

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

**PARA SWIMMING**

**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 core characteristics of the Para Swimming Athlete Allocation System focus on two (2) key methods of qualification;

- a. **IPC World Ranking Database**  
(Ranking period from 31 October 2016 to 31 October 2017)
- b. **Universality**  
CGF/IPC Invitation with universality as the key driver

**3. Medal Events**

<b>Men's Medal Events (6)</b>	<b>Additional Eligible Classifications</b>
S9 100m Freestyle	S8
S9 100m Backstroke	S8
S7 50m Freestyle	S6
SB8 100m Breaststroke	SB7
SM8 200m IM	SM7
S14 200m Freestyle	--

<b>Women's Medal Events (6)</b>	<b>Additional Eligible Classifications</b>
S8 50m Freestyle	S7
S9 100m Freestyle	S8
SB9 100m Breaststroke	SB8
SM10 200m IM	SM9
S7 50m Butterfly	S6
S9 100m Backstroke	S8

#### 4. Athlete Allocation System

##### a. Field Size by Event

Men's Medal Event	Maximum Possible Slot Allocations
S9 100m Freestyle	8
S9 100m Backstroke	8
S7 50m Freestyle	8
SB8 100m Breaststroke	8
SM8 200m IM	8
S14 200m Freestyle	8

Women's Medal Event	Maximum Possible Slot Allocations
S8 50m Freestyle	8
S9 100m Freestyle	8
SB9 100m Breaststroke	8
SM10 200m IM	8
S7 50m Butterfly	8
S9 100m Backstroke	8

The maximum possible slot allocation does not necessarily represent the maximum field size or number of unique athletes to compete. Slots will be allocated in accordance with the process below.

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

Gender	Event Specific
Men	3 per event
Women	3 per event

#### 5. Qualification Framework

	Slot-Allocation
<p><b>IPC World Ranking Database</b> Qualification slots shall be drawn from the IPC World ranking database and issued to CGA (in the name of a specific athlete) for transferable allocation. The slot is transferable to another athlete as long as this athlete competes in all events the athlete who qualified the slot was competing in.</p>	With restriction
<p><b>Universality</b> Universality slots may be issued to athletes' of widely and regularly practicing CGAs. Such invitation slots will be issued to the CGA (in the name of a specific athlete) for allocation.</p>	By athlete by name

## 6. Qualification Pathway

### a. IPC World Ranking Database

The IPC World Ranking database will be used to allocate seven (7) slots per medal event.

- i. CGA Nations will be extracted from the IPC World Ranking Database to create the Commonwealth-adjusted Ranking List.
- ii. CGAs will be capped at three athletes per event within the IPC world ranking database.
- iii. In the event the final slot of qualification has been achieved by more than one athlete with the same result, the IPC and CGF will at their sole discretion determine who receives the final slot.
- iv. These slots are only transferable to an athlete who is eligible to compete in all events the athlete who qualified the slot to the CGA was competing in. 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 policy.
- v. Only IPC sanctioned events will be recognised for the purpose of the IPC World ranking database. The qualification period is as follows:
  - o 31 October 2016 to 31 October 2017
- vi. IPC sanctioned events are outlined via the IPC website ([www.paralympic.org](http://www.paralympic.org)).

### b. Universality

In recognition of widely and regularly practicing Para Athletics athletes whose nation has not otherwise earned a slot-allocation, one invitational position per event may be issued.

This method may be actioned in circumstances where:

- i. Less than three (3) CGF regions are represented within an event at the end of the qualification period. Best endeavours will be made to ensure regional representation; or –
- ii. An extenuating circumstance has occurred resulting in an athlete being unable to register a result within the qualification period; or when –
- iii. An athlete who, in the opinion of the Bipartite Commission, has 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.

All applications for a Universality slot-allocation must be submitted by CGA. Athletes to be considered by the Bipartite Commission shall have competed in at least one (1) IPC sanctioned event within the qualification period. These slots are non-transferable and in the event the CGA is unable to confirm the Games-time entry/participation of the specific athlete, the slot will be redistributed via the reallocation policy.

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

- iv. GOLDOC will advise CGAs of the slots attained from the IPC World Ranking database;
- v. CGAs will confirm their intention to accept the slots attained drawn from the IPC World ranking database;
- vi. All slots awarded via the IPC World Ranking database will be issued to the CGA (in the name of a specific athlete) for allocation;
- vii. These slots are binding to the event and classification in which they were attained;
- viii. CGAs to nominate to GOLDOC for a Universality place;
- ix. Bipartite Commission to determine the allocation of Universality places;
- x. GOLDOC to advise CGAs of the Universality places attained;
- xi. CGAs to confirm their intention to accept the Universality places offered;
- xii. In the event if the 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 policy.

## **7. Athlete Eligibility**

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

- a. Be internationally classified with a confirmed sport class status or review 2019;
- b. Hold an active IPC Para Swimming license;
- c. Have competed in at least one (1) sanctioned / approved IPC Para Swimming competition between a compulsory period 31 October 2016 and 31 October 2017;
- d. IPC 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 and CGF are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.
- e. Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or IPC or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- f. 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;
- g. Have met the CGF's eligibility standards in accordance with the CGF Constitution;
- h. Have complied with the minimum age regulations as stipulated by the IPC.

At the sole and absolute discretion of the Bipartite Commission, where an athlete has not competed in at least (1) IPC sanctioned event within the IPC World Ranking database period but would otherwise be deemed eligible, the Bipartite Commission may grant an exemption on the grounds of extenuating circumstances. This exemption is granted at the sole discretion of the Bipartite Commission, having consideration for any matter they deem relevant.

## 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.