

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

PARA TRIATHLON

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 Triathlon Union (ITU).

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

2. Overview

The Para Triathlon Athlete Allocation System focuses on the two (2) key methods of qualification:

- a. **ITU Ranking Database** (2 years cycle)
- b. **Universality**
CGF/ITU Invitation with universality as key driver

3. Medal Events

Men's Medal Event (1)	Women's Medal Event (1)
PTHC Classification	PTHC Classification

4. Athlete Allocation System

a. **Athlete Allocation by Gender**

Men	Women
10	10

b. **Maximum Number of Athletes by CGA**

Gender	Max. By CGA
Men	2
Women	2

c. **Universality Allocation**

Gender	Min. per event
Men	1
Women	1

5. Qualification Framework

Max. Number of Available Slots Per Event	Method of Qualification		Type of Slot Allocation
9	ITU Commonwealth Ranking	The top nine (9) ranked athletes from Commonwealth Nations shall earn a slot on behalf of their CGA.	To CGA
1 per gender	Universality	Universality slots may be issued to athletes' of widely and regularly practicing CGAs not already qualified through the ITU Commonwealth Ranking.	To CGA for eligible Events by Athlete by Name

6. Qualification Pathway

a. ITU Commonwealth Ranking Database

The ITU Commonwealth Ranking database will be used to allocate slots per medal event in accordance with the following process:

- i. Results achieved during the qualification period of 31 October 2015 to 31 October 2017 at ITU sanctioned events will be recognised. ITU sanctioned events are outlined via the ITU website <http://www.triathlon.org/events>;
- ii. Rankings will be Commonwealth Games adjusted to recognise a maximum of two (2) athletes per CGA nation per event;
- iii. In the event of a tie between two or more athletes for the final qualification slot, the slot will be allocated to the CGA who has obtained the highest placing in the ranking period;
- iv. In the event there aren't nine (9) Commonwealth athletes within the top forty (40) ITU World ranked athletes the ITU reserves the right to reduce the number of slots available for either gender to qualify through this method.

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

- v. ITU will provide the list of eligible athlete qualification slots by CGA to the CGF and CGA's will be advised through GOLDOC;
- vi. CGAs will confirm whether they intend to accept the eligible athlete qualification slots;
- vii. In the event a CGA elects not to accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via this method, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the Reallocation Policy.

b. Universality

In recognition of widely and regularly practicing Para Triathletes whose CGAs have not otherwise earned a slot-allocation, one Universality position (one per event) may be issued.

Universality slots may be considered in circumstances where:

- i. Less than three (3) CGF regions are represented at the end of the qualification period. Best endeavours will be made to have four CGF regions represented in each Medal Event; or–
- ii. The Bipartite Commission determine that an athlete has sufficiently demonstrated a previous level of performance commensurate to participation at the Commonwealth Games but has not otherwise attained a slot-allocation via the methods outlined within the Athlete Allocation System.
- iii. There are not sufficient entries. The ITU and CGF at their absolute discretion may allow a CGA to enter three (3) athletes. In this case the host nation would be prioritised followed by ranking places.

All applications for Universality slot-allocation must be submitted by the CGA within the required timeframe. Athletes to be considered by the Bipartite Commission shall have demonstrated best endeavours to compete in at least one (1) ITU sanctioned event within the qualification period. These slots are non-transferable and in the event the CGA does not confirm acceptance by the required deadline, the slot will be redistributed via the reallocation policy.

7. Athlete Eligibility

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

- i. Have an international confirmed classification;
- ii. Have competed in at least one (1) ITU sanctioned event within the prescribed qualification period;
- iii. Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or ITU or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- iv. Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, ITU 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;
- v. Have met the CGF's eligibility standards in accordance with the CGF Constitution; and
- vi. Have complied with the minimum age regulations as stipulated by the ITU.

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.