



CGF Policy

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Introduction

- 1.1 Contingency Slots are defined as Open Athlete Allocation Quota slots attributed to Open Allocation sports that have either been ringfenced for strategic distribution or become available for strategic distribution, due to slots being returned or unused by a CGA (as outlined in the Confirmation of Slot Usage Policy).
- 1.2 The purpose of this policy is to outline the principles, criteria, and process (including timelines) in relation to the distribution of Open Athlete Allocation Contingency Slots.
- 1.3 This policy applies to those sports implementing an Open Athlete Allocation Quota slot method for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.
- 1.4 This policy does not apply to those sports implementing a sport specific qualification method for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games (that include sport specific reallocation processes), unless otherwise agreed*. The CGF reserves the right to distribute unused sport specific qualification slots via the Distribution of Contingency Slots Policy, where the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots Process (as outlined in the sport specific Athlete Allocation Systems as published by the CGF) has been exhausted.

** Badminton Team event only will be delivered through qualification criteria, however these slots will be drawn from a CGA's Open Athlete Allocation Quota.*

- 1.5 This policy applies to the period up until 1 July 2022. 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 the dates in this policy and in their sole and absolute discretion, should it be deemed necessary.
- 1.6 The CGF is committed to working proactively with each CGA to ensure compliance with this policy, to ensure maximum usage of the total number of athlete slots. In addition to this commitment and efforts 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 the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games).



2 Governance & Management

- 2.1 The implementation of this policy will be the responsibility of the CGF Sports Committee.
- 2.2 Any disputes shall be addressed to the CGF Executive Board. The decision of the Executive Board will be final and binding. Each dispute will be considered in its own merit and will not create a precedent.

3 Distribution of Contingency Slots – determining factors

- 3.1 As determined by the CGF Sports Committee and ratified by the CGF Executive Board, one or more of the following factors (listed in no particular order) will be considered when determining the distribution of Contingency Slots. The factors are based on the CGF guiding principles of quality, quantity, and universality.
 - 3.1.1 Support Host CGA participation (quality)*
 - 3.1.2 Support event viability for 'under review' events (quantity)
 - 3.1.3 Support other undersubscribed events (quantity)
 - 3.1.4 Support the participation of top Commonwealth athletes on a sport specific basis, not otherwise selected (quality)
 - 3.1.5 Ensure gender representation on a sport specific basis (universality)
 - 3.1.6 Ensure regional representation on a sport specific basis (universality)
 - 3.1.7 Support athlete performance pathways for athletes on an identifiable development pathway not otherwise selected, on a sport specific basis (universality)
 - 3.1.8 Support small CGA participation (universality)
 - 3.1.9 Next Host CGA team development priorities (quality)

**See Appendix 1*

- 3.2 The CGF reserves the right to expand the factors listed in 3.1, in the case of exceptional circumstances/unanticipated events (e.g., refugees, new nation(s) entering/re-entering the Commonwealth, impact of the global pandemic COVID-19).

4 Process

- 4.1 The CGF will initiate the distribution of Contingency Slots by periodically issuing a call for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) to all CGAs. Each EOI call will specify the criteria to be met by CGAs when requesting slots under the call (e.g., athletes eligible to compete in specified undersubscribed events).
- 4.2 In response to an EOI call, CGAs interested in applying for Contingency Slots are required to complete the Expression of Interest (EOI) form and submit to the CGF no later than the deadlines outlined in section 4.3:
- 4.3 Contingency Slots will be distributed according to the prescribed timelines below. The distribution of Contingency Slots is subject to availability and is reliant on CGAs complying with the Confirmation of Slot Usage Policy.



- Distribution 1 31 March 2020 (initial Open Athlete Allocation Quota to all CGAs)
- Early Distribution January 2021 (Host CGA Only)
- Distribution 2 20 August 2021
- EOI Form 3 29 October 2021
Distribution 3 By 30 November 2021
- EOI Form 4a 18 March 2022
Distribution 4a By 31 March 2022
- EOI Form 4b 6 May 2022
Distribution 4b By 20 May 2022
- EOI Form 5 1 June 2022
Distribution 5 By 1 July 2022

4.4 CGAs must submit Team Size Calculator (TSC) information to the B2022 Organising Committee by the deadlines published by B2022 in order to be considered for the distribution of Contingency slots:

- TSC v1 12 Feb 2021
- TSC v2 21 Sept 2021
- TSC v3 25 March 2022 (Entry by Number Deadline)
- TSC v4 29 June 2022 (Entry by Name Deadline)

4.5 CGAs will be required to confirm acceptance of Contingency Slots in writing to the CGF within a prescribed timeframe. Any conditions on acceptance of a Contingency Slot(s) will be communicated by the CGF at the time of offer. 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.

4.6 The award of Contingency Slots will not automatically grant additional Team Officials. Team Officials may be adjusted in line with the Team Size Calculator 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 comply with the Distribution of Contingency Slots Policy. 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.



Appendix 1

Note to 3.1.1:

In Feb 2021, the CGF Executive agreed to grant an early distribution of twenty (20) additional athlete slots to CGA England, from the contingency of Open Athlete Allocation Quota slots for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, to support their participation as the Host CGA. This early distribution award was based on the following conditions:

- Commonwealth Games England commits to using the additional twenty (20) slots to move as close as reasonably possible toward gender parity in their overall team composition.
- Commonwealth Games England agrees that for all future calls for the distribution of slots according to the Distribution of Contingency Slots Policy, that any Commonwealth Games England submissions will only be considered after all eligible submissions from all other CGAs have been fulfilled.

In August 2021, the CGF agreed to a Distribution 2 allocation to 21 CGAs (including the Host CGA) that had a difference of at least 5 slots less than their Open Allocation Quota entitlement for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games. The early Host CGA Distribution to CGA England of 20 additional slots (January 2021) was taken into account in Distribution 2 and the formula adjusted accordingly (i.e., CGA England received an additional 4 slots in Distribution 2 to a total of 24 contingency slots). As a result, the following condition applied to CGA England in Feb 2021 has now been removed:

- Commonwealth Games England agrees that for all future calls for the distribution of slots according to the Distribution of Contingency Slots Policy, that any Commonwealth Games England submissions will only be considered after all eligible submissions from all other CGAs have been fulfilled.