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SELECTION POLICY & STANDARDS

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The information in this Selection Policy is accurate as at 31 January 2025 but remains subject to change. As a result of the unique and extenuating circumstances caused by the late confirmation of Glasgow as hosts for the 2026 Games and the consequential outstanding Commonwealth Games Federation requirements, Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS) and Scottish Cycling will be closely monitoring this Selection Policy to determine if any changes are necessary including changes related to amendments of the cycling events programme and para qualification timelines.

1. 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.
2. In addition, CGS and Scottish Cycling 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.

INTRODUCTION

3. This selection policy has been agreed by Scottish Cycling and CGS. It provides detail on the process by which Scottish Cycling will arrive at athlete nominations, which will be submitted to CGS for consideration, for final selection to Team Scotland for Glasgow 2026.
4. Achievement, by an athlete, of individual selection standards, detailed in this document, is therefore the 1st step by which nomination can be considered. The final decision in selection to the 2026 Games lies with CGS.
5. Scottish Cycling will nominate only those athletes that have qualified under both the Cycling Specific Selection Standards stated below, and the CGS General Selection Policy (available on the CGS website) that should be read in conjunction with these standards.
6. Entry numbers per event and the overall number of athletes are in accordance with Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) allocation and should more athletes achieve the standards then Scottish Cycling will prioritise in accordance with this policy.

SELECTION AIM

7. To select a team of athletes capable of competing with distinction for Scotland at the 2026 Commonwealth Games, and collectively:
 - Having a higher percentage of athletes meeting the general selection standards when in competition at these Games than in 2022.
 - Meeting the stated performance aims of each sport at the Games.
 - Team members having a positive experience within Team Scotland at the Games.
8. This cycling policy is consistent with this aim.

ELIGIBILITY & CONDITIONS FOR REPRESENTATION

9. Athlete eligibility and conditions for representing Scotland will be as outlined in the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) Constitution and Byelaws. Please see Appendix 1 for the current eligibility Byelaw. Should these change, the most recent version will be used.
10. Where prospective team members do not automatically comply with the above, they will only be nominated for final selection if they receive prior approval from the CGF under their guidelines.

GAMES COMPETITION FORMAT

11. The cycling competition comprises of the following Track events: Sprint, Endurance and Para. This will include:

Team Sprint – Men and Women	Tandem B 1KM Time Trial – Men and Women
Sprint – Men and Women	Tandem B Sprint – Men and Women
Keirin – Men and Women	C1-3 1KM Time Trial – Men
1KM Time Trial – Men and Women	C1-3 Individual Pursuit – Men
Team Pursuit – Men and Women	C4-5 1KM Time Trial –Women
Individual Pursuit – Men and Women	C4-5 Individual Pursuit –Women
Scratch Race – Men and Women	
Points Race – Men and Women	
Elimination – Men and Women	

12. The maximum number of athletes selected by any country for each able body event will be three except Team Pursuit which will be four. The maximum number of athletes / tandems selected by any country for each Para event will be two. When more than the maximum allowable athletes attain the relevant selection standard in an event, then nomination will be made by the SC selection panel after consideration of the agreed event specific criteria.

SPORT SPECIFIC SELECTION STANDARDS

13. Below are the key selection details:
 - 13.1 Selection standards have been designed to ensure that criteria are as consistent as possible across events and genders. In line with CGS's General Selection Policy, standards have been set against a Commonwealth Games Top 6 finishing position for individual events and Top 4 finishing position for Team Pursuit and Team Sprint.
14. Performances considered for selection will be from within the selection period below and the events listed below out with the selection period.

14.1 1 May 2025 – 27 April 2026

14.2 The following events will also be considered:

- UEC Elite Track Championships 12-16 February 2025
- British National Track Championships 21-23 February 2025
- UCI Track Nations Cup 14-16 March 2025
- Should additional UCI Track Nations Cup events be added to the UCI calendar for the period 1 February – 30 April 2025, these events will be added to events that will be considered.

