

# Athlete Allocation System

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### WEIGHTLIFTING – International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)

The information in this Athlete Allocation System is accurate as at 11 December 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 IWF will be closely monitoring this Athlete Allocation System to determine if any changes are necessary.

For the avoidance of doubt, the CGF and IWF 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 Weightlifting Athlete Allocation System includes four (4) key methods of qualification:

- 1. Host CGA**  
(Automatic Qualification)
- 2. 2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships**  
(Direct Qualification)
- 3. IWF Commonwealth Ranking List**  
(Ranking Period 01 January 2021 – 14 February 2022)
- 4. Bipartite Invitation**  
(IWF and CGF Bipartite Invitation)

## 2 MEDAL EVENTS (16)

Men's Medal Events (8)	Women's Medal Events (8)
• 55 kg	• 49 kg
• 61 kg	• 55 kg
• 67 kg	• 59 kg
• 73 kg	• 64 kg
• 81 kg	• 71 kg
• 96 kg	• 76 kg
• 109 kg	• 87 kg
• 109+ kg	• 87+ kg

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## 3 ATHLETE ALLOCATION SYSTEM (WEIGHTLIFTING)

### a.) Allocations per Event

Men	Field Size	Group	Women	Field Size	Group
55 kg	11	A	49 kg	11	A
61 kg	11	A	55 kg	11	A
67 kg	11	A	59 kg	11	A
73 kg	12	A	64 kg	12	A
81 kg	12	A	71 kg	12	A
96 kg	11	A	76 kg	11	A
109 kg	11	A	87 kg	11	A
109+ kg	11	A	87+ kg	11	A

### b) Allocations per Gender

Men	Women
90	90

### c) Host CGA Allocation

Gender	Athletes	Event Specific
Men	8*	1 per Event
Women	8*	1 per Event

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

Gender	Athletes	Event Entitlement
Men	8*	1 per Event
Women	8*	1 per Event

\*During the ranking period of 01 January 2021 – 14 February 2022 the maximum number of athletes by CGA will be reduced by one (1) if any weightlifting athlete and/or athlete support personnel (regardless of whether such athlete appears, or not, on the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List) from that CGA records an anti-doping rule violation (ADRV) through testing or investigation conducted by the Independent Testing Agency (ITA) and/or any other WADA approved Anti-Doping Organization. If there are multiple ADRV's recorded by weightlifting athletes and/or weightlifting athlete support personnel during the ranking period of 01 January 2021 – 14 February 2022 the maximum number of athletes by CGA for the relevant CGA will be reduced by the same number as the number of ADRV's.

Additionally, if four (4) or more violations of the IWF's Anti-Doping Rules as sanctioned by the IWF and/or an Anti-Doping Organization other than the Member Federation or its National Anti-Doping Organization are recorded against an IWF Member Federation within a 12 month period, (regardless of whether such athlete appears, or not, on the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List) under the terms of the IWF's Anti-Doping Rules, the case of the relevant IWF Member

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Federation will be referred to the Independent Member Federations Sanctioning Panel (Independent Panel). The Independent Panel has the jurisdiction to impose sanctions in accordance with Article 12 of the IWF's Anti-Doping Rule further penalties. In the case of a CGA/athlete becoming ineligible to accept a qualification slot(s) as a result of an ADRV or sanctions imposed by the Independent Panel in line with the IWF's Anti-Doping Rules the respective slots shall be reallocated in accordance with the Reallocation of Unused Qualification slots process.

