



CGF Policy

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to outline the principles and process in relation to the withdrawal of athletes from the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games (B2022) following the Entry by Name Deadline, in order to:
- Ensure CGAs return athlete slots that they are no longer in a position to use due to unforeseen or extenuating circumstances and where it is not possible to replace the athlete under the terms of the Late Athlete Replacement Policy.
 - To support distribution or reallocation to other CGAs wherever possible and ensure maximum usage of the total number of athlete slots (4,638 for the B2022).
 - Support Organising Committee planning including but not limited to competition scheduling, training scheduling, village allotments
 - Support future Games planning
- 1.2 This policy applies to all athletes (including Pilots/Guides/Directors) of CGAs attending B2022.
- 1.3 This policy applies following the close of the B2022 Entry by Name deadline (23:59 GMT + 1 on 29 June 2022) up until the close of the respective CGA's scheduled Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM), or two (2) hours prior to the start time of the respective sport technical meeting (discipline specific where relevant) as published in the final version of the B2022 Sport Handbook(s), whichever occurs first. As a result of the unique and extenuating circumstances caused by COVID-19, the CGF reserves the right to amend the dates in this policy and in their sole and absolute discretion, should it be deemed necessary.
- 1.4 For the avoidance of doubt, where there is an inconsistency between the respective IF rules and regulations and this policy, the CGF Athlete Withdrawal Policy shall prevail within the timelines stipulated in clause 1.3.
- 1.5 Any athlete withdrawals submitted any later than the timelines stipulated in clause 1.3 must be conducted in line with the respective IF rules and regulations.
- 1.6 The CGF is committed to working proactively with each CGA to ensure compliance with this policy. In addition to this commitment and effort to support the sport entry process, the CGF stresses the importance of each CGA adhering to this policy to ensure maximum usage of the total number of athlete slots (4,638 for B2022).



2. Governance and Management

- 2.1 The implementation of this policy will be the responsibility of the CGF Sports Director (or appointed designate).
- 2.2 Any disputes shall be addressed to a committee comprising the Co-Chairs of the Sports Committee and the Chair of the CGF Governance & Integrity Committee (or their respective designates).
- 2.3 The aim of this process is to return a decision in a timely manner therefore the decision of the ad hoc committee will be final and binding. Each dispute will be considered on its own merits and will not create a precedent.

3. Process

- 3.1 The B2022 Entry by Name deadline is 29 June 2022 at 23:59 (GMT + 1).
- 3.2 Should a CGA need to withdraw an athlete for unforeseen or extenuating circumstances following the Entry by Name deadline, they are required to do as soon as possible and no later than their scheduled DRM or two (2) hours prior to the start time of the respective sport technical meeting (discipline specific where relevant), whichever occurs first.
- 3.3 Athlete withdrawals must be submitted to the B2022 Sport Entries Team via the B2022 Athlete Withdrawal Form including all supporting documentation within the timelines stipulated in this policy. The CGF reserve the right to request additional supporting documentation and seek independent medical advice if necessary.
- 3.4 Following the acceptance of an athlete withdrawal, the CGF reserves the right to redistribute that particular slot in accordance with the Distribution of Contingency Slots Policy; or reallocate the slot in accordance with the reallocation of unused qualification slots process as outlined within the respective Sport Athlete Allocation System.
- 3.5 For the avoidance of doubt, after the Entry by Name deadline as outlined in 3.1, the replacement of an athlete may be permitted in accordance with the Late Athlete Replacement Policy.
- 3.6 Once the athlete withdrawal has been accepted, athlete privileges may be removed, and they may be requested to return their accreditation pass should they have already completed the validation process.
- 3.7 At the CGF's absolute discretion, the acceptance of an athlete withdrawal may result in Team Official numbers and travel grants being adjusted in line with the Team Size Calculator Policy.



4. Acknowledgement of Extenuating/Extraordinary Circumstances

- 4.1 The CGF acknowledges that there may be extenuating/extraordinary circumstances whereby a CGA is unable to comply with the Withdrawal Policy. In such situations, CGAs will be required to inform the CGF in writing, in the first instance to the CGF Sports Director of the relevant extenuating/extraordinary circumstances and must provide supporting evidence regarding the extenuating/extraordinary circumstance.
- 4.2 Each case submitted to the CGF under 4.1 of this policy will be considered on its own merits.