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**Selection Policy and Standards
Women's T20 Cricket
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Team Scotland: Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games

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Athlete - Sport Selection Policy and Standards

The information in this Selection Policy is accurate as at September 2021 but remains subject to change. As a result of the unique and extenuating circumstances caused by COVID-19 and the subsequent impact on international sporting calendars, CGS and Cricket Scotland will be closely monitoring this Selection Policy to determine if any changes are necessary.

For the avoidance of doubt, CGS reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy in any manner, and in the sole and absolute discretion of CGS, should CGS consider that qualification process would be fairer having regard to the interests of all Athletes and the prevailing circumstances.

In addition, CGS and Cricket Scotland reserve the right to not apply any aspect of this Selection Policy when making any decision, if in the sole and absolute discretion of CGS, it would, as judged by CGS, be unfair or unreasonable not to, provided always that CGS has regard to the interests of all Athletes in the prevailing circumstances

Introduction

- 1 This selection policy and standards has been agreed by Cricket Scotland and Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS). It provides detail on the process by which Cricket Scotland will arrive at athlete nominations which will be submitted to CGS for consideration for final selection to Team Scotland for Birmingham 2022.

Achievement, by an athlete, of individual selection standards, detailed in this document, is therefore the first step by which nomination can be considered. The final decision in selection to the 2022 Games lies with CGS.

- 2 Cricket Scotland will nominate only those athletes who have qualified under both the Cricket Sport Specific Selection Standards stated below and the CGS General Selection Policy (available on the CGS website) which should be read in conjunction with these standards.
- 3 Entry numbers per event and the overall number of athletes are in accordance with the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) allocation and Cricket Scotland will nominate in accordance with this policy

Team Scotland General Selection Policy Aim

- 4 The Team Scotland General Selection Policy Aim is as follows:-
Scotland selects a team that performs with distinction in 2022:
 - having a higher percentage of athletes meeting the selection standards when in competition at these Games than in 2018
 - meeting the stated performance aims of each sport at the Games
 - with all Team members having a positive experience within Team Scotland at the Games.
- 5 This cricket policy is consistent with this aim

Athlete Eligibility

- 6 The eligibility criteria of the CGF Constitution and Byelaws (see Appendix 1) and International Cricket Council (ICC) ([Player Eligibility to Represent Scotland – Cricket Scotland](#)) must be met by all nominees

Cricket Competition Format

- 7 Eight Team Women's T20 Tournament played under the regulations as stipulated by International Cricket Council (ICC).
The maximum number of athletes selected by any country will be determined by ICC and currently this is fifteen per team

Sport Specific Selection Standards and Framework

8 Team Qualification

- 8.1 The General Selection Criteria of Commonwealth Games Scotland must be met by Cricket Scotland and all players
- 8.2 Competing in the Games is subject to CGS receiving an invite from the CGF to compete in the Games based on the CGF Cricket Athlete Allocation System
CGF Cricket Athlete Allocation System extract:
Commonwealth Games Qualifier - Malaysia 13 to 23 January 2022 The top placed Team from the Commonwealth Games Qualifier, not otherwise qualified through Direct Qualification or Host CGA representation will qualify one slot
- 8.3 If an invitation to compete is received from the CGF this will be accepted based on the CGS General Selection Policy Section 9.
- 8.4 Team composition will be determined by Cricket Scotland on the basis that the athletes selected are the best players, with the Commonwealth Games taking precedence over club or other international commitments.
- 8.5 Cricket Scotland nominations will only be selected by CGS where it is clear that performance at the Games has been made a competitive priority during the selection period (1 March 2021 to 15 May 2022) and their preparation programmes are directed at the best possible performance

All nominated athletes must have completed the required anti-doping education programme

Internal Selection Criteria

- 9 Criteria for selection will be based on individual cricket performances in matches and training, as well as meeting the minimum fitness standards as set out at the time by Cricket Scotland

Selection Process

- 10 Nomination of team players is the responsibility of Cricket Scotland on the following basis:
 - 10.1 The squad will be selected by the National Head Coach in consultation with the current squad captain, vice-captain and Regional Head Coaches.
 - 10.2 The National Head Coach is responsible for the nomination of all final squads' members to CGS.
 - 10.3 The National Head Coach in consultation with the current squad captain, vice-captain and Regional Head Coaches is responsible for ratification of the final team players for nomination to CGS

Any non-nominated player may have the opportunity to meet with the National Head Coach
- 11 Cricket Scotland will send their final nominations to CGS by 15 May 2022. CGS will confirm the final team selections by 30 May 2022.
- 12 Final selection to the Games team is dependent on receipt of relevant information required by CGS such as the CGF Eligibility form and Team Member Agreement

De-Selection

- 13 **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 is capable of performing to the level required for the Games. The format will be determined by CGS after discussion with the Cricket Team Management. This will be specific to cricket 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 made by CGS after discussion with the Cricket Team Management and will be final
- 14 **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 Birmingham 2022 team.
- 15 **CGS 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 Cricket Scotland is entirely a matter for the athlete and Cricket Scotland. This should be held in accordance with Cricket Scotland's own appeal procedures but taking into consideration only the CGS selection policy and agreed sport specific selections standards and conditions.
- 17 Any player not nominated to the squad/team has the right to meet with the Nation Head Coach and Squad Captain to seek further clarification on their non-nomination to the squad/team of players. The player must request this meeting within 2 days of being advised of their non-nomination. After this meeting, a player may appeal by email to Cricket Scotland and that appeal must arrive at the Cricket Scotland within 2 days of the aforementioned meeting taking place. The CEO of Cricket Scotland will convene a meeting in line with Cricket Scotland's policy and procedures, and within three days of receipt of the appeal. The player will be notified of the decision of the appeals panel and the decision of the panel is final.

- 18 An appeal against non-selection, by CGS, of an athlete may only be submitted by Cricket Scotland and not by any individual athlete. If an appeal is submitted to CGS by Cricket Scotland, a CGS Appeal Panel will consider the case along with any additional information provided. The appeal must be made by email to jon.doig@teamsotland.scot within three days of notification of selection outcomes to Cricket Scotland by CGS.

Appointment of Team Staff

A Team Manager has been appointed by CGS in consultation with Cricket Scotland. The final complement of cricket team staff attending the Games will ultimately depend upon team numbers and composition and will be determined by CGS in consultation with Cricket Scotland. This will include different categories of accreditation and access to the Games Village and other secure areas.

Appendix 1

CGF Byelaw 17 Eligibility
<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>
2. Primacy
<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">a) Are in possession of a current valid passport of the Commonwealth Country which enters them;orb) Are a subject who can demonstrate 'Belonger Status' in Great Britain or relevant British Overseas Territory of the Commonwealth Country which enters themc) In respect of the following Affiliated CGAs: -<ul style="list-style-type: none">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.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.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.
3. Secondary
<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">a) the Commonwealth Country of their birth;orb) the Commonwealth Country of birth of their parent;orc) where the relevant IF recognises grandparents as part of its eligibility criteria, the competitor may represent the Commonwealth Country of birth of their grandparent;or

- 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.

3.2 Subject to the other provisions of this Byelaw 17, where a competitor is eligible to 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.