## 4 QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORK

Allocations per Medal Event	Method of Qualification		Slot Allocation
1	Host CGA	The Host CGA is entitled to the maximum slot allocation of sixteen (16) athletes (8 Men and 8 Women) with no more than one (1) athlete permitted per medal event.	To CGA
1	2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships	The highest placed athlete from the eight (8) prescribed medal events per gender at the 2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships will be eligible for Direct Qualification. The slots will be issued to the CGA in the name of a specific athlete by event for allocation and are therefore non-transferable.	CGA by Athlete by Name by Event
8* (*For Men's Medal Events 73 kg and 81 kg and Women's Medal Events 64 kg and 71 kg only, there will be 9 allocations via this method of qualification)	IWF Commonwealth Ranking List	Qualification slots shall be drawn from the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List as at 14 February 2022 and issued to the CGAs not otherwise qualified in that medal event in the name of a specific athlete for allocation and are therefore non-transferable.	CGA by Athlete by Name by Event
1	Bipartite Invitation	A maximum of one (1) Bipartite Invitation slot per event 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.	CGA by Athlete by Name by Event

CGAs not affiliated with IWF will be required to affiliate with IWF, or if not eligible to affiliate will be required to obtain approval from IWF before they are deemed eligible to participate\*.

\* IWF has confirmed that the Home Nations (England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland) and the Crown Dependencies (Guernsey, Jersey and Isle of Man) can compete as independent entities at the 2022 Commonwealth Games and the 2021 IWF Senior Commonwealth Championships. The IWF has confirmed that British Weightlifting as a member of IWF has jurisdictional responsibility of all eligible athletes across the UK (i.e. Home Nations and Crown Dependencies). These responsibilities include the facilitation and enforcement of an athlete's acceptance and compliance under the international regulations (including eligibility and anti-doping regulations) stipulated by IWF and the standards executed by British Weightlifting. In the case of the Home Nations (England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland) and Crown Dependencies (Guernsey, Jersey and Isle of Man), results attained by British athletes at IWF Sanctioned Events (i.e. competitions where athletes must compete for their IF affiliated-organisation) shall be attributed to their eligible CGA for the purposes of the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List. In this case only, it is the responsibility of the respective CGAs (via the IWF member) to ensure the IWF has correctly captured the CGA for which the athlete will represent at the Commonwealth Games, to ensure they are ranked on the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List correctly. This must be carried out immediately following

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the publication of the results of the relevant IWF Sanctioned Event eligible for IWF Commonwealth Rankings and by no later than 14 February 2022.

## 5 QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

### a) Host CGA

The Host CGA shall be issued with the maximum slot allocation of one (1) athlete per medal event (8 Men and 8 Women).

- Host CGA qualification slots are issued to the CGA for allocation to eligible athletes and are binding to the event. Eligible athletes shall have competed in at least one (1) IWF Sanctioned Event eligible for IWF Commonwealth Rankings within the Ranking Period of 01 January 2021 – 14 February 2022 in the specific medal event in which they are due to entered in at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.\*

\*Where an athlete has not competed in at least one (1) IWF Sanctioned Event eligible for IWF Commonwealth Rankings in the ranking period within the specific medal event that they are due to be entered in, but would otherwise be deemed eligible, the Bipartite Commission may grant an exemption on the grounds of extenuating circumstances.

- Host CGA qualification slots are issued to the CGA for allocation to eligible athletes by event, and the respective athlete(s) can therefore only participate in the Commonwealth Games in the bodyweight category in which they have been entered by the Entry by Name deadline.
- In the event the Host CGA is unable to accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via the Host CGA method, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots Process.

### b) 2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships

The highest placed athlete from the eight (8) prescribed medal events per gender at the 2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships will be eligible for Direct Qualification.

- In the event that the highest placed athlete is from the Host CGA, the next highest placed athlete in that medal event at the 2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships will receive the slot allocation.
- Qualification slots allocated via the 2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships method are issued to the CGA in the name of a specific athlete by event, and the respective athlete(s) can therefore only participate in the Commonwealth Games in the bodyweight category in which the qualification slot was achieved.
- 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.
- The 2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships will be concluded by 14 February 2022 and will be confirmed by no later than 01 May 2021.
- If the 2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships is not held due to unforeseen or extenuating circumstances, the one (1) slot allocation per medal event will be allocated to

the next highest ranked eligible athlete not otherwise qualified on the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List at the close of the ranking period respecting the maximum CGA representation per medal event.