15. Where times are set, these must be recorded in official competition, under competition rules and regulations in line with those of the UCI and be timed using electronic timing. Evidence of timing system used may be required along with official result sheets to verify times achieved.
16. Scottish Cycling will submit the list of nominated athletes in priority order based on the objective of achieving medal success. In deciding nominations, the selection panel will consider a combination of the following criteria as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant to achieving the aims of the policy - achievement of selection standard(s) during the selection period, previous major events history, current form and fitness and future medal potential at major events.

Female Track Endurance

17. To be considered for any Endurance event, riders need to achieve a total of two results/standards from a – h below. For the avoidance of doubt, a single result or standard may be met on two occasions or a combination of two results / standards may be met.

		Standard	Min No Starters
a.	UCI World Championships - Omnium, Scratch, Points Race, Elimination, Madison	Top 12	N/A
b.	UCI Nations Cup event – Omnium, Scratch, Points Race, Elimination, Madison	Top 6	N/A
c.	European Championships: Elite – Omnium, Scratch, Points Race, Elimination, Madison	Top 6	N/A
d.	European Championships: U23 – Omnium, Scratch, Points Race, Elimination, Madison	Top 3	12
e.	UCI Class 1 event or higher - Omnium, Scratch, Points Race, Elimination	Top 3	12
f.	British Senior National Championship Scratch & Points Race	Top 3	12
g.	4000m Individual Pursuit	4:42.536	N/A
h.	4000m Team Pursuit	4:18.607	N/A

18. Where a rider qualifies through e and f above, an individual pursuit time is also required as outlined in standard i below. This standard must be met on one occasion under the conditions set out in notes 20.5 and 20.6.

i.	Individual Pursuit Standard to be met for riders meeting standards in e and f.	4:53.411	N
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19. Where a clear medal potential is identified for the Scratch / Points Race / Elimination selections may be based on supporting that, or those, individual(s). In this case, the selection panel may select the team of support riders.

20. Notes:

- 20.1 The omnium shall be the final overall result only.
- 20.2 4000m Team Pursuit; where a rider is part of a team that achieves standard h or faster, the result shall count as a qualifying performance for selection for those individual(s) who are part of the team.
- 20.3 Points, Scratch Race and Elimination: Except for where 19 above is brought into effect, the selection panel shall nominate individuals from those having met standards, for the events that they feel provide the best chance of success. Once selected, riders may be entered into different events to those where they have met the criteria at the discretion of the team management.
- 20.4 Where more riders meet the criteria than places available, selections will be based on the objective of achieving medal success.
- 20.5 Where a rider qualifies only through standard h. above, they will only be nominated should there be sufficient riders (four in total) who have met qualifying standards, to allow a Team Pursuit to be entered.
- 20.6 All timed results must be recorded on a track less than 1000m above sea level.

Male Track Endurance

21. To be considered for any Endurance event, riders need to achieve a total of two results / standards from a – h below. For the avoidance of doubt, a single result or standard may be met on two occasions or a combination of two results / standards may be met.

		Standard	Min No Starters
a.	UCI World Championships - Omnium, Scratch, Points Race, Elimination, Madison	Top 12	N/A
b.	UCI Nations Cup event – Omnium, Scratch, Points Race, Elimination, Madison	Top 6	N/A

c	European Championships: Elite – Omnium, Scratch, Points Race, Elimination, Madison	Top 6	N/A
d	European Championships: U23 – Omnium, Scratch, Points Race, Elimination, Madison	Top 3	18
e.	UCI Class 1 event or higher - Omnium, Scratch, Points Race, Elimination	Top 3	18
f.	British Senior National Championship Scratch & Points Race	Top 3	18
g.	4000m Individual Pursuit	4:16.020	N/A
h.	4000m Team Pursuit	3:54.000	N/A

22. Where a rider qualifies through e and f above, an individual pursuit time is also required as outlined in standard i below. This standard must be met on one occasion under the conditions set out in notes 24.5 and 24.6

i.	Individual Pursuit Standard to be met for riders meeting standards in e and f.	4:26.261	N/A
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23. Where a clear medal potential is identified for the Scratch / Points Race / Elimination, selections may be based on supporting that, or those, individual(s). In this case, the selection panel may select the team of support riders.

