. These slots are in the name of a specific athlete and are therefore non-transferable.

3.2.3 A maximum quota of two (2) Athletes per nation for each medal event is permitted. Should more than two Athletes qualify via the top eight (8) ranking method, the highest two (2) ranked Athletes within the qualification period will be prioritised for nomination.

3.2.4 Should the maximum quota of two (2) Australian Athletes per medal event not be filled via Criteria 3.2.2, Athletes may be nominated following a Bipartite Invitation slot being issued by

CGF in the name of a specific Athlete (these slots are also non-transferable).

3.2.5 For the Allocation of the final slot/s by the CGF for each event, if two Athletes who achieve the same result and have identical rankings, WPP and the CGF will at their sole discretion determine who will receive the final slot. In the event a Commonwealth Games Association is unable to accept the awarding of any and/or all slots earned via this method, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slot Process.

3.3 Nominations will be made by PA to CGA no later than 18 May 2022. Any nominations made after this deadline will be invalid.

3.4 The 18 May 2022 deadline for making nominations by PA applies irrespective of any deadline prescribed under the Athlete Allocation System or by CGA or by the Organising Committee for B2022.

3.5 Athletes are to keep the fact that they have been Nominated confidential until such time as they are made public by CGA.

3.6 Nominated Athletes are not members of the B2022 Team unless and until CGA confirms the Invitation and subsequent Selection of Nominated Athlete(s).

#### **4 Athlete Qualification Slot Allocations**

4.1 The PA Nomination Panel may only nominate Athlete(s) to CGA for selection to the Team where the WPP and the CGF has awarded CGA Athlete Qualification Slot(s) by name.

4.2 The Panel may not nominate more Athletes than are permitted to be nominated by CGA under the B2022 Qualification Regulations.

#### **5 Athlete Allocation System**

5.1 Athlete Allocation for the Sport of Para Powerlifting.

Men – 20 Athletes	Women – 20 Athletes
-------------------	---------------------

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

Men – 4 Athletes	Women – 4 Athletes
------------------	--------------------

5.3 Maximum Number of Athletes available to be entered by a Commonwealth Games Association per Medal Event.

Men	Lightweight	2 Athletes
	Heavyweight	2 Athletes
Women	Lightweight	2 Athletes
	Heavyweight	2 Athletes

## 6 Medal Events

Medal Event	Bodyweight	*WPP bodyweight categories included in this event
Men's Lightweight	Up to and including 72.00kg	Up to 49.00kg, Up to 54.00kg, Up to 59.00kg, Up to 65.00kg, Up to 72.00kg
Men's Heavyweight	Over 72.00kg	Up to 80.00kg, Up to 88.00kg, Up to 97.00kg, Up to 107.00kg, Over 107.00kg
Women's Lightweight	Up to and including 61.00kg	Up to 41.00kg, Up to 45.00kg, Up to 50.00kg, Up to 55.00kg, Up to 61.00kg
Women's Heavyweight	Over 61.00kg	Up to 67.00kg, Up to 73.00kg, Up to 79.00kg, Up to 86.00kg, Over 86.00kg

## 7 B2022 Qualification Framework

7.1 CGA will be allocated Athlete Qualification Slots by name for Athletes ranked in the Top eight (8) via WPP Commonwealth Rankings within the qualification period up to a maximum of two (2) Athletes per medal event utilising the [AH \(Haleczko\) Formula Calculator point score](#). The formula is a coefficient that enables the comparison of the results of lifters from different bodyweight categories.

7.2 Two (2) Bipartite Slots may be issued per medal event. It is at the sole discretion of WPP and the CGF to allocate a Bipartite

Invitational Slot, on the grounds of extenuating circumstances and may be issued even where no applications have been received or where an Athlete has not competed in any WPP Recognised Competition within the qualification period, provided the Athlete would otherwise be deemed eligible. These slots are by Athlete name and are therefore non-transferable.

7.3 In making determinations on Allocated slots, WPP and the CGF at their sole and absolute discretion will consider factors including but not limited to:

- (a) Overall WPP Commonwealth Rankings  
<https://www.paralympic.org/powerlifting/rankings>
- (b) Recognise a maximum of two (2) Athletes per Commonwealth Games Association per nation per event;
- (c) Only WPP Recognised competitions will be accepted for the purpose of the WPP Commonwealth Ranking database (1 January 2020 to 25 April 2022);
- (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 B2022; and
- (h) Any other factor(s) considered relevant by WPP and the CGF.

7.4 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.