## c) IWF Commonwealth Ranking List

The IWF Commonwealth Ranking List will be used to allocate slots to the \*top eight (8) ranked athletes not otherwise qualified per medal event. \*For Men's Medal Events 73 kg and 81 kg and Women's Medal Events 64 kg and 71 kg only, the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List will be used to allocate slots to the top nine (9) ranked athletes not otherwise qualified.

- Host CGA athletes may feature in the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List but will not be considered for qualification via this method and therefore will not be included within the \*top eight (8) ranked athletes.
- CGAs/Athletes that have already qualified in a specific medal event via the 2021 IWF Senior Commonwealth Championships may feature in the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List but will not be considered for qualification via this method, and therefore will not be included within the \*top eight (8) ranked athletes.
- CGAs will be eligible to qualify a maximum of one (1) athlete per medal event, and the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List has been amended to reflect this maximum representation per event.
- In the event the final slot of qualification has been achieved by more than one athlete with the same result, the slot will be allocated to the athlete that achieved the result first by date and time, calculated according to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).
- Athletes will be eligible to rank for one (1) individual bodyweight category (medal event) only. CGAs with athletes ranked in multiple bodyweight categories must elect which bodyweight category they wish their athlete to be ranked and submit in writing to the CGF by no later than 14 February 2022. Failure to notify the CGF of the elected bodyweight category by 14 February 2022 will result in the CGF selecting the final bodyweight category on behalf of the CGA firstly based upon the highest rank, and should the rank be equal it will then be selected based upon their most recent result. The IWF Commonwealth Ranking List for the medal event in which the CGA elects the athlete not to compete within, will then be updated to permit the next eligible highest ranked athlete from that CGA to feature on the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List within that medal event only.
- Qualification slots allocated via the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List are issued to the CGA in the name of a specific athlete by event, and the respective athlete(s) can therefore only participate in the Commonwealth Games in the bodyweight category in which the qualification slot was achieved.
- 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 the below IWF Sanctioned Events in the ranking period only are eligible for the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List. The eligible IWF Sanctioned Events are as follows:

## 2021

- Senior Commonwealth Championships
- Junior Commonwealth Championships
- Youth Commonwealth Championships
- The five IWF recognised Continental Championships (Oceania, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Pan America) for Senior, Junior and Youth
- Tokyo Olympic Games
- IWF Senior World Championships
- IWF Junior World Championships
- IWF Youth World Championships
- Senior British Championships (Results recognised by athletes from the following CGAs only: England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Guernsey, Jersey and Isle of Man)

**2022** (Results from the below listed events will only be recognised for the purpose of the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List if held by the end of the ranking period).

- The five IWF recognised Continental Championships (Oceania, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Pan America) for Senior, Junior and Youth
- IWF Junior World Championships
- IWF Youth World Championships
- IWF Senior World Championships
- Senior British Championships (Results recognised by athletes from the following CGAs only: England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Guernsey, Jersey and Isle of Man)

## d) Bipartite Invitation

In recognition of widely and regularly practising Weightlifting athletes who have not otherwise earned a slot-allocation, one (1) Bipartite Invitation slot 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 IWF 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) IWF Sanctioned Event within the Ranking Period 01 January 2021 – 14 February 2022 in the medal event with which they wish to enter.

Where an athlete has not competed in at least one (1) IWF Sanctioned Event eligible for IWF Commonwealth Rankings within the Ranking Period in the specific medal event they wish to enter, but would otherwise be deemed eligible, the Bipartite Commission may grant an exemption on the grounds of extenuating circumstances.

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

Slots allocated via the Bipartite Invitation method are issued to the CGA in the name of a specific athlete by event, and the respective athlete(s) can therefore only participate in the Commonwealth Games in the bodyweight category in which the Bipartite Invitation slot is

awarded.

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 IWF and CGF. In making these decisions, 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.
- 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.
- Extenuating circumstances that may have resulted in an eligible athlete being unable to compete in at least one (1) IWF sanctioned event within the Ranking Period 01 January 2021 – 14 February 2022 in the medal event they wish to enter.

