

# Athlete Allocation System

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International Weightlifting Federation; Weightlifting · Amended July 2017

## 1 INTRODUCTION

In developing the Gold Coast 2018 Weightlifting Athlete Allocation system, the IWF and CGF have aligned their methodology to the narrative of Transformation 2022 and applied the following principles ensuring:

- Smaller CGAs are not adversely impacted;
- The best athletes in the Commonwealth attend the Games;
- Opportunity is provided to drive development initiatives;
- Universality of widely and regularly practicing CGAs is protected; and
- The system is simple, transparent, and easy to understand.

Transformation 2022 can be best demonstrated by the IWF's refreshed and inaugural approach to its competition format and event-schedule. By fully optimising and stabilising both these deliverables to a maximum of 226 athletes and five-competition days, the IWF has established a ground-breaking environment whereby the sport of Weightlifting is now able to share one competition venue; together with IPC Powerlifting & Wrestling (Freestyle).

Operationally, the core characteristics of the Weightlifting Athlete Allocation System focus on four (4) key methods of qualification;

### Direct Qualification

2017 Commonwealth Championships

### Commonwealth Ranking Database

24 October 2016 – 31 October 2017

### Home Nation

Automatic qualification

### IWF/CGF Invitation

Universality as a key driver

## 2 MEDAL EVENTS (16)

### Men's Medal Events (8)

- 56kg
- 62kg
- 69kg
- 77kg
- 85kg
- 94kg
- 105kg
- +105kg

### Women's Medal Events (8)

- 48kg
- 53kg
- 58kg
- 63kg
- 69kg
- 75kg
- 90kg
- +90kg

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## 3 ATHLETE ALLOCATION SYSTEM (WEIGHTLIFTING)

### a) Maximum Field Size by Bodyweight Category

Men	Field Size	Group	Women	Field Size	Group
56kg	Up to 15	A	48kg	Up to 15	A
62kg	Up to 15	A	53kg	Up to 15	A
69kg	Up to 15	A	58kg	Up to 15	A
77kg	Up to 15	A	63kg	Up to 15	A
85kg	Up to 15	A	69kg	Up to 15	A
94kg	Up to 15	A	75kg	Up to 15	A
105kg	Up to 15	A	90kg	Up to 8	A
+105kg	Up to 15	A	+90kg	Up to 8	A

### b) Athlete Allocation by Gender

Men	Women
120	106

### c) Home Nation Automatic Qualification (Australian Commonwealth Games Association)

Gender	Max. for ACGA	Event Entitlement
Men	8	1 per Event
Women	8	1 per Event

### d) Maximum Number of Athletes by Commonwealth Games Association (CGA)

Gender	Max. by CGA	Event Specific
Men	8	1 per Event
Women	8	1 per Event

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## 4 QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORK

Maximum Number of Available Slots per Event	Method of Qualification		Type of Slot-Allocation
1	2017 Senior Commonwealth Championships	Results from the 2017 Senior Commonwealth Championships will be used to identify athletes eligible for direct qualification.	To CGA for eligible Events by Athlete by Name
12*	Commonwealth Ranking	Results from the Commonwealth Ranking Database as at 31 October 2017 will be used to identify athletes eligible for qualification.	To CGA for eligible Events by Athlete by Name
1	Home Nation	The Home Nation is entitled to the maximum allocation of athlete-slots, being sixteen.	To CGA
1	CGF/IWF Invitation	A maximum of one invitation slot per event may be issued based on the principles of Universality.	To CGA for eligible Events by Athlete by Name

\*Women's 90kg and +90kg both will have five (5) available slots through the Commonwealth Ranking method.

## 5 QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

### a) 2017 Commonwealth Senior Championships

The Gold medal winner of each bodyweight category at the 2017 Commonwealth Senior Championships will be eligible to earn a direct qualification slot. Such award will be issued to the CGA but in the name of the specific athlete, and is valid only for the Medal Event in which the qualification slot was attained.

In the case where a Gold medal winner at the 2017 Commonwealth Senior Championships is from the Home Nation (Australia), the direct qualification slot will be awarded to the Silver medalist.

These slots are non-transferable. In the event a CGA does not accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via this method, the slot/s will be redistributed via the Reallocation Policy.

