Summary of the CGF Rules

The following is a summary of particular rules which all participants should be aware of as they prepare for the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

These rules are taken from the Commonwealth Games Federation’s (CGF) Games Manuals as approved under Article 14(2)(o) of the CGF Constitution, the Constitution itself and the Anti-Doping Standard.

All participants and team officials are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these rules and documents. Specific web links have been provided to the Constitution and Anti-Doping Standard. The full version of the Games Manuals can be accessed through the athlete’s and team official’s Commonwealth Games Association.

Commonwealth Games Manuals

Accreditation (dated July 2010)

- ACR05 – An individual is entitled to only one accreditation.
- ACR13 – Under no circumstances, throughout the duration of the Games, may an athlete, coach, officials, press attaché or any other accredited participant also be accredited or act as a journalist or in any other media capacity.

Brand Protection / Marketing (dated July 2010)

- MKT07 – (Competitors) Except as permitted by the CGF Executive Board, no competitor who competes in the Commonwealth Games may allow his/her person, name, picture or sports performances to be used for advertising purposes during the Games.

Games Family Services (dated September 2012)

- GFS10 – Rules Relating to Identification on Personal Competition Clothing and Personal Equipment.

There shall be no advertising or publicity on personal equipment and competition clothing used or worn at the Commonwealth Games or Commonwealth Youth Games.

Identification of the manufacturer (name and/or logo) of the equipment and or clothing may appear, if not marked conspicuously for advertising purposes as follows.

The word ‘identification’ means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark, logo or any other distinctive sign of the manufacturer of the item, appearing not more than once per item.

- Manufacturer’s Identification: The identification of the manufacturer shall not appear more than once per item of clothing and equipment.
Clothing: One identification of the manufacturer (logo, name or combination) may appear on each article of clothing worn by athletes, officials or judges (vest, shorts, track-suits etc), the maximum area of which shall be 20 square centimetres.

No other form of advertising or sponsorship on clothing shall be permitted with the exception that a graphic or figurative logo of the manufacturer (not including the name or any text) may also be used as a decorative design mark once, or repeatedly as a strip not exceeding 10 centimetres in width in one of the following positions, provided such use does not, in the opinion of the CGF, in its absolute discretion, dominate or unduly detract from the appearance of the article of clothing:

- Across the bottom of the sleeves
- On the outer seam of the sleeves
- Down the outer seams of the garment

Equipment: Manufacturers identification shall not exceed 10 per cent of the surface area of the equipment that is exposed during competition and shall not be more than 60 square centimetres.

Headgear (goggles, hats, helmets, sunglasses, swimming caps, etc) and gloves: Any identification of the manufacturer shall not exceed 6 square centimetres.

Shoes: The normal distinctive design pattern of the manufacturer is permitted. The manufacturer’s name and/or logo may also appear, up to a maximum of 6 square centimetres, either as part of the normal distinctive design pattern or independent of the normal distinctive design pattern.

The competition clothing and uniforms of the athletes and officials must include the official Commonwealth Games emblem of the CGA.

The use of the Organising Committee’s (OC) emblem in addition to the CGA emblem is optional and subject to the OC’s approval and guidelines.

The rules will be applied to the following areas and activities at the Commonwealth Games and Commonwealth Youth Games and will also apply to OC employees, volunteers, contractors and technical officials:

- Back of House at a Competition Venue
- Medal/Victory Ceremonies
- On the Field of Play
- Opening & Closing Ceremonies, i.e., back of house and on the field of play
- Team Welcome Ceremonies

These rules take precedent over any International Federation rules unless advised otherwise by the Executive Board.
CGF Constitution (August 2013)

Please refer specifically to the following Articles and Regulations, although it is advisable to read all of the Constitution

- Article 5 Type of Contests
- Article 7 Discrimination
- Article 8 Official Language
- Article 22 Duration and Character of the Commonwealth Games
- Article 24 Eligibility
- Article 26 Commercial Rights
- Article 27 Dispute Resolution
- Article 28 Arbitration
- Article 29 Anti-Doping
- Article 31 Definitions
- Regulation 8 Advertising in Connection with the Competition


CGF Anti-Doping Standard

It is imperative that all Commonwealth Games Associations, athletes and team officials read the entire Anti-Doping Standard applicable to the 2014 Commonwealth Games. In particular the following should be noted:

- Article 1 Definition of Doping – breach of the rules
- Article 2 Anti-Doping Rule Violations
- Article 3 Proof of Doping
- Article 4 The Prohibited List
- Article 5 Therapeutic Use
- Article 6 Doping Control
- Article 7 Analysis of Samples
- Article 8 Results Management & Disciplinary Procedure
- Article 9 Automatic Disqualification of Individual Results
- Article 10 Sanctions on Individuals
- Article 11 Consequences to Teams
- Article 12 Right to a Fair Hearing
- Article 13 Appeals
- Article 14 Confidentiality and Reporting
- Article 15 Mutual Recognition
- Article 16 Statute of Limitations
- Article 17 Post Games Results Management


Miscellaneous Documents

The 2014 WADA Prohibited List, the CGF policy relating to the use social media at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, the Entry & Eligibility Conditions Form and all other relevant documents can be found via www.thecgf.com/entries.