



## **VI Commonwealth Youth Games:**

**The Bahamas**

**19-23 July 2017**

**Welsh Athletics Nomination Policy and Qualification Standards**

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## **Overview**

This nomination policy has been agreed by the Welsh Athletics Board of Directors, and the Commonwealth Games Council for Wales (“CGW”). The policy aims to explain the process by which Welsh Athletics will nominate athletes to be part of Team Wales at the 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games in the Bahamas. Nominations will be presented to the CGW, who will ultimately make the final decision on the composition of Team Wales. Achievement of the nomination criteria therefore represents eligibility for nomination only, and does not guarantee either nomination or selection. A maximum of five Welsh athletes can be nominated to CGW for selection.

## **Nomination Policy Aim**

The nomination panel (“the Panel”) will attempt to nominate a team of Welsh athletes to the CGW who will compete with distinction at an international Championship level. Participating at the Games will be seen as a key development event on the pathway that forms part of the Welsh Athletics Coaching and Performance Strategy. This strategy aims to assist Welsh athletes in gaining Great Britain representation, alongside preparing Welsh athletes to perform at the best of their ability at major senior Championship events such as the Commonwealth Games.

## **Athlete Eligibility**

To be considered for selection, all athletes must be eligible to compete for Wales as per the CGF Constitution;

- All athletes must hold a British passport.
- Each athlete must either have been:-
  - a. Born in Wales;
  - b. Have a Welsh parent;
  - c. Have applied for and been granted a dispensation. Most commonly this will involve five years continuous residency up to the Games. Please alert Welsh Athletics if any athlete may need dispensation.

Athletes at the 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games will compete in the IAAF U18 age category, and must therefore be born in either 2000 or 2001 (be aged 16 or 17 in the year 2017).

No more than two athletes will be nominated for the same event.

## **Competition Format**

The following events will be contested at the 2017 Commonwealth Youth Games:

- Men’s: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m 1500m, 3000m, 110m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus, Javelin

- Women's: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m 1500m, 3000m, 100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus, Javelin
- Mixed Relays: 4x100m, 4x200m, 4x400m. (Relay athletes will only be nominated from the pool of individually selected athletes, and there is no obligation for Wales to select a relay team to compete)

### Additional Information

The following event specific information is relevant;

Hurdle heights and spacing;

	Event	Height	Approach	Interval	Finish
<b>U18 Women</b>	100m Hurdles	76.2cm	13.00m	8.50m	10.50m
<b>U18 Men</b>	110m Hurdles	91.4cm	13.72m	9.14m	14.02m
<b>U18 Women</b>	400m Hurdles	76.2cm	45.00m	35.00m	40.00m
<b>U18 Men</b>	400m Hurdles	83.8cm	45.00m	35.00m	40.00n

Implement weights;

	Shot Putt	Discus	Javelin
<b>U18 Women</b>	3 kg	1 kg	500g
<b>U18 Men</b>	5 kg	1.5 kg	700g

### Nomination Criteria

The panel will attempt to nominate athletes to the CGW who fulfill the policy of being capable of performing with distinction on the international stage, and as such will only consider athletes who have achieved the qualification standards listed below. These standards must be achieved within the qualification period as follows;

From: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016

To: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Achieving a qualification standard does not signify an automatic nomination to the CGW, and those athletes achieving a standard in 2016 will need to show good current form to be considered for nomination. Therefore, a standard achieved in 2017 may be looked upon more favorably than one achieved in 2016.

Should more than 5 athletes achieve the qualification standards, the nomination panel will rank the athletes on a performance basis, underpinned by the criteria listed in the selection process section, and nominate the top 5.

