

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

PARA LAWN BOWL

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 Bowls for the Disabled (IBD).

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

2. Overview

The Para Lawn Bowls Athlete Allocation System focuses on the three (3) key methods of qualification:

- a. **Previous International Results**
Prioritisation of entry based on previous international competition experience and results
- b. **Home Nation Representation**
Home Nation entitled to representation
- c. **Universality**
CGF/IBD Invitations with universality as key driver

3. Medal Events

Mixed Pairs (1)	Open Triples (1)
B2 and B3 Classifications	B6, B7 and B8 Classifications*

*One athlete must be classified B6

4. Athlete Allocation System

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

Athletes	Max. by CGA
Men or Women	5

Each athlete in the B2 B3 mixed pairs is entitled to a Director.

5. Qualification Framework

Event	Max. Number of Available Slots per Event	Method of Qualification		Type of Slot Allocation
Open Triples	4	International Competition	CGAs may nominate to IBD for participation. The IBD will determine the CGAs to be entered based on factors including previous international competition experience and results.	To CGA
	1	Home Nation	The Home Nation is entitled to enter one (1) Team.	To CGA
	1*	Universality	Invitation slots may be issued to athletes' of widely and regularly practicing CGAs not already qualified.	To CGA
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6. Qualification Pathway

a. International Competition

IBD and CGF at their sole and absolute discretion will determine the CGAs selected to compete in Medal Events of the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. In making this decision, the IBD and

CGF will consider factors including, but not limited to:

- i. Recent performances in eligible IBD events;
- ii. Previous international competition experience and results;
- iii. Depth of field and competition format of recognised results; and
- iv. Any other factor(s) considered relevant by IBD and CGF.

CGAs will be capped at one (1) Team per Medal Event.

Upon selection, CGAs will be invited to participate in the eligible Medal Event/s. 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 to the next CGA identified by IBD and CGF in accordance with this International Competition qualification pathway.

b. Home Nation

The Home Nation is entitled to enter one (1) Team per Medal Event.

c. Universality

In recognition of widely and regularly practicing Para Lawn Bowls athletes whose CGAs have not otherwise earned a slot-allocation, one Universality position per Medal Event may be issued. This method may be actioned in circumstances where less than three (3) CGF regions are represented following application of International Competition and Home Nation qualification methods. Best endeavours will be made to have three (3) regions represented.

All applications for Universality slot-allocation must be submitted by the CGA. CGAs to be considered by the Bipartite Commission shall have demonstrated best endeavours to compete in at least one (1) IBD sanctioned event between 2014 and 2018. These slots are non-transferable and in the event the CGA is unable to confirm acceptance, the slot will be redistributed by IBD and CGF based on International Competition.

7. Athlete Eligibility

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

- i. Have an international confirmed classification;
- ii. Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or IBD or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- iii. Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, IBD 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;
- iv. Have met the CGF's eligibility standards in accordance with the CGF Constitution; and
- v. Have complied with the minimum age regulations as stipulated by the IBD.

To be eligible for endorsement by a CGA, a Director must satisfy all applicable CGF and IBD eligibility standards.

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.