

**GOLD COAST 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES
4 – 15 APRIL 2018
SELECTION CRITERIA POLICY**

PARA POWERLIFTING

1. Nomination

Singapore Disability Sports Council (SDSC) to nominate athletes to represent Singapore at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018), according to qualification criteria set by the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF). The final selection of athletes remains at the discretion of Singapore National Paralympic Council (SNPC), Commonwealth Games Association (CGA), Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) and International Paralympic Committee (IPC).

In their nominations, SDSC should state clearly in the forms the justification for the athletes to be selected.

2. Overview

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

a. **Invitation**

CGF/IPC Invitation

3. Medal Events

Men's Medal Event (2)	Women's Medal Event (2)
Lightweight (Up to and including 72.0kg)*	Lightweight (Up to and including 61.0kg)*
Heavyweight (Over 72.0kg)*	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.**

4. 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 CGA

Maximum Entry per CGA		*3 men and 3 women athletes
Men	Lightweight	2
	Heavyweight	2
Women	Lightweight	2
	Heavyweight	2

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

5. 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.

6. Qualification Pathway

a. Invitation

Following nominations received from CGAs at the end of the qualification period (being 31 October 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:

- i. Overall IPC Para Powerlifting World ranking, where considered, adjusted to recognise a maximum of two (2) athletes per CGA per nation per event;
- ii. Only IPC Para Powerlifting recognised competitions will be accepted for the purpose of the IPC Para Powerlifting World ranking database (1 September 2015 to 31 October 2017);
- iii. Field depth and competition strength;

- iv. Universality: Best endeavours will be made to ensure representation of at least four (4) CGF regions;
- v. Widely and regularly practising national athletes;
- vi. Demonstrated availability of athletes to participate in the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games competition; and
- vii. Any other factor(s) considered relevant by IPC Para Powerlifting and CGF.

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

- viii. CGAs will nominate to GOLDOC those slot allocations they wish to be allocated by Athlete by Name;
- ix. IPC Para Powerlifting and CGF will consider all nominations received, and determine the Final Medal Events to be contested;
- x. 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;
- xi. GOLDOC will communicate places to CGAs;
- xii. CGAs must confirm if they intend to accept places with GOLDOC within the required timeframe; and
- xiii. 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.

7. Athlete Eligibility

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

- i. Be internationally classified with a confirmed sport class status or review 2019;
- ii. Hold an active IPC Para Powerlifting license;
- iii. Have competed in at least one (1) recognised IPC Para Powerlifting competition between a compulsory period of 1 September 2015 and 31 October 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.

- iv. Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or WR or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- v. 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;

- vi. Have met the CGF's eligibility standards in accordance with the CGF Constitution; and
- vii. Have complied with the minimum age regulations as stipulated by the IPC.

8. Appeals Process

- a. Results from the selection will be published on SNPC's website on 24 October 2017 (or such other date as may be stated on SNPC's website). Appeal against non-selection by SNPC must be made in writing to SNPC within **72 hours** of the date of announcement, of the athletes being selected for **GOLD COAST 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES**.
- b. The ground for any appeal is that:
 - The athlete's omission was a result of a failure by SNPC to properly apply the selection criteria set out in this policy
 - The athlete's omission was as a result of a failure by SNPC to adhere to the requirement guidelines set out in this policy
 - Fresh and compelling evidence and/or data which had not been submitted in the initial nomination.
 - Appeal must be made in writing, accompanied by a deposit of S\$100.00 by cheque, payable to "Singapore National Paralympic Council".
 - If the appeal is successful, the deposit will be refunded in full.
- c. SNPC Appeals Committee will consider and deliberate the appeal and, if deemed justifiable, will hear the appeal by the athlete concerned.
- d. SNPC will, in writing, inform all parties about the decision taken to either uphold or reject the appeal by 31 October 2017 (or such other date as may be stated on SNPC's website). The decision will be final and no further appeal or correspondence will be entertained.