



## Commonwealth Games 2018

### FAQs

#### Questions regarding Selection / Nomination

- Q Is there a cap on the number of athletes that can be selected in the Athletics contingent of Team Wales?
- A No. However, there is a cap on the total number of individual sports performers that can be selected as part of Team Wales. This number is set at 108 and includes all individual sports performers (e.g. individuals from sports such as Athletics, Swimming, Cycling etc.) – with the exception of all para sports and weightlifting (which are both subject to quota system invitations).
- Q Are the team sports such as rugby and hockey included in the 108 maximum?
- A No. 108 is the maximum amount of **individual** sport places – teams sport numbers are counted separately.
- Q If an athlete achieves an “A” standard does this mean that they will automatically be **selected**?
- A No. They will be automatically **nominated**, though, as with all nominations, these are subject to the final selections made by Commonwealth Games Council for Wales (CGCW).
- Q If an athlete achieves a “B” standard will they be automatically nominated?
- A No. Any eligible athlete who has achieved a valid “B” standard will be **considered** for a nomination from Welsh Athletics to the CGCW. The factors which will be considered when coming to the decision on whether to nominate an athlete or not are listed in paragraph 16 b of the Nomination policy. If an athlete is nominated, they are still subject to the final selections made by Commonwealth Games Council for Wales (CGCW).
- Q How were the standards generated?
- A The “A” and “B” standards are based on a trend analysis of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place finishes respectively from the last 4 Commonwealth Games. There were then small adjustments based on alignment with Olympic qualification standards and weighting towards the 2006 Games that was held in Australia in March.

Q If a relay team is nominated how will this impact on the overall numbers of the Team Wales cap of 108 athletes? Are they considered as individuals or as a team?

A As individuals. If a squad of 5 is nominated, this will utilise 5 of the 108 individual places available.

Q What is the composition of the Athletics nomination panel?

A This panel will be made up of appropriately experienced members of the Welsh Athletics management team, together with representatives from Disability Sport Wales and a Sport Wales independent observer

Q What is the composition of the selection panel?

A The Commonwealth Games Council for Wales (CGCW) selection panel will be made up of a group of independent members.

Q Will I be able to appeal my non-nomination and / or non-selection?

A Yes. All details about the appeals processes are contained in the nomination policy document and selection handbook respectively.

Q What is the athlete's responsibility if he/she gains an "A" or "B" standard at an accredited meeting?

A It will more than likely be recognised and listed on the Power of 10, but for added peace of mind, you could get a copy of the official scorecard or photo finish of your performance. Please also keep in regular contact with Welsh Athletics, notifying us anytime that a standard is met.

Q Does an athlete need to achieve a qualification standard at the Welsh Championships?

A No, but performances at Welsh Championships will be looked at when viewing an athlete's overall performance profile.

Q Is the Welsh Championship considered a Commonwealth Games trial?

A No, but as per the nomination policy, it is essential that athletes looking to be nominated for selection compete at the Welsh Championships in 2017\*. This does not apply to the 10,000m, Marathon, 20km Race Walk or Combined Events disciplines, which will not be included in the 2017 Welsh Athletics Track and Field Championships.

\* Permission to do otherwise must be gained in advance from the Head of Coaching and Performance, which will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

Q If the 100m, 200m or 110mH events are reversed due to windy conditions will the results still be recognised for nomination purposes?

A Yes, as long as the competition is fully certified, and the wind reading is legal.

Q For para-athletes, will there be IPC accredited competitions in Wales in order to give more opportunities for athletes to rise up the Commonwealth rankings?

A Welsh Athletics will look to put on IPC accredited events where possible within the main program of domestic events. Specific requests should be sent to [james.williams@welshathletics.org](mailto:james.williams@welshathletics.org)

- Q What support will be available for athletes during the qualifying period?  
A Welsh Athletics will continue with its funding programme as normal. Further support will be provided to athletes on a CWG long list in the form of a partially supported training camp in April 2017.
- Q Will there be competitive opportunities for para athletes at the LIA in 2017?  
A Unfortunately we have no control over events at the LIA, but we will make a request to the meet director.
- Q How will the conflict of interest between GB Juniors and Welsh athletes at the LIA be dealt with?  
A We have a close working relationship with the team staff of GB Juniors and will ensure the best decisions in the interest of the athlete and their respective team are made.

### **Questions regarding the team's time in Australia**

- Q What will be the weather conditions at the time of the Games on the Gold Coast?  
A Mid to high 20 degrees Celsius and on hot days it could be over 30 degrees Celsius. There may be short, sharp showers on some days.
- Q Will personal implements for throwers be shipped to the Gold Coast?  
A Yes
- Q Will there be competition opportunities for the early cohorts?  
A Definitely. This will be arranged on a case by case basis and we will be working with Athletics Australia to locate suitable levels of competition.
- Q What advice can you give for family and friends that are looking to travel to the Gold Coast?  
A Welsh Athletics will be looking to book apartments in the Southport area when booking becomes available 12 months in advance. Please get in touch if you are interested in this information. We would also recommend visiting the website of the British Athletics Supporters Club (<http://www.basclub.org.uk/>), who will be able to provide preferential stadium tickets. They will have a stand at both the indoor and outdoor Welsh Championships in 2017.