24. Notes:

- 24.1 The omnium shall be the final overall result only.
- 24.2 4000m Team Pursuit; where a rider is part of a team that achieves standard h or faster, the result shall count as a qualifying performance for selection for those individual(s) who are part of the team.
- 24.3 Points, Scratch Race and Elimination: Except for where 23 above is brought into effect, the selection panel shall nominate individuals from those having met standards for the events that they feel provide the best chance of success. Once selected, riders may be entered into different events to those where they have met the criteria at the discretion of the team management.
- 24.4 Where more riders meet the criteria than places available, selections will be based on the objective of achieving medal success.
- 24.5 Where a rider qualifies only through standard h. above, they will only be nominated should there be sufficient riders (four in total) who have met qualifying standards, to allow a Team Pursuit to be entered.
- 24.6 All timed results must be recorded on a track less than 1000m above sea level.

Female Track Sprint

25. To be considered for any Sprint event, riders need to achieve a total of two results / standards from the following. For the avoidance of doubt, a single result or standard may be met on two occasions or a combination of two results / standards may be met.

		Standard	Min No Starters
a.	UCI World Championships – Keirin	Top 12	N/A
b.	UCI Nations Cup event – Keirin	Top 6	N/A
c.	European Championships: Elite – Keirin	Top 6	12
d.	European Championships: U23 – Keirin	Top 3	12
e.	UCI Class 1 event or higher - Keirin	Top 3	12
f.	British Senior National Championship Keirin	Top 3	12
g.	200 M Time Trial flying start	11.054	N/A
h.	1K Time Trial	1:08.197	N/A
i.	1 lap (250m) Time Trial standing start (Team Sprint, Rider 1)	19.369	N/A
j.	Team Sprint	48.972	N/A

26. Notes

- 26.1 Where a rider has achieved two standards through a and f. above, a further timed standard g - j is also required. This standard must be met on one occasion under the conditions set out in notes 26.5-26.8
- 26.2 Where a rider achieves standard i and j in one ride this will be considered as the standard has been achieved once.
- 26.3 Team Sprint; where a rider is part of a team that achieves standard j or faster, the result shall count as a qualifying performance for selection for those individual(s) who are part of the team.
- 26.4 Where more riders meet the criteria than places available, selections will be based on the objective of achieving medal success.
- 26.5 Where a rider qualifies only through j. above, they will only be nominated should there be sufficient riders (three in total) who have met qualifying standards, to allow a Team Sprint to be entered.
- 26.6 All timed results must be achieved in official competition, under competition rules and regulations, in line with those of the UCI, and be timed using electronic timing.
- 26.7 All timed results must be recorded on a track less than 1000m above sea level.
- 26.8 For the 200m time trial flying start only, times recorded on the Krylatskoye Sports Complex Velodrome in Moscow will be considered invalid for the purpose of this selection policy.

Male Track Sprint

27. To be considered for any Sprint event, riders need to achieve a total of two results / standards from the following. For the avoidance of doubt, a single result or standard may be met on two occasions or a combination of two results / standards may be met.

		Standard	Min No Starters
a.	UCI World Championships – Keirin	Top 12	N/A
b.	UCI Nations Cup event – Keirin	Top 6	N/A
c.	European Championships: Elite – Keirin	Top 6	12
d.	European Championships: U23 – Keirin	Top 3	12
e.	UCI Class 1 event or higher - Keirin	Top 3	12
f.	British Senior National Championship Keirin	Top 3	12
g.	200 M Time Trial flying start	9.806	N/A
h.	1K Time Trial	1:01.800	N/A
i.	1 lap (250m) Time Trial standing start (Team Sprint, Rider 1)	18.165	N/A
j.	Team Sprint	44.040	N/A

