



# CGF Policy

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## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to outline the principles, criteria, and process (including timelines), in relation to the Confirmation of Slot Usage for the Open Athlete Allocation Quota slots, in order to:
- ensure maximum usage of the total number of athlete slots (4,638 for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games (B2022)), to support full field sizes, stabilisation of competition formats and support more accurate competition and training scheduling;
  - ensure CGAs return Open Athlete Allocation Quota slots as early as possible and no later than the deadlines stipulated in this policy, to enable slots to be reallocated to other CGAs, in line with the Distribution of Contingency Slots Policy; and
  - to discourage CGAs from late return or non-return of Open Athlete Allocation Quota slots
- 1.2 This policy applies to the slots awarded to CGAs via the Open Athlete Allocation Quota method only, either through the initial distribution of open allocation slots to CGAs on March 31 2020, or through any subsequent distribution of open allocation slots under the Distribution of Contingency Slots Policy. For the avoidance of doubt, the Badminton Team event is included within scope of this policy.
- This policy does not apply to those sports implementing a sport specific qualification method (that include sport specific reallocation processes).
- 1.3 This policy applies to the period up until the B2022 Accreditation deadline (18 March 2022), as published by B2022. As a result of the unique and extenuating circumstances caused by COVID-19 and the subsequent impact to all international sporting calendars, the CGF reserves the right to amend this date and in their sole and absolute discretion, should it be deemed necessary.
- 1.4 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 (4,683 for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games).



## **2. Governance & 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).

## **3. Principles**

- 3.1 Ensure the maximum usage of the total number of athlete slots (4,638 for B2022).
- 3.2 Notification in writing by a CGA confirming Open Athlete Allocation Quota slot usage no later than the stipulated deadline will signify compliance with the Policy. Notification shall indicate both the number of Open Athlete Allocation Quota slots the CGA will use and the number the CGA will not use, thereby returning them to the Open Athlete Allocation Contingency pool.
- 3.3 Unless there are substantiated extenuating/extraordinary circumstances, a CGA will be deemed to be non-compliant should they fail to comply with the conditions set out in this Policy.
- 3.4 It is recognised there may be extenuating/extraordinary circumstances, where CGAs are unable to confirm acceptance of Open Athlete Allocation Quota Slots by the stipulated deadline, such cases will be considered on the justification provided.

## **4. Process**

- 4.1 All CGAs must confirm in writing to the CGF the total number of Open Athlete Allocation Quota slots to be used and the total number of Open Athlete Allocation Quota slots that will not be used (and thus returned to the contingency pool) by the B2022 Accreditation Deadline for CGA Athletes and Team Officials of **18 March 2022**, as published by the B2022 Organising Committee and subject to change in accordance with 1.3 above. This process will be facilitated by CGAs completing the Confirmation of Slot Usage Form.
- 4.2 All CGAs are encouraged to confirm slot usage as early as practical and no later than the B2022 Accreditation Deadline (outlined in 4.1) to support the distribution of Contingency Slots.
- 4.3 For the avoidance of doubt, CGAs will be required to submit Team Size Calculator information by the published deadlines to the B2022 Organising Committee, in addition to complying with the process outline in this policy.

## **5. Acknowledgement of Extenuating/Extraordinary Circumstances**

- 5.1 The CGF acknowledges that there may be extenuating/extraordinary circumstances, whereby a CGA is unable to use a slot previously confirmed through this process. In such situations, CGAs will be required to inform the CGF in writing of the relevant extenuating/extraordinary circumstances and provide necessary supporting evidence regarding non-compliance with this policy and this process.