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**Selection Policy and Standards
TABLE TENNIS
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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 April 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 Table Tennis 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 Table Tennis 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 has been agreed by Table Tennis Scotland (TTS) and Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS). It provides detail on the process by which TTS 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 TTS will nominate only those athletes that have qualified under both the table tennis 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.

3 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 TTS will prioritise in accordance with this policy

Team Scotland General Selection Policy Aim

- 4 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 table tennis policy is consistent with the aim.

Athlete Eligibility

- 6 The eligibility criteria of the CGF Constitution and Byelaws, must be met by all nominees, see Appendix 1.
- 7 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

- 8
 - Men and Women's team event – maximum 4 players per match
 - Men and Women's singles – maximum 3 players in each event
 - Men and Women's doubles – maximum 2 pairings in each event
 - Mixed doubles – maximum 3 pairings
 - Maximum number of athletes selected by any country will be 4 men and 4 women.

Para Events:

- Men's Events: Standing (Classes 8-10) and Wheelchair (Classes 3-5)
- Women's Events: Standing (Classes 6-10) and Wheelchair (Classes 3-5)

Maximum number of athletes selected by any country will be 2 per event.

Sport Specific Selection Standards and Framework

Selection period: 1 March 2021 to 15 May 2022

- 9 Competing in the Games is subject to CGS receiving an invite from the CGF to compete in the Games based on:

10 Team Qualification

- i. **Host CGA** - The host CGA shall be issued the maximum slot allocation of one (1) Team per medal event.
- ii. **Direct Qualification** - The top eight (8) CGA Nations per medal event on the ITTF World Team Ranking as at 7 March 2022 will earn Direct Qualification.
- iii. **Regional Qualification** - The top CGA Nation per medal event at designated Regional Qualification events, not otherwise qualified, from the six (6) CGF Regions will qualify slots to be awarded to the CGA. The events and dates are to be confirmed. ITTF will endeavour to confirm these events and dates by no later than 1 July 2021 and will take place no later than 07 March 2022.
- iv. **Commonwealth Championships** -The top CGA Nation per medal event from the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships not otherwise qualified, will qualify slots to be awarded to the CGA. The dates for the Commonwealth Championships are to be confirmed. ITTF will endeavour to confirm this date by no later than 1 July 2021 and will take place no later than 07 March 2022. For the avoidance of doubt, results at designated Regional Qualification events will take precedence over results attained at the Commonwealth Championships (irrespective of the order of events being held).

11 **Singles Qualification**

i. **Regional Qualification** - Regional Qualification* (maximum 12 slots per gender): Two (2) highest placed athletes, per medal event, not otherwise qualified at each designated Regional Qualifying event in Singles will earn a slot to the CGA by Athlete by Name. In the event of an equal result at any designated Regional Qualification event (e.g. equal 3rd without a play off for 3rd within the competition format), the athlete with the highest ranking on the first ITTF World Ranking available after the conclusion of all designated regional qualification events and Commonwealth Championships will earn the slot to the CGA by Athlete by Name.

ii. **Commonwealth Championships** - Commonwealth Championships** (maximum 2 slots per gender):

Two (2) highest placed athletes, per medal event, at Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships in Singles not otherwise qualified and while respecting the maximum of 2 athletes qualified per CGA will earn a slot to the CGA by Athlete by Name

In the event of an equal result at the Commonwealth Championships (e.g. equal 3rd without a play off for 3rd within the competition format), the athlete with the highest ranking on the first ITTF World Ranking available after the conclusion of all designated regional qualification events and Commonwealth Championships will earn the slot to the CGA by Athlete by Name.

For the avoidance of doubt, results at designated Regional Qualification events will take precedence over results attained at the Commonwealth Championships (irrespective of the order of events being held).

12 **Team Scotland Qualification Criteria**

In order to gain selection to Team Scotland it is necessary to evidence performances showing the potential to place in the top six in the Games

13 In order to evidence a potential top six finish the following criteria must be met:

14 **Team Scotland Team Qualification**

If an invitation to compete from the CGF is received through either Direct or Regional Qualification, TTS will qualify to nominate to CGS, up to four men and four women, for the team event as this will be considered as achieving the required CGS General Selection Standard.