28. Notes

- 28.1 Where a rider has achieved two standards through a and f. above, a further timed standard g - j is also required. This standard must be met on one occasion under the conditions set out in notes 28.5-28.8
- 28.2 Where a rider achieves standard i and j in one ride this will be considered as the standard has been achieved once.
- 28.3 Team Sprint; where a rider is part of a team that achieves standard j or faster, the result shall count as a qualifying performance for selection for those individual(s) who are part of the team.
- 28.4 Where more riders meet the criteria than places available, selections will be based on the objective of achieving medal success.
- 28.5 Where a rider qualifies only through j. above, they will only be nominated should there be sufficient riders (three in total) who have met qualifying standards, to allow a Team Sprint to be entered.
- 28.6 All timed results must be achieved in official competition, under competition rules and regulations, in line with those of the UCI, and be timed using electronic timing.
- 28.7 All timed results must be recorded on a track less than 1000m above sea level.
- 28.8 For the 200m time trial flying start only, times recorded on the Krylatskoye Sports Complex Velodrome in Moscow will be considered invalid for the purpose of this selection policy.

Para Cycling

29. Each athlete must have a relevant international confirmed classification.
30. CGS will receive from CGF qualification slots for each of the para events based on the UCI World rankings database at 31 December 2025. The UCI World ranking database will be used to allocate five slots per medal event. The final sixth slot will be allocated by a CGF invitation process in which Scottish Cycling may participate, if appropriate, in conjunction with CGS.
31. If a qualification slot is received from the CGF for events listed in Section 11 from the UCI Para Ranking, it will be deemed that the athlete has met the General Qualification standard of Top 6 in the Commonwealth and will therefore be nominated to CGS and CGS will consider acceptance of the qualification slot.
32. If a qualification slot is received through any other CGF process for events listed in Section 11, such as reallocation, the athlete may be considered for nomination to CGS and CGS may consider acceptance of the qualification slot. This will be based on the ability to show:
 - 32.1 Potential finish within the top 2/3 of the field or
 - 32.2 development for future medals potential at major Games.
33. In tandem events CGF qualification slots issued by CGF will be issued related to stoker UCI World Rankings.
34. In considering pilots for tandem pairings, the selection panel will consider a combination of the following criteria as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant to achieving the aims of the policy including - previous major events history, current form and fitness and future medal potential at major events.

OTHER FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION

35. In instances where an athlete has had evidence to justify nomination prior to injury/illness which precluded them from qualifying within the period, nomination may be possible provided there is sufficient objective evidence to suggest that the athlete in question has returned to the previous standard.
36. All nominated athletes must have completed the required Anti-doping education.

SELECTION PROCESS

37. The selection panel will consist of the following:
- Scottish Cycling Chief Executive Officer (Non-voting member, panel chair)
 - Scottish Cycling Head of Performance and Coaching (Voting member)
 - Performance Advisor (Voting member, appointed by panel chair)
 - Scottish Cycling Board Representative (Voting member)
 - CGS Representative (Non-voting)
 - Scottish Cycling Performance Co-ordinator (Non-voting, official recorder of meeting)
38. If for any reason any member(s) cannot attend, SC Chief Executive Officer - in the capacity as the Chairman of the Selection Panel - will appoint an appropriate substitute(s) who will perform the duties (as detailed above) of the member(s) that they are substituting.
39. If for any reason the SC Chief Executive Officer cannot attend the SC Chair of the Board will appoint an appropriate substitute who will perform the duties (as detailed above) of the SC Chief Executive Officer.
40. SC will utilise expert advisors to provide information to the selection panel including SC Performance Coaches. These advisors will not perform any voting role, nor be present when selection decisions are made.
41. In deciding nominations, the selection panel will consider a combination of the following criteria as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant to achieving the aims of the policy:
- The achievement of selection standard(s) during the selection period
 - Previous major events history
 - Current form and fitness
 - Future medal potential at major events
42. Nominations will be submitted by Scottish Cycling in 2 phases.
- Phase 1: 7 November 2025
 - Phase 2: 15 May 2026
43. Athletes may be nominated in Phase 1, if they have:
- Achieved two qualification standards including a finish in the top 12 at the 2025 World Track Championships.
 - Have agreed to prioritise the 2026 Commonwealth Games
 - Meet all other selection criteria as outlined in this policy.
44. A maximum of 2 athletes per event may be nominated in Phase 1.