### b) Commonwealth Ranking Database

The Commonwealth Ranking Database as at 31 October 2017 will be used to allocate slots per medal event in accordance with the following process:

- Australian athletes will feature within the Commonwealth ranking database during the Qualification Period however their performance(s) will not be considered as part of Commonwealth Ranking database slot allocation;
- CGAs will be capped at one athlete per Medal Event within the Commonwealth Ranking Database;

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- In the event the final slot of qualification has been achieved by more than one athlete with the same result, count-back (result achieved first by date and time) will be applied. Where required, performances achieved will be compared according to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT);
- Athletes shall only appear once within the Commonwealth Database (irrespective of bodyweight category). CGAs with an athlete/s appearing in more than one bodyweight category will be requested to identify which Medal Event the athlete will elect to compete in. CGAs will be required to confirm this information following the qualification deadline of 31 October 2017, and prior to GOLDOC informing CGAs of their qualified slots. Duplicates will then be removed and replaced with the next ranked eligible athlete by CGA;
- Only IWF sanctioned events will be recognised for the purpose of the Commonwealth Ranking Database. The qualification period is as follows:
  - 24 October 2016 to 31 October 2017\*

\* Eligible results recorded in the +75kg bodyweight category between 24 October 2016 and 31 December 2016 will be considered as part of the qualification period. For the avoidance of doubt, this will ensure that results obtained in the women's +75kg bodyweight category at IWF sanctioned events between 24 October 2016 and 31 December 2016 will contribute to rankings in accordance with IWF weight categories of the two new events according to the athletes' registered bodyweight.

- IWF sanctioned events are outlined via the IWF website ([www.iwf.net](http://www.iwf.net)). These include both junior & senior tournaments.

In the case of Great Britain, Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories, the following regulations shall apply:

- Athletes shall compete for their CGA designation at the 2016 and 2017 Commonwealth Championships;
- Results attained by British athletes at other IWF sanctioned events (i.e. competitions where athletes must compete for their IF affiliated-organisation) shall be extracted by the relevant CGA designation;
- With the prior approval of the IWF and in compliance with WADA regulations, the National Championships of Great Britain, Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories shall be recognised for the purpose of the Commonwealth Ranking Database.

At the cessation of the qualification period, the following procedure will be implemented:

- CGAs will confirm their intention to accept the slots attained from the Commonwealth Ranking Database.
- All slots awarded via the Commonwealth Ranking Database will be issued to the CGA (in the name of a specific athlete) for allocation;

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- In the event a CGA is unable to accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via this method, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the reallocation policy.

## c) IWF/CGF Invitation

In recognition of CGAs who have not otherwise earned a slot but have widely and regularly practicing Weightlifting athletes, IWF/CGF Invitation slots may be issued at the sole and absolute discretion of the IWF and CGF.

This method may be actioned in circumstances where:

- Less than four (4) CGF regions are represented within a specific bodyweight category at the end of the qualification period. Best endeavours will be made to have four (4) CGF regions represented in each Medal Event; or–
- The Bipartite Commission determine that an athlete has sufficiently demonstrated a previous level of performance commensurate to participation at the Commonwealth Games but has not otherwise attained a slot-allocation via the methods outlined within the Athlete Allocation System;
- Athletes to be considered by the Bipartite Commission shall have demonstrated best endeavours to compete in at least one (1) IWF sanctioned event within the qualification period;
- At the sole and absolute discretion of the Bipartite Commission, where an athlete has not competed in at least (1) IWF sanctioned event within the period of 24 October 2016 to 31 October 2017 but would otherwise be deemed eligible, the Bipartite Commission may grant an exemption on the grounds of extenuating circumstances. This exemption is granted at the sole discretion of the Bipartite Commission, having consideration for any matter they deem relevant;
- Should the Bipartite Commission resolve not to issue a Universality invitation within a specific bodyweight category, the remaining slot-allocations may be re-allocated.

All applications for a universality slot-allocation must be submitted by the CGA. These slots are non-transferable and in the event the CGA does not confirm acceptance within the required timeframes, the slot/s will be redistributed via the Reallocation Policy.

## d) Extenuating Circumstances

The IWF/CGF may, at their sole and absolute discretion, choose to consider extenuating circumstances regarding qualification through the Commonwealth Ranking Database and IWF/CGF Invitation processes above.

In particular, the IWF/CGF reserve the right to re-allocate available quotas from the Commonwealth Ranking Database where athlete performances tabled within the Commonwealth Ranking Database are not commensurate to average results from the last three Commonwealth Games competitions. In this instance, the IWF/CGF may choose to re-allocate these slots via the IWF/CGF Invitation Method (without the application of a CGA) or may return these slots to another sport for allocation.