If an invitation to compete from the CGF is received through the Commonwealth Championship qualification, TTS will qualify to nominate to CGS, up to four men and four women, for the team event if at the Championship they reach the last eight in either the Men's or Women's singles or doubles.

15 **Team Scotland Individual Qualification**

Subject to an invitation to compete from the CGF being received either as part of the Team Qualification or Single Qualification, for a player to be considered by TTS for nomination to CGS one or more of the criteria must be met:

- Commonwealth Championships last 16 finish
- Proven success with 2 wins during the Home Nations 2021
- European Team Championships qualification matches wins

- Other events may be considered with prior approval from CGS
- and TTS rankings will be taken into account when considering nominations

Para Sport Events

- 16 The qualification period is 01 January 2021–01 March 2022
- 17 Competing in the Games is subject to CGS receiving a direct player invite from the CGF to compete in the Games based on:
- 18 **Regional Qualification** - (ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List) The ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List will be used to allocate five (5) slots per medal event. The top ranked players on the ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List per medal event from each of the CGF regions (with Americas and Caribbean combined), will qualify for one (1) slot each.

CGA Nations will be extracted from the ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List to create the Commonwealth-adjusted Ranking List as at 01 March 2022.

In the event a regional qualification slot has been achieved by more than one athlete with the same ranking, reference will be made to the previous ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List and the higher-ranked athlete will qualify. If still tied, reference will be made to the previous ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List. If still tied, reference will be made to the previous ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List and so on until the regional qualification slot is determined;

For the avoidance of doubt, only results achieved by athletes at ITTF sanctioned events will be recognised for the purpose of the ITTF World Rankings.

Direct Qualification – (ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List)

The ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List will be used to allocate slots to the top two (2) athletes per medal event not otherwise qualified (respecting the maximum CGA representation per event).

CGA Nations will be extracted from the ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List to create the Commonwealth-adjusted Ranking List as at 01 March 2022.

- 19 Any player receiving an initial invitation to compete from the CGF will be considered to have achieved the required Team Scotland standard (Eight Player Competition) and therefore the invitation to compete will be accepted and the selection confirmed by 15 March 2022
- 20 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

Other Factors for Consideration

- 21 TTS will only nominate players who have demonstrated a commitment to the TTS's programmes and appropriate elite athlete behaviours during training sessions, competitions and training camps.
- 22 Players will require to undertake regular health and fitness checks.
- 23 All nominated athletes must have completed the required Anti-doping education

Selection Process

- 24 The TTS Selection Committee will select players to be nominated to CGS, in accordance with the agreed selection standards. The TTS board of directors will ratify nominations
- 25 TTS will send their nominations to CGS by 15 May 2022. CGS will confirm selections by 30 May 2022
- 26 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

27 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.

Injury Management

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 Table Tennis Team Management. This will be specific to table tennis 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 Table Tennis Team Management and will be final.

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

Appeal Process

- 28 An appeal against non-nomination to CGS by TTS is entirely a matter for the player and TTS. This should be held in accordance with TTS's own appeal procedures, but taking into consideration only the CGS selection policy and agreed sport specific selections standards and conditions.
- 29 TTS will notify all potential nominees in writing of the players nominated to CGS by 4 May 2022. Athletes who have not been nominated may appeal against their non-nomination. This must be a written appeal, including the grounds upon which the appeal is made, and be submitted to and received by the Chairman at the TTS office by 12 noon on 8 May 2022. Any appeal will be considered on 10 May 2022 with athletes informed, in writing, of the outcome on the 12 May 2022.
- 30 An appeal against CGS non-selection on behalf of an athlete may only be submitted by TTS and not by any individual athlete. If an appeal is submitted to CGS by TTS, 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 two days of notification of selection outcomes to TTS by CGS.

Appointment of Team Staff

- 31 A Team Manager has been appointed by CGS in consultation with TTS. The final complement of table tennis team staff attending the Games will ultimately depend upon team numbers and composition and will be determined by CGS in consultation with TTS. 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>
<p>2. Primacy</p>
<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; <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">b) 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.
<p>3. Secondary</p>
<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; <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">b) the Commonwealth Country of birth of their parent; <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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; <p>or</p>

- 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.