



## **VII Commonwealth Youth Games:**

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**Welsh Athletics Nomination Policy and Qualification Standards**

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## Overview

This Nomination policy has been agreed by the Welsh Athletics Board of Directors, and the Commonwealth Games Council for Wales (“CGW”). The policy aims to explain the process by which Welsh Athletics will nominate athletes to be part of Team Wales at the 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games (CYG) in Trinidad and Tobago. Team Wales will officially select all athletes to represent Team Wales at the CYG. The overall Team Wales Team Size across all Individual Sports has been capped at 20 Athletes, therefore please note that **Achievement of the Athletics Nomination criteria therefore does not guarantee Nomination.**

## Nomination Policy Aim

The Nomination panel (“the Panel”) will attempt to nominate a team of Welsh athletes who will compete with distinction at an International Championship level. Participating at the Games will be seen as a key development event on the Welsh Athletics Talent Pathway and in line with the Welsh Athletics Strategy. This strategy aims to assist Welsh athletes in gaining Great Britain representation, alongside preparing Welsh athletes to perform at the best of their ability at future major senior Championship events such as the Commonwealth Games.

## Athlete Eligibility

To be considered for Nomination, all athletes must be eligible to compete for Wales as per the CGF Constitution;

- All athletes must hold a British passport.
- Each athlete must either have been: -
- Born in Wales
- Have a Welsh parent
- Have applied for and been granted a dispensation. Most commonly this will involve three years continuous residency up to the Games. Please alert Welsh Athletics if any athlete may need dispensation.
- Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or World Para Athletics or IPC or under the World Anti-Doping Code.

Para-athletes must also:

- Be internationally classified with a confirmed sport class status or review with a fixed review date of 2024 or later by the sport entries deadline of 19 June 2023
- Hold an active World Para Athletics Licence for the 2023 season by the sport entries deadline of 19 June 2023

Non-para-athletes at the 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games will compete in the World Athletics U18 age category, and must therefore be born in either 2006 or 2007 (be aged 16 or 17 in the year 2023). Para athletes must be born in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 or 2009 (be aged 14 to 18 in 2023)

No more than two athletes will be selected for the same event.

## Competition Format

The following events will be contested at the 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games:

- *Men's: 100m, 100m T38 (Eligible Sport Classes: T35/36/37/38), 200m, 400m, 800m 1500m, 3000m, 110m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles, High Jump, Long Jump, Long Jump T38 (Eligible Sport Classes: T35/36/37/38), Shot Put, Discus, Discus F42-44/61-64, Javelin*
- *Women's: 100m, 100m T38 (Eligible Sport Classes: T35/36/37/38), 200m, 400m, 800m 1500m, 3000m, 100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles, High Jump, Long Jump, Long Jump T38 (Eligible Sport Classes: T35/36/37/38), Shot Put, Discus, Discus F42-44/61-64, Javelin*
- Mixed Relays: 4x100m, 4x400m. (Relay athletes will only be selected from the pool of individually selected athletes, and there is no obligation for Wales to select a relay team to compete)

## Additional Information

The following event specific information is relevant;

Hurdle heights and spacing;

	<b>Event</b>	<b>Height</b>	<b>Approach</b>	<b>Interval</b>	<b>Finish</b>
<b>U18 Women</b>	100m Hurdles	76.2cm	13.00m	8.50m	10.50m
<b>U18 Men</b>	110m Hurdles	91.4cm	13.72m	9.14m	14.02m
<b>U18 Women</b>	400m Hurdles	76.2cm	45.00m	35.00m	40.00m
<b>U18 Men</b>	400m Hurdles	83.8cm	45.00m	35.00m	40.00n

Implement weights;

	<b>Shot Putt</b>	<b>Discus</b>	<b>Javelin</b>
<b>U18 Women</b>	3 kg	1 kg	500g
<b>U18 Men</b>	5 kg	1.5 kg	700g
<b>F42-44/61-64 Women</b>		1 kg	
<b>F42-44/61-64 Men</b>		1.5kg	

## Non-Para Nomination Criteria

The panel will attempt to nominate athletes to the CGW who fulfill the policy of being capable of performing with distinction on the international stage, and as such will only consider athletes who have achieved the qualification standards listed below. These standards must be achieved within the qualification period as follows;

From: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022

To: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023 (23:59 GMT)

### **Para Nomination Criteria**

The CGF have devised a two phased Para Athlete selection process. Athletes may be selected to compete by Direct Invitation or Nomination. The Nomination panel will attempt to select para athletes who fulfill the policy of being capable of performing with distinction on the international stage.

