

Commonwealth Games Team England Selection Criteria and Nomination Procedure

This document outlines the procedure that British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) will undertake to nominate players for selection to Team England's 3x3 Wheelchair Basketball Team for The Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

The objective of the BWB Selection Criteria and Nomination Procedure, is to select the individuals who collectively form the best team, to attain success at the Commonwealth Games.

Governance of the Team England Programme will be undertaken through the BWB Performance Advisory Committee (PAC) and the BWB Board, with full separation from the Great Britain Performance Programme.

The Selection Process

Selection nomination meeting for both teams (Men and Women) will take place on: **Monday 13th June 2022**

Players will be notified by: **Tuesday 14th June 2022**

Qualification Process for Shortlisted Athletes

- Please see Appendix 1

Selection Jurisdiction

Team England is the ultimate authority on the selection of Players and Teams to represent England at the Commonwealth Games. Team England has delegated responsibility of all selection matters relating to the nomination of Wheelchair Basketball players for B2022 to the National Governing Body BWB.

The Board of BWB have, in turn, delegated all matters relating to athlete nomination for the B2022 to the PAC who will appoint a selection panel for the nomination of players. The selection panel will consist of:

- England Talent Manager (Team Leader) - Chair
- PAC member with wheelchair basketball technical and tactical expertise
- PAC member or Independent – procedural advisor
- Team England Men's and Women's Head Coaches
- External Independent observer – appointed by the British Athletes Commission (BAC)
- Representative of Team England - observer

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, 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' to endorse the selection recommendations of the Team England Head Coaches. In the event that the panel refutes a selection recommendation, the final decision on any disputes will remain with the Selection Panel Chair.

B2022 (EVENT) Nomination Panel Procedure

1. All members must be in attendance in person or virtually through 'Microsoft Teams' where the meeting will be recorded.
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 will be managed accordingly.
3. Endorsement of Team England Head Coach Selection 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, court line ups/points combinations and aligning evidence for nomination of the individuals who collectively form the best team
 - All performances from 2020 and 2021 international season and major events (GB representation)
 - Medals won (GB representation)
 - Quality and quantity of games in domestic/ international leagues and GB duty
 - BOX scores
 - WITTW and Performance Requirements and Standards recommendations where applicable to 3X3 format
 - Any other relevant factors which the Selection Panel consider relevant for the Event
4. 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.
5. Selection panel members will receive the final player files, with all selection information on **Sunday 12th June 2022**. All short-listed athletes will be provided with secure access to their individual selection file 5 calendar days ahead of the files submission to the Selection Panel.

Eligibility for selection

An athlete would be deemed eligible for selection only if they hit the following criteria:

- Can evidence eligibility (Passport) for Team England through one of the following qualifying criteria:
 - a) Have been born in the dependant territory (England); or
 - b) Regardless of the place of birth of the player, have
 - One parent who was born in the dependant territory (England); or
 - One grandparent who was born in the dependant territory (England).
- A member of BWB

- Holds a confirmed classification (or has the opportunity to be classified before the event) by IWBF and meets all eligibility requirements, in line with the agreed IWBF and IPC classification action plan
- Are not serving a current Anti-Doping suspension or have an impending ADRVs
- Must complete appropriate UKAD education and training
- Are not currently a named individual being investigated for a Code of Conduct violation
- Attended a minimum of 1 Team England trial & the selection training camp prior to selection taking place
- All athletes must sign up to Commonwealth Games England, Team Members Agreement
- All athletes must sign the Commonwealth Games Federation Entry and Eligibility form

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 all player, via a phone call and followed up with an email, on [date tbc]

Nominations are then sent to Team England for final ratification.

If for any reason a nomination is not endorsed by Team England, 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 Team England 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', which should outline on which grounds they are appealing from the bullet points below and include as much information as possible, within 5 working days, from 12 noon on the day the decision was communicated. The appeal must be registered by email or post with the Chair of the PAC, who will appoint an Appeals Panel of at least 3 members, one being independent from BWB and Team England to adjudicate. The Chair will reply, via email, within one working day of receipt of the 'Statement of Appeal' with timelines of the appeal process. The Appeals Panel will meet within two working days of the Chair's reply. The decision will be communicated to the Appellant by email, within one working day of the Appeal Panel decision.

Appeals may be lodged on the grounds of:

- The B2022 Event Nomination panel failed to adhere to the procedural requirements outlined in this document.
- The decision reached in the B2022 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 Chairs reply would be submitted to the Appeals Panel to consider when making their determination.

After consideration of the appeal, if both parties still do not agree, the Chair of the PAC will refer the appeal to Sport Resolutions (UK) to appoint a sole arbitrator in accordance with the Arbitration Rules of Sport Resolutions.

Within 24 hours of receiving the Appeals Panel decision, the Appellant should then submit a 'Notice of Appeal' to Sport Resolutions (UK) and serve on the Chair.

