

# Athlete Allocation System

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### PARA POWERLIFTING - World Para Powerlifting (WPPO)

The information in this Athlete Allocation System is accurate as at 07 August 2020 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, the CGF and World Para Powerlifting will be closely monitoring this Athlete Allocation System to determine if any changes are necessary.

For the avoidance of doubt, the CGF and World Para Powerlifting reserve the right to amend this Athlete Allocation System in any manner, and in their sole and absolute discretion, should it be deemed necessary to ensure a fair qualification pathway for all Athletes.

#### 1 OVERVIEW

The Para Powerlifting Athlete Allocation System includes two (2) key methods of qualification:

- 1. World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings**  
(Ranking period 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2021)
- 2. Bipartite Invitation**  
World Para Powerlifting and CGF Bipartite Invitation

#### 2 MEDAL EVENTS (4)

| Medal Event         | Bodyweight                  | *World Para Powerlifting bodyweight categories included within this medal event |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Men's Lightweight   | Up to and including 72.00kg | Up to 49.00kg, Up to 54.00kg, Up to 59.00kg, Up to 65.00kg, Up to 72.00kg       |
| Men's Heavyweight   | Over 72.00kg                | Up to 80.00kg, Up to 88.00kg, Up to 97.00kg, Up to 107.00kg, Over 107.00kg      |
| Women's Lightweight | Up to and including 61.00kg | Up to 41.00kg, Up to 45.00kg, Up to 50.00kg, Up to 55.00kg, Up to 61.00kg       |
| Women's Heavyweight | Over 61.00kg                | Up to 67.00kg, Up to 73.00kg, Up to 79.00kg, Up to 86.00kg, Over 86.00kg        |

\*The CGF and World Para Powerlifting reserve the right to adjust the bodyweight categories included in each medal event where insufficient representation means the viability of a medal event may be at risk. This decision will be made at the sole and absolute discretion of the CGF and World Para Powerlifting immediately following the close of the qualification period on 31 December 2021.

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## 3 ATHLETE ALLOCATION SYSTEM (PARA POWERLIFTING)

### a) Allocations per Event

| Men's Medal Events  | Maximum Possible Slot Allocations |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Men's Lightweight | • 10                              |
| • Men's Heavyweight | • 10                              |

| Women's Medal Events  | Maximum Possible Slot Allocations |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Women's Lightweight | • 10                              |
| • Women's Heavyweight | • 10                              |

### b) Maximum Number of Athletes by Commonwealth Games Association (CGA)

| Gender | Event Specific    |
|--------|-------------------|
| Men    | 2 per medal event |
| Women  | 2 per medal event |

## 4 QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORK

| World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings   | Bipartite Invitation   |
|---|--|
| Qualification slots shall be drawn from the World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings as at 31 December 2021 and issued to the CGA in the name of a specific athlete for allocation and are therefore non-transferable. | Bipartite Invitation slots will be issued to athletes' of widely and regularly practising CGAs. Such invitation slots will be issued to the CGA in the name of a specific athlete for allocation and are therefore non-transferable. |
| Slot-Allocation   | Slot-Allocation  |
| CGA by Athlete by Name  | CGA by Athlete by Name   |

## 5 QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

### a) World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings

The World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings will be used to allocate slots to the top eight (8) ranked athletes per medal event utilising the AH Formula point score.

- CGAs will be eligible to qualify a maximum of two athletes per medal event, and the World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings will be amended to reflect this

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maximum representation per medal event.

- In the event the final slot of qualification has been achieved by more than one athlete with the same result, World Para Powerlifting and the CGF will at their sole discretion determine who receives the final slot.
- In the event a CGA is unable to accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via this method, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots Process.
- For the avoidance of doubt, only results achieved by athletes at World Para Powerlifting Recognised Competitions are eligible for Commonwealth Rankings. The qualification period is as follows:
  - 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2021

The World Para Powerlifting competition levels are defined in the World Para Powerlifting Rules and Regulations. The World Para Powerlifting Rules and Regulations and competition calendar can be found on the World Para Powerlifting Website: [www.paralympic.org/powerlifting](http://www.paralympic.org/powerlifting).

In the case of Great Britain, Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories, results attained by British athletes at World Para Powerlifting Recognised Competitions (i.e. competitions where athletes must compete for their IF affiliated-organisation) shall be attributed to their eligible CGA for the purposes of the Commonwealth-adjusted Ranking List.

## **b) Bipartite Invitation**

In recognition of widely and regularly practising Para Powerlifting athletes who have not otherwise earned a slot-allocation, two (2) Bipartite Invitation slots per medal event will be issued.

Applications for Bipartite Invitation slots are to be submitted by the CGA in accordance with the prescribed deadline. It is at the sole and absolute discretion of World Para Powerlifting and the CGF to allocate a Bipartite Invitation slot in an instance where no application has been received.

Athletes to be considered by the Bipartite Commission shall have competed in at least one (1) World Para Powerlifting Recognised Competition within the qualification period of 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2021.