45. Phase 1 nominations will be forwarded from Scottish Cycling to CGS, who have the final responsibility for team selection, by the 7 November 2025. CGS will confirm selections by 21 November 2025.
46. Phase 2 nominations will be forwarded from Scottish Cycling to CGS, who has the final responsibility for team selection, by 15 May 2026. CGS will confirm initial selections by 31 May 2026 and final selections by 15 June 2026.
47. The above dates may be subject to change and failure to adhere to them will in no way invalidate decisions made by SC and/or CGS.
48. Final selection to the Glasgow 2026 team is dependent on receipt of relevant information required by CGS such as completion and signing of the CGF Eligibility form and CGS Team Member Agreement.

PARA SELECTION PROCESS

49. The UCI World Rankings will be used to allocate five qualification slots in each medal event as per CGF's Para Athlete Allocation System with the final sixth slot allocated by a CGF invitation process which Scottish Cycling may participate, if appropriate, in conjunction with CGS.
50. CGS will receive direct qualification slots by the 21 January 2026 and reallocation qualification slots between the 2 to 22 February 2026. This will be communicated to Scottish Cycling selection panel immediately for consideration.
51. Receipt of an invitation is not a guarantee of automatic selection.
52. The selection panel will consist of the following:
 - Scottish Cycling Chief Executive Officer (Non-voting member, panel chair)
 - Scottish Cycling Head of Performance and Coaching (Voting member)
 - Performance Advisor (Voting member, appointed by panel chair)
 - Scottish Cycling Board Representative (Voting member)
 - CGS Representative (Non-voting)
 - Scottish Cycling Performance Co-ordinator (Non-voting, official recorder of meeting)
53. If for any reason any member(s) cannot attend, Scottish Cycling Chief Executive Officer - in the capacity as the Chairman of the Selection Panel - will appoint an appropriate substitute(s) who will perform the duties (as detailed above) of the member(s) that they are substituting.
54. If for any reason the Scottish Cycling Chief Executive Officer cannot attend the Scottish Cycling Chair of the Board will appoint an appropriate substitute who will perform the duties (as detailed above) of the Scottish Cycling Chief Executive Officer.
55. Scottish Cycling will utilise expert advisors to provide information to the selection panel including Scottish Cycling Performance Coaches. These advisors will not perform any voting role, nor be present when selection decisions are made.

56. In deciding nominations, the selection panel will consider a combination of the following criteria as well as any other factors that may be deemed relevant to achieving the aims of the policy:

- The achievement of selection standard(s) during the selection period
- Previous major events history
- Current form and fitness
- Future medal potential at major events

57. Para nominations will be forwarded from Scottish Cycling to CGS, who have the final responsibility for team selection by the 30 January 2026 for direct qualification slots and within 24 hours of receiving any reallocation slots.

58. Final selection to the Games team is dependent on receipt of relevant information required by CGS such as completion and signing of the CGF Eligibility form and CGS Team Member Agreement.

DE-SELECTION

59. 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 Glasgow 2026 team.

60. Where injury 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 that they were selected for the Games. The format will be determined by CGS after discussion with the Glasgow 2026 Cycling Team Management. This will be specific to cycling 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 Cycling Team Management and will be final.

61. Athletes in breach of CGS policies, code of conduct or team agreement may be de-selected.

APPEAL PROCESS

62. An appeal against non-nomination to CGS by Scottish Cycling is entirely a matter for the athlete and Scottish Cycling. This should be held in accordance with Scottish Cycling's own appeal procedures but taking into consideration only the CGS selection policy and this cycling selection and standards policy.