The Notice of Appeal should contain, or be accompanied by:

- (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 8 days from the Appellants 'Notice 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

Substitutions may only be made for athletes who withdraw on medical grounds/injury only, and this must be supported by a doctors letter. Any replacement athlete must be on the long list and will be subject to review and approval by the CGF. This is in line with the CGF Late Athlete Replacement Policy

Team England must complete an official Substitution Application Form, which will be available upon request through B2022.

Athlete support

B2022 selection can be a stressful experience for players and therefore BWB will ensure access to sport psychology and performance lifestyle advice is available. The BAC are also available to support any athlete and can provide legal advice if they are considering raising an appeal.

Athlete selection process for nomination of the final 4 + 2 reserves to Team England

Women's Team

The women's selection group will be reduced to a maximum of 9 players on Tuesday 7th June 2022, this group will attend the selection camp in June 2022 to demonstrate their potential for final 4 + 2 reserves nomination to Team England on Tuesday 14th June 2022.

Men's Team

The men's selection group will be reduced to a maximum of 9 players on Tuesday 7th June 2022 this group will attend the selection camp in June 2022 to demonstrate their potential for final 4 + 2 reserves nomination to Team England on Tuesday 14th June

APPENDIX 1: QUALIFICATION PROCESS FOR SHORTLISTED ATHLETES

1: Stage 1 – Open Trials

1.1 All eligible BWB World Class Performance Programme players, including Academy 1 & 2 players, will be directly invited to attend the ‘Open Trials’ stage of the Team England selection process by the wheelchair basketball Team England Team Leader.

1.2 Alongside this there will be an open invite for all eligible athletes to the ‘Open Trials’ stage of the Team England selection process. The dates of the ‘Open Trials’ will be shared publicly at least six months prior to the start of the Commonwealth Games 3x3 Wheelchair Basketball Competition.

1.3 All athletes who would like to make themselves available for selection, must attend a minimum of one open trial event to be considered. All trial sign-ups and accreditation portal administration should be completed by the specified dates.

1.4 If any BWB World Class Performance Programme player, who represented Great Britain at the European Championships 2021 or Tokyo 2020, is unable to attend a trial due to extenuating circumstances due to COVID-19 or government restrictions, (this may include clashes with rearranged fixtures due to COVID postponements which the player is contracted to play in) then they may submit a request to supply match footage and statistics to be considered for selection in their absence. Footage from the two highlighted competitions containing a minimum of 30 minutes playing time across the tournaments for the coaching team to consider in their selection to Stage 2 of the Team England Selection Process is required in this instance.

2: Stage 2 - Selection Camp

2.1 Following attendance at an ‘Open Trial’ event up to 18 (9 female and 9 male) ‘eligible’ athletes will be identified to progress to Stage 2 of the Team England Selection Process.

2.2 The rationale for athlete progression to Stage 2 of the Team England selection process will be consistent with the criteria detailed in point 3 of the of nomination panel procedure.

2.3 The decision regarding athlete progression to Stage 2 will be made by the following people and ratified by BWB’s Participation Director. Where there is an identified conflict of interest in this process, this individual will not be included in the decision for the identified athlete. Conflicts of Interest by Wheelchair Basketball Team England Staff must be noted directly with the Wheelchair Basketball Team England Team Leader, as and when they arise.

- England Talent Manager (Team Leader) - Chair
- Team England Men’s and Women’s Head Coaches

2.4 Stage 2 of the Team England Selection Process will be attendance at the three-day Selection Camp held in June 2022 (date subject to change). Identified athletes will be invited to attend by the Wheelchair Basketball Team England Team Leader.

2.5 All athletes who would like to make themselves available for selection, must attend the three-day selection camp to be considered. Please note, there will only be mitigation for those who are unable to attend due to COVID-19 or government restrictions provided approved evidence of COVID-19 is shared with the Team Leader prior to the first day of Selection Camp. Approved evidence includes photographic evidence of either a positive

Lateral Flow test and/or a positive PCR result. In the event that an athlete is unable to attend a Selection Camp for this reason, then the criteria from Section 3 (Nomination Panel Procedure) will apply along with the provided COVID-19 evidence.

3: Stage 3 – Shortlist

3.1 All athletes who attend the three-day selection camp will be shortlisted for nomination to represent Team England 3x3 Wheelchair Basketball Team at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games, unless COVID-19 circumstances apply and are evidenced as per 2.5 (Selection Camp)

3.2 All short-listed athletes will be provided with secure access to their individual selection file 5 calendar days ahead of the files submission to the Selection Panel.

4: Reserves

4.1 2 reserves will be identified to continue throughout the training and preparation phase of the programme. Should any selected athletes or become unavailable, back up reserves may be called from those attending the Selection Camp.