



CGF Policy

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1. General Principles

The Opening Ceremony on the 28th July will introduce the Commonwealth Games, the host nation England, the city of Birmingham and athletes to a live, global TV audience of millions.

The event will be opened by Her Majesty the Queen or Her representative, generating significant media interest prior to and during the Games.

The Athletes Parade is a highlight of the Opening Ceremony as the host city welcomes and celebrates all participants at the Games. It is therefore imperative that parading athletes & officials from all CGAs behave appropriately, maintaining and enhancing the vision and values of the Commonwealth Games at this formal occasion.

Each Chef de Mission is therefore requested to convey a clear message regarding appropriate behaviour, to all members of their delegation.

2. Rules

All participants in the Opening Ceremony must abide by the following rules:

1. Each participant must wear their official CGA team uniform. This uniform must fully comply with the CGF Policy on branding on competition clothing and equipment.
2. Unless deemed permissible by the CGF Athlete Advocacy Guiding Principles, it is strictly prohibited for participants in the Ceremony to display any form of publicity, propaganda, commercial, political or otherwise, on any item of attire or in any other manner.
3. Parade participants are not permitted to carry banners, pictures, streamers, musical instruments or any other visible accessory or object that is not part of the CGAs official uniform. Any of these items found in the possession of Ceremony participants may be confiscated at the CGF's sole discretion.
4. Additional country flags are not permitted. Each nations flag is carried by nominated flagbearers at the head of each nations parading team. The Organising Committee is also displaying the flags of all participating nations within the stadium (Alexander Stadium).



5. Small, handheld cameras are permitted. The use of these cameras are subject to athletes and officials not delaying the parade and any generated images/videos are subject to the CGF's Social Media (including smartphones).
6. All participants in the Opening Ceremony are required to assemble, parade and disperse as per the instructions of the CGF & Birmingham 2022.