## **e) 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 multiple medal events 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 Host CGA, 2021 Commonwealth Championships and IWF Commonwealth Ranking List qualification methods;
- CGAs will confirm in writing their intention to accept the slots attained drawn from the Host CGA, 2021 Commonwealth Championships and IWF Commonwealth Ranking List qualification methods;
- All slots awarded via the Host CGA qualification method will be issued to the CGA for allocation and are binding to the event;
- All slots awarded via the 2021 Commonwealth Championships and IWF Qualification Ranking List qualification methods are issued to the CGA for allocation and are binding to the event and athlete that attained the slot;

- CGAs to nominate to the CGF for Bipartite Invitation slots;
- 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.

## f) Reallocation of Unused Qualification slots

Any qualification slots that are not used by the CGA will be reallocated as follows:

- Any unused slots earned via the Host CGA method shall be reallocated via the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List to the next highest ranked eligible athlete not otherwise qualified from that bodyweight category respecting the maximum CGA representation per medal 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 IWF Commonwealth Ranking List from the respective medal event(s), remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and IWF.
- Any unused slots earned from the 2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships method shall be reallocated via the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List to the next highest ranked eligible athlete not otherwise qualified from that bodyweight category respecting the maximum CGA representation per medal 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 IWF Commonwealth Ranking List from the respective medal event(s), remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and IWF. Should a CGA return a slot earned from the 2021 Senior Commonwealth Championships they would not be ranked within the adjusted IWF Commonwealth Ranking List in that medal event and would therefore not be eligible to receive the reallocated qualification slot for that medal event.
- Any unused slots earned via the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List shall be reallocated to the next highest ranked eligible athlete not otherwise qualified from that bodyweight category on the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List respecting the maximum CGA representation per medal 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 IWF Commonwealth Ranking List from the respective medal event(s), remaining slots may be reallocated at the sole discretion of the CGF and IWF. The IWF Commonwealth Ranking List has been amended to reflect the maximum CGA representation per event, and should a CGA return a slot earned from the IWF Commonwealth Ranking List then they would have no further athletes ranked within that medal event, and would therefore not be eligible to receive the reallocated qualification slot.

CGF and IWF reserve the right not to reallocate a qualification 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.



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## 6 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

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

- Have achieved a valid result in at least one (1) IWF Sanctioned Event eligible for IWF Commonwealth Rankings within the ranking period of 01 January 2021 – 14 February 2022\*

\*IWF and CGF may consider any valid, personal, and or extenuating circumstances for not being compliant with the above eligibility requirements. All decisions made by IWF 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 IWF or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, IWF 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 regulations in accordance with the CGF Constitution;
- Have complied with the minimum age regulations as stipulated by the IWF.

## 7 TIMELINES

01 January 2021	Weightlifting qualification period commences
By 01 May 2021	IWF to confirm the 2021 IWF Senior Commonwealth Championships
27 January 2022	Deadline for B2022 to receive Entry by Number information
By 14 February 2022	Completion of the 2021 IWF Senior Commonwealth Championships
14 February 2022	Weightlifting qualification period closes
14 February 2022	CGA deadline to confirm the final elected bodyweight category of athlete(s) ranked in more than one (1) bodyweight category on the IWF Commonwealth Rankings to the CGF
18 February 2022	CGF to confirm with CGAs qualified slots (Host CGA, 2021 Commonwealth Championships and IWF Commonwealth Ranking List)
4 March 2022	CGA deadline to confirm acceptance of qualified places (Host CGA, 2021

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	Commonwealth Championships and IWF Commonwealth Ranking List)
4 March 2022	CGA deadline to submit Bipartite Invitation applications to CGF
18 March 2022	Re-allocation of returned places
18 March 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/IWF Bipartite Commission shall comprise of the CGF Sports Director (or appointed designate) and the official IWF 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.