7.5 WPP and the CGF will consider all Bipartite Applications 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.

7.6 It is at the sole and absolute discretion of WPP and the CGF to allocate a Bipartite Invitation slot in an instance where no application has been received.

## **8 Athlete Eligibility**

8.1 Irrespective of CGA receiving Qualification or Bipartite Slot/s by Athlete Name, to be eligible for Nomination to the B2022 team, and subsequent Selection by CGA, all Athletes must;

- a) Be an Australian citizen;
- b) Be internationally classified with a confirmed (C) sport class status or review with a fixed review date (FRD) of 2023 or later at the Sport entries Deadline of 29 June 2022;
- c) Hold an active WPP license for the 2022 season;
- d) Have competed in at least one (1) World Para Powerlifting Recognised Competition within the Qualification period of 1 January 2020 to 25 April 2022 (subject to application of clause 7.2);
- e) Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated Commonwealth Games Association or IPC or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- f) Has been available for sample collections as required by Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) and if requested by SIA, provided up to date information regarding their whereabouts on a regular basis;
- g) Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, World Para Powerlifting, IPC 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 inconsistency, CGF Rules and regulations will prevail;

- h) Have met the CGF's eligibility regulations in accordance with the CGF Constitution;
- i) Have complied with the minimum age regulations as stipulated by WPP;
- j) Agree to submit to injury and medical assessment and examinations and fitness monitoring as determined by and when requested by PA and/or CGA;
- k) Have not breached the WPP Classification rules and regulations, or the IPC Athlete Classification Code, unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;
- l) Commit to signing the B2022 Athlete Agreement;
- m) Have pre signed the 2022 Team Membership Agreement;
- n) Agree to undertake all reasonably expected education courses, including but not limited to Sport Integrity Australia, Anti-Doping e-learning modules level 1 & 2, match fixing awareness in sport and Classification modules; and
- o) Have not by their actions or omissions brought themselves, PA, CGA or their Sport into disrepute.

## **9 Classification**

9.1 Athletes agree to abide by the WPP Classification rules and regulations, the IPC Athlete Classification Code and any relevant PA and CGA classification policies and requirements, including attending classification assessment as required.

9.2 Athletes agree to notify PA, CGA and WPP if there is any change to assistive devices, or equipment used, which may impact their classification in any way, and agrees to undergo further classification assessment if required.



9.3 Athletes agree to disclose previous classification documentation and/or medical diagnostic documentation from relevant specialists for classification which may include:

9.3.1 Providing medical diagnostic information detailing the Athlete’s underlying health condition and eligible impairment; and

9.3.2 Undertaking any additional medical assessment or provide further medical diagnostic information as required by PA, CGA or WPP for the purpose of classification.

9.4 If an Athlete has any medical intervention, or if changes occur to the Athlete’s impairment which may impact on their classification, Athletes must provide medical documentation to PA, CGA WPP or the CGF.

## **10 Bipartite Invitation Application to WPP and the CGF**

10.1 The Panel, in its absolute discretion, may make a request for CGA to apply for Bipartite Invitation slot(s) no later than 1 March 2022.

10.2 To be considered for a Bipartite Application, through the qualification period, an Athlete will;

10.2.1 – Have achieved a Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) AH Score of not less than 80% of the 10th ranked eligible athlete, with consideration to Maximum number two (2) per CGA throughout Qualification period to determine 10<sup>th</sup> ranked eligible athlete. The MQS has been determined following competition of 2021 Para Powerlifting World Championships.

The MQS for consideration of Bipartite Application is outlined below:

<b>Event</b>	<b>MQS – AH Score</b>
Women Up to 61kg	68.75
Women Over 61kg	64.35
Men Up to 72kg	118.2
Men Over 72kg	124.3

10.2.2 Demonstrate a high level of commitment;

10.2.3 Have shown consistent performance and results in international competitions;

10.2.3 Be medically cleared to compete if recovering from injury or illness;

10.2.4 Meets the Athlete Eligibility Criteria specified in Clause 8.

10.3 If the maximum Athlete Allocation Quota of two (2) per medal event is not achieved by Australian Athletes, the Panel at its sole discretion, may recommend additional male and female Athletes (up to maximum two per medal event) to CGA for Bipartite Application submission to WPP and the CGF.