63. The Scottish Cycling Head of Performance and Coaching will telephone and email all nominated athletes after the Selection/ Nomination meeting. The Head of Performance and Coaching will also contact by telephone, in confidence, those athletes whom it is consider were very close to nomination but not successful. Athletes who have not been nominated by the Scottish Cycling selection panel may appeal against their non-nomination. This must be a written appeal submitted to appeals@scottishcycling.org.uk (hereinafter referred to as a "Notice of Appeal") by the relevant time and date as outlined below. Appeals will be heard by the Scottish Cycling Appeals Panel.

64. The deadline for appeals is as stated below. Any appeal not received by this deadline shall be marked as out of time and not considered any further.
- Phase 2 nominations 1200 hours (midday) on 5 May 2026
 - Para Direct Qualification – 1200 hours (midday) on 26 January 2026
 - Para Reallocated Qualification – 1200 hours (Midday) on 7 February 2026 or within 24 hours of receiving notification of non-nominated, if after the 7 February 2026
65. In line with the communication process as outline above (63), athletes will be notified of selection / nomination meeting outcomes a minimum of 48 hours before the appeals deadline.
66. The Notice of Appeal shall contain full details of the name, address and date of birth of the athlete and must outline in full the grounds upon which the appeal is being made (hereinafter referred to as the “Grounds of Appeal”).
67. The sole grounds of appeal against the decision of the selection panel will be that:
- there has been a failure to follow and apply the content of this specific Selection Policy; or
 - that the selection panel reached a decision on the basis of an error of fact.
68. The right to appeal a selection decision is permitted on these limited grounds only and must not be seen as an opportunity to dispute the opinion of the selection panel where they have followed the proper procedure and selection standards outlined in this policy. In reaching their decision the selection panel are acting as experts, and the athletes agree that in so doing the panel exercises judgment and discretion which are not in themselves capable of challenge.
69. There are no appeals allowed against the content of the published Selection Policy and therefore against the actions of the selection panel provided they follow the selection criteria published.
70. The above information within the Scottish Cycling Selection Policy means that there must be due cause before an appeal can be made.
71. The Appeals Panel will be made up of three panel members who were not involved in the initial selection process: a Scottish Cycling Board member, a member of cycling community and a member of staff from a Scottish Governing Body. The panel will meet by the dates stated below to consider any appeals.
- Phase 2 by the 8 May 2026
 - Para Direct Qualification by the 28 January 2026
 - Para Reallocated Qualification by the 9 February 2026 or within 24 hours if after the 9 February 2026
72. Should the Scottish Cycling Appeals Panel uphold any athlete appeal(s) they will refer the matter to the selection panel for reconsideration in the light of the appeal panel findings.
73. Where an appeal is not upheld, this decision will be communicated back to the athlete within 24 hours.

74. An appeal against CGS non-selection on behalf of an athlete may only be submitted by Scottish Cycling and not by any individual athlete. If an appeal is submitted to CGS by Scottish Cycling, 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 3 days of notification of selection outcomes to Scottish Cycling by CGS.

APPOINTMENT OF TEAM STAFF

75. A Team Manager will be appointed by CGS in consultation with Scottish Cycling by July 2025. The final complement of cycling team staff attending the Games will ultimately depend upon team numbers and composition and will be determined by CGS in consultation with Scottish Cycling. This will include different categories of accreditation and access to the Games accommodation and other secure areas.

APPENDIX 1 – CGF BYELAW 17

1. ELIGIBILITY	
1.1.	It is the responsibility of all Affiliated CGAs to ensure that their competitors are fully aware of and comply with Byelaw 17.
2. PRIMACY	
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Are in possession of a current valid passport of the Commonwealth Country which enters them, or: b) Are a subject who can demonstrate 'Belonger Status' in Great Britain or relevant British Overseas Territory of the Commonwealth Country which enters them. c) 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	
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the Commonwealth Country of their birth; or b) the Commonwealth Country of birth of their parent; or

- c) 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.