Where an athlete has not competed in at least one (1) World Para Powerlifting Recognised Competition within the qualification period, but would otherwise be deemed eligible, the Bipartite Commission may grant an exemption on the grounds of extenuating circumstances.

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CGAs may request this consideration when applying for the Bipartite Invitation slot.

These slots are non-transferable and in the event the CGA is no longer able to accept the Bipartite Invitation slot it will be redistributed at the sole and absolute discretion of the Bipartite Commission with consideration for the factors listed below.

Allocation of Bipartite Invitation slots are made at the sole and absolute discretion of World Para Powerlifting and CGF. In making these decisions, the Bipartite Commission will award in the first instance to:

- Eligible athletes who have successfully participated in the CGF development programme (GAPS), that have demonstrated previous levels of performance commensurate to participation in the Commonwealth Games.

If there are no eligible athletes that have successfully participated in the CGF development programme (GAPS), the Bipartite Commission will consider factors including but not limited to the following:

- Regional representation within the event at the end of the qualification period.
- Depth of field and strength of competition.
- Demonstrated previous levels of performance commensurate to participation in the Commonwealth Games but an athlete has not otherwise attained qualification.
- Extenuating circumstances that may have resulted in an eligible athlete being unable to achieve a valid result within the qualification period.

## **c) Confirmation Process of Allocated Slots**

At the close of the qualification period, the following procedure will be implemented:

- CGAs with an individual athlete(s) ranked in both medal events (Lightweight and Heavyweight) are required to declare to the CGF which medal event their athlete(s) wish to compete in;
- CGF will advise CGAs in writing of the slots attained from the World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings;
- CGAs will confirm in writing their intention to accept the slots attained drawn from the World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings;
- All slots awarded via the World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings qualification pathway will be issued to the CGA for allocation;

- These slots are binding to the event and athlete that attained the slot;
- CGAs to nominate to the CGF for a Bipartite Invitation slot;
- Bipartite Commission to determine the allocation of Bipartite Invitation slots;
- CGF to advise CGAs of the Bipartite Invitation slots attained;
- CGAs to confirm their intention to accept the Bipartite Invitation slots offered.

#### **d) Reallocation of Unused Qualification slots**

Any qualification slots that are not used by the CGA will be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete (respecting the maximum CGA representation per event). Prior to reallocation, ranked CGAs will initially be asked to confirm their interest in receiving the reallocation of unused qualification slots. Where there are no eligible athletes remaining on the World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings, remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and World Para Powerlifting. The CGF and World Para Powerlifting reserve the right not to reallocate the slot, in the case that the reallocation process results in the potential award of a slot to an athlete whose performance could compromise the safety and integrity of the competition.

## **6 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for endorsement by a CGA, an athlete must:

- Be internationally classified with a confirmed sport class status or review with a fixed review date of 2023 or later, at the sport entries deadline of 29 June 2022;
- Hold an active World Para Powerlifting Licence for the 2022 season;
- Have competed in at least one (1) World Para Powerlifting Recognised Competition within the qualification period of 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2021\*;

\*World Para Powerlifting and CGF may consider any valid, personal, and or extenuating circumstances for not being compliant with the above eligibility requirements. All decisions made by World Para Powerlifting and CGF are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.

- Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or IPC or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, World Para Powerlifting, IPC 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. In the case of any inconsistency, CGF rules and regulations will prevail;

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- Have met the CGF's eligibility regulations in accordance with the CGF Constitution;
- Have complied with the minimum age regulations as stipulated by World Para Powerlifting.

## 7 TIMELINES

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|------------------|--|
| 01 January 2020  | Para Powerlifting Qualification period commences   |
| 31 December 2021 | Para Powerlifting Qualification period closes  |
| 31 December 2021 | Deadline for CGAs with individual athletes ranked in both medal events to declare to the CGF which medal event their athlete(s) wish to compete in |
| 10 January 2022  | CGF to confirm with CGAs qualified slots   |
| 24 January 2022  | CGA deadline to confirm acceptance of qualified places   |
| 24 January 2022  | CGA deadline to submit Bipartite Invitation applications to CGF  |
| 27 January 2022  | Deadline for B2022 to receive Entry by Number information  |
| 7 February 2022  | Re-allocation of returned places   |
| 7 February 2022  | CGF to confirm with CGAs Bipartite Invitation slots  |
| 18 March 2022    | Deadline for B2022 to receive accreditation application forms submitted by CGAs  |
| April 2022       | Pre-Delegation Registration Meetings   |
| 29 June 2022     | Deadline for B2022 to receive Entry by Name information  |
| July 2022        | Delegation Registration Meetings   |

## BIPARTITE COMMISSION

### 1 Governance

- 1.1 The membership of the CGF/World Para Powerlifting Bipartite Commission shall comprise of the CGF Sports Director (or appointed designate) and the World Para Powerlifting Sport Manager (or appointed designate).
- 1.2 All Bipartite Invitations will be approved by the CGF Executive Board.

### 2 Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of the Bipartite Commission will be to assess, evaluate and make recommendations to the CGF Executive Board on the award of Bipartite Invitation slots.