10.4 Subject to meeting clause 10.2.1, CGA Bipartite Applications may be prioritised based on, but not limited to the following considerations;

10.4.1 Criteria 1.1, using the AH Formula Calculation point highest score throughout the qualification period for each medal event;

10.4.2 Criteria 1.2, using the AH Formula Calculation point highest score throughout the qualification period for each medal event;

10.4.3 The individual ranking of the Athlete within the qualification period within each weight class event;

10.4.4 AH Formula calculation point score gap between the Athlete performance and the third ranked eligible Athlete within the weight class throughout the qualification period;

10.4.5 AH Formula calculation point score gap expressed as % (percentage) of the Athlete performance against the third ranked eligible Athlete within the weight class throughout the qualification period; and

10.4.6 Any other factor(s) considered relevant by PA and CGA.

10.6 For avoidance of doubt, despite meeting clause 10.2.1, the total AH Formula Point score may not be the determining factor for consideration of prioritising CGA Bipartite Applications to WPP & the CGF where applicable and Bipartite Applications by CGA to CGF are at the sole discretion of CGA and PA and therefore are not subject to an appeal process.

10.7 All Ranking Slot Quota Allocation by name and Bipartite Slot Quota Allocations by name are issued by the CGF and therefore are not subject to an appeal process.

## **11 Selection Announcements & Timelines**

11.1 CGA will determine the date when it will announce the nominated Athletes and subsequent selection to the Team and this date will be advised.

11.2 CGA is solely responsible for the announcement of B2022 Team Athletes.

11.3 CGA will consult with PA to publicly announce B2022 Team Athletes at an agreed place and time.

11.4 CGA will work with PA media staff to promote the announcement of B2022 Team Athletes.

## **12 Key Dates**

1 January 2020	Para Powerlifting Qualification period commences
15 December 2021	WPP Rankings data cut off to determine setting of MQS for consideration of Bipartite slots (80% of 10 <sup>th</sup> ranked eligible athlete on this date)
24 January 2022	Athletes to sign PA B2022 Long List Agreement
27 January 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive Entry by Number information
28 February 2022	Deadline for individual Athletes ranked in both medal events to declare to PA which medal event they wish to compete in
28 February 2022	PA Nomination Panel to meet to consider Bipartite Applications

1 March 2022	CGA deadline to submit Bipartite Application to CGF
18 March 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive accreditation application forms submitted by Commonwealth Games Associations
25 April 2022	Para Powerlifting Qualification period closes.
25 April 2022	Deadline for Commonwealth Games Associations with individual Athletes ranked in both medal events to declare to the CGF which medal event their Athlete(s) wish to compete in
April 2022	Pre-Delegation Registration Meetings
By 2 May 2022	CGF to confirm with Commonwealth Games Associations Bipartite Invitational Slots
By 2 May 2022	CGF to confirm with Commonwealth Games Associations qualified slots
5 May 2022	PA Nomination Panel to Meet to consider acceptance of qualified slots
5 May 2022	PA Nomination Panel to Meet to consider acceptance of Bipartite Invitation slots
6 May 2022	PA notify CGA of intention to accept/decline qualified slots allocated
6 May 2022	PA notify CGA of intention to accept/decline Bipartite slots allocated
By 9 May 2022	CGA deadline to confirm acceptance of qualified places with CGF (Allocated & Bipartite)
By 16 May 2022	Re-allocation of returned places
18 May 2022	PA Nominate Athletes to CGA who have received a Slot Allocation via Rankings Allocation or Bipartite Allocation
18 May 2022	Athletes notified by PA of Nomination or Non-Nomination.
20 May 2022 (5:00pm AEDST)	Appeal window closes for Athletes to Appeal to PA their non-Nomination.
After 27 May 2022	CGA announcement of Selection of Para Powerlifting Team (Date TBA)
29 June 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive Entry by Name Information/Sport Entries
July 2022	Delegation Registration Meetings

## **13 Appeals**

13.1 All appeals concerning the nomination or non-nomination of Athletes will follow the CGA Nomination and Selection Appeals by-law.

13.2 CGA Board has agreed in principle to adopt the jurisdiction of the National Sports Tribunal (NST) in CGA policies/procedures including for disputes/appeals arising from the nomination of Athletes to the 2022 Commonwealth Games Team.

13.3 CGA is working with the NST to draft mandatory appeal provisions for the B2022 Nominations & Appeals By-law, which will apply to all B2022 nomination appeals, and will set out relevant process and procedure.

13.4 The NST is assisting CGA in developing the By-law, which will be forwarded to all B2022 sports once finalised.

13.5 Ranking Slot Quota Allocation by name and Bipartite Slot Quota Allocations by name are issued by the CGF and therefore are not subject to an appeal process.

## **14 Interpretation**

14.1 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.