### **Direct Invitation Criteria**

Para-athletes will be nominated for an invitation to compete to the CGF by their CGA. The CGF in consultation with World Para Athletics will assess all applications and will award slots based on criteria including but not limited to:

- Eligible athletes who have successfully participated in the CGF development programme (GAPS) that have demonstrated a previous level of performance
- Host nation representation
- Regional representation within the event
- Depth of field and strength of competition
- Demonstrated previous levels of performance
- Any other factor(s) considered relevant by World Para Athletics and CGF

### **Nomination Criteria**

If there are remaining places in para-event following the direct invitation process, Welsh Athletics will endeavour to select additional athletes who have realistic medal winning potential. Additional athletes will be selected based on:

- Nationally classified athletes without an international classification not identified through WPA rankings
- Performance standard ranked top 3 in U18 Commonwealth Games ranking (where data is available)

Performances to be considered for para-athlete Nomination must be achieved within the qualification period as follows;

From: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022

To: 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

Welsh Athletics will convene a nomination panel and nominate athletes in line with Team Wales Para Athletes nomination deadline, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Athletes successful within this first phase of direct invitation will be notified in line with the Commonwealth Games Federation communication timelines.

**Achieving a Nomination standard does not signify an automatic Nomination, and those athletes achieving a standard in 2022 will need to show good current form to be considered for Nomination. Therefore, a standard achieved in 2023**

**may be looked upon more favorably than one achieved in 2022. The number of Athletes will be determined by the Team Wales individual cap size for individual sports.**

The panel will use its discretion in deciding whether an athlete is at an appropriate standard to represent Wales and / or whether an international Championship is in the athlete’s best interests at that stage of their development.

**Qualification Standards**

<b>Men’s standard</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Women’s standard</b>
10.86	<b>100m</b>	11.97
21.82	<b>200m</b>	24.54
48.68-	<b>400m</b>	55.55
01:52.11	<b>800m</b>	02:09.28
03:54.32	<b>1500m</b>	04:28.66
08:33.08	<b>3000m</b>	09:43.78
13.94	<b>110mH / 100mH*</b>	13.89
53.53	<b>400mH*</b>	61.61
2.05	<b>HJ</b>	1.76
7.13	<b>LJ</b>	5.94
17.97	<b>SP*</b>	15.35
53.96	<b>DT*</b>	43.56
66.33	<b>JT*</b>	49.50
N/A	<b>4 x 100m</b>	N/A
N/A	<b>4 x 400m</b>	N/A

\* As per event specific information listed above

Note: Para sport events are not included here as they will be selected from a quota system – as outlined in the Para Nomination Criteria

**Conditions**

The achievement of the Nomination standards must conform with the following requirements:

- Must be achieved in competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations
- Wind assisted performances (or performances where wind measurement was not available) will not be accepted
- Hand timed performances in the 100m, 200m, 400m, sprint hurdles and 400m Hurdles will not be accepted
- Indoor performances for all events will be accepted

## **Nomination Process**

The Nomination meeting will take place on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The panel will comprise of 3 voting members;

- The Welsh Athletics Head of Performance Chris Type (Chair, Voting)
- The Disability Sport Wales Performance Pathway Senior Officer Nathan Stephens (Voting)
- The Welsh Athletics Board of Directors representative for Performance Daniel Clemants (Voting)
- An independent observer (non-voting) will also be present (TBC)

Note: Welsh Athletics reserves the right to change nomination panel members due to unforeseen circumstances, and additional experts may be consulted to support the decision making process where necessary.

In coming to its Nomination decisions, the Panel will consider the following (in priority order):

- Current form (2023 season's best performance and depth of performances)
- 2023 indoor season performances (where relevant)
- 2022 season's best performances and depth of performances
- Head to head competitive records
- Injury status
- Any other factors that, in the panel's opinion, give Wales the best chance of achieving a medal at the Commonwealth Youth Games

## **Appeals Process**

There will be no appeals process for this Team.

## **Team Announcement**

All athletes who will be nominated to Team Wales will be notified on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The final team of athletes that will represent Team Wales at the CYG will be announced on or around the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023 in line with Team Wales communication time lines.

## **De-Selection Process**

De-Selection of an athlete may occur following:

- Failure to achieve the standard fitness testing protocols
- Failure to adhere to the Welsh Athletics athlete code of conduct

In the event that an athlete sustains an injury following acceptance of their position on the team, they are required to inform a member of Welsh Athletics Performance staff immediately.

**Confirmation of Team Staff**

The Team Manager for the Welsh athletics team will be agreed upon by both Welsh Athletics and the CGW, and be appointed in January 2023. Any additional athletics team staff will be selected dependent upon the composition of the team, and will therefore be agreed upon at the Nomination meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

**Amendment**

Welsh Athletics reserves the right to amend this Nomination Policy at its sole discretion and will make any amended version publicly available (including the date on which the amendment was made) at [www.welshathletics.org](http://www.welshathletics.org)