

Athlete Allocation System

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1 OVERVIEW

The Para Powerlifting Athlete Allocation System focusses on one (1) method of qualification:

- 1) **Invitation**
CGF/IPC Invitation

2 MEDAL EVENTS (4)*

Men's Medal Events (2)

- *Lightweight*
(Up to and including 72.0kg)*
- *Heavyweight*
(Over 72.0kg)*

Women's Medal Events (2)

- *Lightweight*
(Up to and including 61.0kg)*
- *Heavyweight* (Over 61.0kg)*

*The final Medal Events for Para Powerlifting will be determined by IPC Para Powerlifting and the CGF at their sole and absolute discretion following the Invitation Confirmation Deadline. Final Medal Events will be determined having consideration for field depth, universality and competition strength as key drivers.

3 ATHLETE ALLOCATION SYSTEM

a) Athlete Allocation by Gender

Men	Women
22*	18*

*In the case that the number of entries in either gender does not equal the total number of slots available, the remaining slots will be available for entry in the event of the opposite gender. Entries will be determined at the sole and absolute discretion of IPC Para Powerlifting and CGF.

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

SPORT	Events		
PARA POWERLIFTING	Maximum Entry per CGA		*3 Men and 3 Women Athletes
	Men	Lightweight	2 Athletes
		Heavyweight	2 Athletes
	Women	Lightweight	2 Athletes
		Heavyweight	2 Athletes

*Each CGA can enter a total of 3 athletes per gender, but cannot exceed a maximum of 2 athletes in any 1 medal event.

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4 QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORK

Available Slots per Event	Method of Qualification		Type of Slot-Allocation
22 Men* 18 Women*	Invitation	Following nomination by their CGA at the end of the qualification period, IPC Para Powerlifting and CGF will determine the number of entries to be allocated having consideration for field depth, universality and competition strength as key drivers.	To CGA for eligible Events by Athlete by Name

*In the case that the number of entries in either gender does not equal the total number of slots available, the remaining slots will be available for entry in the event of the opposite gender.

For the avoidance of doubt, any decision made by IPC Para Powerlifting and CGF is final and binding.

5 QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

a) Invitation

Following nominations received from CGAs at the end of the qualification period (being 8 December 2017), IPC Para Powerlifting and CGF will determine the number of entries to be allocated to CGAs by Athlete by Name in each medal.

In making determinations on allocated slots, IPC Para Powerlifting and CGF at their sole and absolute discretion will consider factors including, but not limited to:

1. Overall IPC Para Powerlifting World ranking, where considered, adjusted to recognise a maximum of two (2) athletes per CGA per nation per event;
2. Only IPC Para Powerlifting recognised competitions will be accepted for the purpose of the IPC Para Powerlifting World ranking database (1 September 2015 to 8 December 2017);
3. In the case of Great Britain, Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories, results attained by British athletes at the IPC Para Powerlifting recognised competitions (i.e. competitions where athletes must compete for their IF affiliated-organisation) shall be extracted by the relevant CGA designation;
4. Field depth and competition strength;
5. Universality: Best endeavours will be made to ensure representation of at least four (4) CGF regions;
6. Widely and regularly practising national athletes;
7. Demonstrated availability of athletes to participate in the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games competition; and
8. Any other factor(s) considered relevant by IPC Para Powerlifting and CGF.

For the avoidance of doubt, the qualification period has been extended to include performances recorded at the recently postponed Para Powerlifting World Championships.

At the cessation of the Nomination period, the following procedure will be implemented:

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- CGAs will nominate to GOLDOC those slot allocations they wish to be allocated by Athlete by Name;
- IPC Para Powerlifting and CGF will consider all nominations received, and determine the Final Medal Events to be contested;
- IPC Para Powerlifting and CGF will consider all nominations received, and determine those slots to be allocated to CGAs for eligible Events by Athlete by Name based on the principles above;
- GOLDOC will communicate places to CGAs;
- CGAs must confirm if they intend to accept places with GOLDOC within the required timeframe; and
- In the event a CGA elects not to accept the award of any and/or all slots earned, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the Reallocation Policy.

6 | **ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

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

- “Have an international sports class status of Confirmed (C), Fixed Review Date (FRD) or Review (R)”
 - ;
 - Hold an active IPC Para Powerlifting license;
 - Have competed in at least one (1) recognised IPC Para Powerlifting competition between a compulsory period of 1 September 2015 and 8 December 2017;

* IPC 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 IPC 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 WR or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
 - Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, 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;
 - Have met the CGF's eligibility standards in accordance with the CGF Constitution; and
 - Have complied with the minimum age regulations as stipulated by the IPC.

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7	TIMELINES
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22 September 2017	Deadline for GOLDOC to receive Entries by Number information
24 November 2017	Deadline for GOLDOC to receive accreditation application forms submitted by CGAs
1-22 December 2017	Pre-Delegation Registration Meetings
8 December 2017	CGA deadline to submit Invitation Nominations to GOLDOC
8 December 2017	IPC Para Powerlifting Qualification Period closes
14 December 2017	GOLDOC to confirm with CGAs qualified slots
28 December 2017	CGA deadline to confirm acceptance of qualified places
29-30 December 2017	Re-allocation of returned places
7 March 2018	Deadline for GOLDOC to receive entry forms submitted by CGAs and Sport Entries into GOLDOC Sport Entries system
20 March – 3 April 2018	Delegation Registration Meetings

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REALLOCATION POLICY

1 Governance

- 1.1 The CGF Executive Board shall establish a three (3) person ad-hoc committee comprising of Chairman of the Sports Committee, Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Corporate Services to assess, evaluate and oversee the management of the reallocation policy. The CGF Sports Services Manager shall serve as the Secretary to the ad-hoc Committee.
- 1.2 Any disputes shall be addressed by the CGF Executive Board.

2 Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of the reallocation policy is to ensure a clear framework exists whereby any unused slots are redistributed within the prescribed sport allocation.
- 2.2 The CGF reallocation policy refers only to individual sports of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

3 Gender

- 3.1 The reallocation of unused slots can be utilised for the opposite gender by the sole discretion of IPC Para Powerlifting and CGF.

4 Method Application

- 4.1 The Para Powerlifting reallocation policy shall be applied from those unused slots drawn from the following method:
 - Invitations (IPC Para Powerlifting World Ranking database, field depth, universality and competition strength)

5 Invitation

- 5.1 Any unused slots drawn from the Invitation method shall be reallocated by the Bipartite Commission.

BIPARTITE COMMISSION

1 Governance

- 1.1 The membership of the CGF/IPC Para Powerlifting Bipartite Commission shall comprise of the CGF Director of Sport & IF Relations (or appointed designate) and the IPC Para Powerlifting Technical Delegate (or appointed designate).
- 1.2 Any disputes shall be addressed by the CGF Executive Board.
- 1.3 All Invitation applications approved by the CGF Executive Board shall be deemed final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.

2 Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of the Bipartite Commission will be to assess, evaluate and recommend to the CGF Executive Board Invitation applications submitted by CGAs. Applications must address the respective criteria outlined within the Athlete Allocation System.