

COMMONWEALTH GAMES ASSOCIATION OF THE ISLE OF MAN

POLICY STATEMENT RE STANDARDS AND SELECTION CRITERIA

FOR THOSE SEEKING TEAM SELECTION TO COMMONWEALTH GAMES TEAMS

1. Selection Criteria should be open, transparent and defensible to athletes, should it be challenged.
2. In order to create a 'level playing field' across all sports, it has been agreed that selection standards should reflect an athlete's capability to reach the last 16 or quarter final in top competition within his chosen sport.
3. Participation in GB, or equivalent International, ranked competition must be encouraged and athletes should be able to demonstrate their ranking where such a ranking system is maintained.
4. All athletes must be encouraged to keep a diary of their events and results as a record of their commitment to improve ahead of team selection for a Commonwealth Games Team.
5. Athletes nominated for selection must complete a CV in the CGA approved format and justify their results by including an official results printout.
6. It should be understood that achievement of a standard is regarded only as an indication of performance and does not imply qualification for selection.
7. All athletes must satisfy the Eligibility rules as set down by the Commonwealth Games Federation, as follows –

Extract from the Constitution of the Commonwealth Games Federation – November 2007

ARTICLE 24

Eligibility

1. Subject to Article 24(2), as a condition of entry to compete in the Commonwealth Games, all competitors must be citizens or subjects of the Commonwealth Country that enters them and must:
 - (a) Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the Federation, or their respective Affiliated CGA or IF or under the World Anti Doping Code;

- (b) Comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Federation, their respective IFs 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.
- 2. Subject to Article 24(3), where a competitor was born in a Commonwealth Country that has common citizenship/passport with other Commonwealth Countries, the competitor may initially represent either the competitor's Commonwealth Country of birth; or the Commonwealth Country of birth of his or her father or mother that shares the same citizenship/passport.
- 3. After having represented one Commonwealth Country at the Commonwealth Games, a competitor may not represent another Commonwealth Country unless he or she receives the approval of the Federation, the relevant IF and the Affiliated CGAs of the two Commonwealth Countries concerned.
- 4. It is the responsibility of all Affiliated CGAs to ensure that their competitors are fully aware of and comply with the eligibility rules of the Federation.
- 5. The Executive Board shall have the power to waive the provisions of Articles 24 (1-3) in its discretion.

Extract from the Articles of Association governing Commonwealth Games Association of the Isle of Man adopted 19th March 2008.

Article 86:

Eligibility for selection shall be in terms as set out in 'The Constitution of the Commonwealth Games Federation' under 'Eligibility' (presently Article 24) but modified for the Isle of Man selection purposes only as follows :-

- (a) A competitor must reach a standard as approved by the directors for the sport concerned (although this does not mean automatic selection);
- (b) Shall demonstrate that he or she have a close identity with the Island by reason of immediate family and normal residence and the prospect of feed-back into insular sport;
- (c) That under Article 24.1 of the Commonwealth Games Federation Constitution a citizen or subject of the Isle of Man is defined as a:
 - (i) Holder of a UK passport who has completed 5 years continuous residency immediately prior to the Games or;
 - (ii) Holder of a UK passport who was born on the Isle of Man.

- (d) Any person gaining qualification as above and undertaking a programme of study, secondment or involved in military service out of the Island, shall be deemed a permanent resident for purposes of selection, provided he or she can demonstrate retaining an active connection with the Island.

Selection Procedure

1. Nominations for selection shall be submitted by the governing bodies for the sports concerned, along with validated evidence of athlete performance during the selection period.
2. Nominations received will then be considered by the Council against the selection criteria and agreed specific event standards, following which governing bodies will be informed of selections and/or provisional selections and any specific conditions attaching thereto.
3. A governing body has the right to appeal any non-selection or conditional selection and in such circumstance an Appeal Panel will be appointed to consider the case. An appeal must be lodged with the Secretary of the Association not later than one week following notification of selections to the governing body concerned. The Appeal Panel will consider only issues in relation to compliance with the selection criteria. This right to appeal will not exist for Youth Games where a cap is set on the numbers attending.
4. An athlete selected for an event on the basis of satisfying the agreed specific standard for that event may also be entered in other events at the discretion of the Council. In considering such other entries the Council will take into account any likely detrimental impact on the athlete's performance in his/her selected event.