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## e) Home Nation Automatic Qualification (Australian Commonwealth Games Association)

- The Home Nation shall be entitled to the maximum slot allocation of one (1) athlete per bodyweight category, being 16 athletes total (8 men + 8 women);
- The Home Nation shall allocate their slots to eligible athletes, and in particular an athlete shall have competed in at least one (1) IWF sanctioned event within the qualification period, or been granted an exemption by the Bipartite Commission;
- At the cessation of the qualification period, the Home Nation will confirm their intention to accept the maximum slot allocation. The Home Nation may confirm acceptance prior to the end of the qualification period;
- In the event the Home Nation does not accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via the home nation method, the slot/s will be redistributed via the Reallocation Policy.

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## ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for endorsement by a CGA, an athlete must;

- Have competed in at least one (1) IWF sanctioned event within the prescribed Commonwealth Ranking Database period, or been granted an exemption by the Bipartite Commission to this requirement;
- At the sole and absolute discretion of the Bipartite Commission, where an athlete has not competed in at least (1) IWF sanctioned event within the period of 24 October 2016 to 31 October 2017 but would otherwise be deemed eligible, the Bipartite Commission may grant an exemption on the grounds of extenuating circumstances. This exemption is granted at the sole discretion of the Bipartite Commission, having consideration for any matter they deem relevant;
- Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or IWF or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, IWF 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;
- Have met the CGF's eligibility standards in accordance with the CGF Constitution, Games Manual (Sport) and all applicable IWF eligibility criteria; and
- Have complied with the minimum age regulations, as stipulated by the IWF/CGF.

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7 TIMELINES	
22 September 2017	Deadline for GOLDOC to receive Entries by Number information
31 October 2017	CGA deadline to submit IWF/CGF Invitation nominations to GOLDOC
31 October 2017	IWF Qualification period deadline
7 November 2017	GOLDOC to advise CGAs of qualified slots
21 November 2017	CGA deadline to confirm acceptance of qualified slots
21 – 24 November 2017	Re-allocation of returned qualification slots
24 November 2017	Deadline for GOLDOC to receive accreditation application forms submitted by CGAs
1-20 December 2017	Pre-Delegation Registration Meetings
7 March 2018	Deadline for GOLDOC to receive entry forms submitted by CGAs and Sport Entries into GOLDOC Sport Entries system
20 March – 3 April 2018	Delegation Registration Meetings

## REALLOCATION POLICY

### 1 Governance

- 1.1 The CGF Executive Board shall establish a three (3) person ad-hoc committee comprising of Chairman of the Sports Committee, Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Corporate Services to assess, evaluate and oversee the management of the reallocation policy. The CGF Sports Services Manager shall serve as the Secretary to the ad-hoc Committee.
- 1.2 Any disputes shall be addressed by the CGF Executive Board.

### 2 Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of the reallocation policy is to ensure a clear framework exists whereby any unused slots are redistributed within the prescribed sport allocation.
- 2.2 The CGF reallocation policy refers only to individual sports (including para-events) of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

### 3 Gender

- 3.1 The reallocation of unused slots is only transferable to/from the same gender of the respective sport.

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## **4 Method Application**

4.1 The Weightlifting reallocation policy shall be applied from those unused slots drawn from the following methods:

- Direct Qualification (2017 Commonwealth Senior Championships)
- Commonwealth Ranking Database
- Home Nation (Australian Commonwealth Games Association)
- IWF/CGF Invitations

## **5 Commonwealth Championships**

5.1 Any unused slots earned by a CGA via the 2017 Commonwealth Championships shall be reallocated to the Commonwealth Ranking Database method.

## **6 Commonwealth Ranking Database**

6.1 Any unused slots earned from the Commonwealth ranking database shall be reallocated by the same method and specifically within the same bodyweight category and to the next highest ranked eligible athlete according to the Commonwealth Ranking Database.

## **7 Home Nation (Australian Commonwealth Games Association)**

7.1 Any unused slots earned from the Home Nation method shall be reallocated by the Commonwealth Ranking Database and specifically within the same bodyweight category and to the next highest ranked eligible athlete.

## **8 IWF/CGF Invitations**

8.1 Any unused slots drawn from the IWF/CGF Invitations method shall be reallocated by the Bipartite Commission.

## **BIPARTITE COMMISSION**

### **1 Governance**

1.1 The membership of the CGF/IWF Bipartite Commission shall comprise of a CGF Director (or appointed designate) and the IWF Director General (or appointed designate). Other IF technical experts maybe co-opted if agreed by the IWF & CGF.

1.2 Any disputes shall be addressed by the CGF Executive Board.

1.3 All invitation applications approved by the CGF Executive Board shall be deemed final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.

### **2 Purpose**

2.1 The purpose of the Bipartite Commission will be to asses, evaluate and recommend to the CGF Executive Board invitation applications submitted by CGAs. Applications must address the respective criteria outlined within the Athlete Allocation System.