

# British Wheelchair Basketball

## Paralympic Games (EVENT) Nomination Procedure

This document outlines the procedure that British Wheelchair Basketball will undertake to nominate players for selection to the ParalympicsGB team for Tokyo 2020 and must be read in conjunction with the General Selection Procedure for Major Events

The objective of the British Wheelchair Basketball nomination for selection policy, is to select the best individuals and team, to attain success at the Paralympic Games.

Selection nomination meeting for both teams (Men and Women) will take place on:  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Players will be notified by: **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

### Selection Jurisdiction

The British Paralympic Association (BPA) is the ultimate authority on the selection of Players and Teams to represent Great Britain at the Paralympic Games. The BPA have delegated responsibility of all selection matters relating to the nomination of Wheelchair Basketball players for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games to British Wheelchair Basketball (NGB).

The board of the NGB have, in turn, delegated all matters relating to athlete nomination for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games to the Performance Advisory Committee (PAC), who will appoint a selection panel for the nomination of players. The selection panel will consist of:

- Performance Director – Chair
- PAC member with wheelchair basketball technical and tactical expertise
- PAC member – procedural advisor
- BWB Head of Coaching and Tactical Development
- BWB Lead Interim Women's coach
- BWB Assistant Coach
- External Independent observer – appointed by the PAC
- Representative of British Paralympic Association

The procedural advisor will be responsible for ensuring that BWB selection procedures are complied with in every aspect. Any questions of procedure that the selection panel may have about procedure will be referred to, and advised upon, by the Procedural Advisor.

The role of the selection panel is to hear the Head Coach's team selection and rationale for each player selected, providing critical analysis of rationale, check and challenge any data presented and play the role of 'critical friend'. The selection panel does not have a vote and the final decision on any disputes will remain with the selection panel Chair

### Paralympic Games (EVENT) Nomination Panel Procedure

1. All members must be in attendance in person.
2. All conflicts of interest must be declared prior to the commencement of the panel. If a conflict of interest has been declared by a member, this member must sit out of any discussion regarding said athlete
3. Selections will be discretionary and based solely on the professional judgement of the Selection Panel. In exercising their discretion, the Selection Panel will have regard to the following factors:

- Head coach's presentation and report that outlines the rationale for selection aligned to specific competition environment and requirements, court line ups/points combinations and aligning evidence for nomination
- All performances from 2018 and 2019/20 international season and major events
- Medals won
- Quality and quantity of games in domestic/international leagues and GB duty
- BOX scores
- WITTW and Performance Requirements and Standards recommendations
- Any other relevant factors which the Selection Panel consider relevant for the Event

The Selection Panel may call for, and give appropriate weight to, **any** evidence they believe may assist them in their selection decision, including detailed statistical detail from BWB performance analyst and/or others

4. Selection panel members will receive the final player files, with all selection information on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021**. Players will be able to view their selection file in their individual folder on PDMS from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2021

### Eligibility for selection

- A British Citizen with a valid British Passport ( with at least six months validity at the time of return date of travel)
- A member of British Wheelchair Basketball
- Holds a confirmed classification by IWBF and meets all eligibility requirements, in line with the agreed IWBF and IPC classification action plan
- Is not serving a current Anti Doping suspension or have an impending ADVs
- Has completed UKAD Clean Sport 1 or 2 in the last 2 years
- Is not currently a named individual being investigated for a Code of Conduct violation Code of Conduct investigation

### Communication of Selection Panel Outcome

The outcome of the selection meeting will be communicated in writing to the PAC for final validation before being communicated to the players, in an online meeting and by prior appointment, on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Nominations are then sent to the BPA and are considered by the Qualification and Selection Panel for endorsement and selection to the ParalympicsGB team.

If for any reason a nomination is not endorsed by BPA then BWB (not the individual) have the right of appeal.

Any communication regarding the selection of players is strictly embargoed until a final date is set between BWB and BPA for the official team announcement

### Appeals procedure

#### Appeals

Any party that feel they have grounds for appeal regarding the procedural aspect of nomination process may register this appeal by submitting a Statement of Appeal within 5 working days, at 12 noon, from communication of the decision.

The appeal must be registered by email or post with the Chair of the Performance Advisory Committee, who will appoint an Appeals Panel of at least 3 members and one being independent from BWB and the BPA to adjudicate. The Respondent will reply within 24hrs of receipt of the 'Statement of Appeal' with timelines of the appeal process. The Appeals Panel

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will meet within 48hrs of the respondents reply. The decision will be communicated to the Appellant by email, within 24hrs of the appeal panel decision.

Appeals may be lodged on the grounds of:

- The Paralympic Games Event Nomination panel failed to adhere to the procedural requirements outlined in this document
- The decision reached in the Paralympic Games Event Nomination panel was made based on an error in data or the use of incorrect information

Appeals against individual panel members, the nomination panel itself or nomination panel members professional judgement will not be permitted

The Statement of Appeal and Reply would be submitted to the Appeals Panel to consider when making their determination

In the case of a failure for both parties to agree the Chair of the Performance Advisory Committee will refer the appeal to Sport Resolutions (UK) to appoint a sole arbitrator in accordance with the Arbitration Rules of Sport Resolutions. The Appellant shall submit to Sport Resolutions (UK) and serve on the Respondent a notice of appeal containing or accompanied by (collectively referred to as the "Notice of Appeal") within 24hrs of receiving the Appeals Panel decision:

- (a) the names and addresses and the relevant contact details of all the parties and notification if any are under the age of eighteen (with their date of birth (if known)) ;
- (b) details, and where available a copy, of the decision appealed from;
- (c) the Appellant's request for relief or remedy;
- (d) if applicable an application to stay the execution of the decision appealed from together with the reasons;
- (e) a copy of the regulations or the specific written agreement of both parties providing for appeal arbitration under the Rules of Sport Resolutions (UK) or by Sport Resolutions (UK); and
- (f) any non-refundable deposit as set by Sport Resolutions (UK) from time to time.

The time limit for completion of the full appeal process with Sport Resolution is 10 days from the Appellant 'Statement of Appeal' submission to Sports Resolution. Please refer to Sport Resolution Arbitration Rules of Sport Resolutions for more information

The decision of the sole arbitrator shall be final and binding on all parties.

### **Deselection or late replacement of an athlete**

In the event of deselection or late replacement of an athlete within the team the following process would apply:

An NPC may substitute an athlete between the close of entries (15 August 2021) and the respective sport's main technical meeting before the start of competition (as determined by the Technical Delegate) only if the substitution is in the same sport and medal event. Substitute athletes must have met all eligibility criteria for the sport, and must have signed the Eligibility Code Form. The NPC must have submitted an Accreditation Application for the substitute athlete by the deadline of 1st May2020 (long list).

After the NPC's Delegation Registration Meeting, athletes may be considered as substitutes only if they have been internationally classified with a sport class status of either 'Confirmed' or 'Review' with a review date after 31 December 2020.

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Substitutions may only be made for athletes who withdraw due to injury, illness or other special circumstances. All substitutions are subject to review and approval by the IPC. There is no process of appeal with regards to substitutions regarding injury, illness or other special circumstances

NPCs must complete an official Substitution Application Form, which will be available upon request through the Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries team.

### **Athlete support**

Paralympic Games selection can be a stressful experience for players and therefore BWB will ensure access to sport psychology and performance lifestyle advice is available throughout the process, with the ability for a referral to outside programme mental health support.

Athletes are also advised that they can contact the British Athlete Commission for support and access to legal support in the appeals process

### **Useful Contact Details**

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