### Qualification Standards

Men's standard	Event	Women's standard
10.85	<b>100m</b>	11.95
21.80	<b>200m</b>	24.50
48.50	<b>400m</b>	55.50
01:52.5	<b>800m</b>	02:09.0
03:54.0	<b>1500m</b>	04:25.0
08:35.0	<b>3000m</b>	09:40.0
14.20	<b>110mH / 100mH*</b>	14.10
54.50	<b>400mH*</b>	62.00
2.05	<b>HJ</b>	1.76
7.05	<b>LJ</b>	6.00
17.00	<b>SP*</b>	15.00
54.00	<b>DT*</b>	44.00
65.00	<b>JT*</b>	48.00
N/A	<b>Mixed Relays</b>	N/A

\* As per event specific information listed above

### Conditions

The achievement of the nomination standards must conform with the following requirements:

1. Must be achieved in competitions organised or authorised by the IAAF, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations
2. Wind assisted performances (or performances where wind measurement was not available) will not be accepted
3. Hand timed performances in the 100m, 200m, 400m, sprint hurdles and 400m Hurdles will not be accepted
4. Indoor performances for all events will be accepted

### Selection Process

The nomination meeting will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The panel will comprise of 3 voting members;

- The Welsh Athletics Head of Coaching and Performance
- The Welsh Athletics nominated Team Manager for the CWYG 2017
- The Welsh Athletics Board of Directors representative for Coaching and Performance

An independent observer (non-voting) will also be present from CGW.

In coming to its nomination decisions, the Panel will consider the following (in priority order):

1. Current form (2017 season's best performance)
2. 2017 indoor season performances (where relevant)
3. 2016 season's best performances and depth of performances
4. Head to head competitive records (where relevant)
5. Injury status
6. Any other factors that, in the panel's opinion, give Wales the best chance of achieving a medal at the Commonwealth Youth Games

Welsh Athletics is committed to offering equal opportunities to all of the athletes in Wales. Any Welsh athlete is eligible to be selected and will be considered as part of the selection process, providing they have achieved all that is laid out within this selection policy. Welsh Athletics will not discriminate in the selection of any athlete on the basis of any protected characteristic

### **Appeals Process**

All athletes who will be nominated by Welsh Athletics to CGW will be notified by telephone on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Any athletes who have achieved the qualification standard in the qualification period and are not receiving a nomination from Welsh Athletics will also be notified by telephone on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – this will include a rationale for their non-nomination. Any other athletes – i.e. those who have not achieved the qualification standard within the qualification period will not be notified of non-nomination and therefore if an athlete does not receive a telephone call on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017, it should be assumed that they are not nominated. Any athlete has the right to appeal their non-nomination. This must be made in writing to the CEO of Welsh Athletics, Matt Newman at [matt.newman@welshathletics.org](mailto:matt.newman@welshathletics.org) by 12.00 on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017. An independent appeals panel will then consider all appeals on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and will make a final decision regarding nominations to CGW. All appellants will be notified of the outcome of their appeal, by telephone, on the 17<sup>th</sup> May. This will close the appeals process.

### **Team Announcement**

All athletes selected to Team Wales will be notified on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

The final team of athletes that will represent Wales at the CYG will be announced on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

## **De-Selection Process**

De-selection of an athlete may occur following:

1. Failure to achieve the standard fitness testing protocols
2. Failure to adhere to the Welsh Athletics athlete code of conduct
3. Failure to adhere to the IAAF rule book

In the event that an athlete sustains an injury following acceptance of their position on the team, they are required to inform the Head of Coaching and Performance (Scott Simpson – [scott.simpson@welshathletics.org](mailto:scott.simpson@welshathletics.org)) immediately.

## **Confirmation of Team Staff**

The Team Manager for the Welsh athletics team will be agreed upon by both Welsh Athletics and the CGW, and be appointed in January 2017. Any additional athletics team staff will be selected dependent upon the composition of the team, and will therefore be agreed upon at the nomination meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

## **Amendment**

Welsh Athletics reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy at its sole discretion and will make any amended version publically available (including the date on which the amendment was made) at [www.welshathletics.org](http://www.welshathletics.org)