



CGF Policy

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to outline the principles, criteria, and process in relation to the consideration of late athlete replacements at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games (B2022).
- 1.2 In line with the Host City Contract for B2022, late athlete replacements can be accepted with the approval of the CGF.
- 1.3 This policy is only applicable to:
 - Open allocation sports/disciplines where CGAs have entered athletes using their open allocation quota; and
 - Qualification sports/disciplines where qualification slots have been allocated to the CGA (including Pilots/Guides/Directors) and not to an Athlete by Name.
- 1.4 This policy does not apply to qualification sports/disciplines where qualification slots have been allocated to the CGA by Athlete by Name. Athlete replacements in this instance will be administered in line with the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots process as detailed in the respective Athlete Allocation System(s).
- 1.5 This policy applies following the close of the B2022 Entry by Name deadline (23:59 GMT + 1 on 29 June 2022) up until 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). 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.
- 1.6 For the avoidance of doubt, where there is an inconsistency between the respective IF rules and regulations and this policy, the CGF Late Athlete Replacement Policy shall prevail.

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 decided by an ad hoc 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 any decision of the ad hoc committee made under 2.2 of this policy will be final and binding.
- 2.4 Each dispute decided by the ad hoc committee will be considered on its own merits and will not create a precedent.

3. Principles

- 3.1 The principles of this policy are to:
 - Ensure the maximum usage of the total number of athlete slots (4,638 for B2022).
 - Ensure full field sizes per sport/discipline and maintain quality of competition.
 - Enable the CGF, B2022 Organising Committee and respective International Federations to schedule and plan the respective competitions accordingly.

4. Process

- 4.1 The B2022 Entry by Name deadline is 29 June 2022 at 23:59 (GMT + 1).
- 4.2 Following the Entry by Name deadline, the CGF in consultation with the relevant International Federation (IF) and CGF Medical Commission (when deemed appropriate by the CGF), may approve a permanent replacement of an athlete by another eligible athlete only in the same sport and discipline and event(s) where there are extenuating/extraordinary circumstances (e.g., medical circumstances, Anti-Doping rule violations and appeals) that may prevent the participation of an athlete in B2022.
- 4.3 CGAs will be permitted to request a late athlete replacement following the close of the Entry by Name deadline and up until 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).
- 4.4 Late athlete replacement requests must be submitted to the B2022 Sport Entries Team via the B2022 Late Athlete Replacement 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 required to support the assessment of the late athlete replacement request.
- 4.5 Subject to 6 of this policy all athletes identified for late athlete replacement shall satisfy the following conditions:
 - The replacement athlete meets the CGF's eligibility regulations in accordance with the CGF Constitution; and have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, respective IF and the World Anti-Doping Code as may be modified and



applied by the Federation to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed.

- The replacement athlete meets the qualification criteria, where applicable, as set out in the sport specific Athlete Allocation Systems.
- The replacement is for the same sport, discipline(s), and event(s). Where late athlete replacement requests are submitted for athletes that are entered into multiple events, CGAs will use best endeavours to submit an athlete replacement that is eligible to compete in all the events in which the original athlete was entered. Late athlete replacements will only be permitted to compete in the events in which the original athlete was entered.
- The CGA of the replacement athlete had applied successfully for accreditation (and entry visa process if required) for the athlete prior to the accreditation application deadline and thus, the replacement athlete has been registered by B2022 in the “CGAs Athlete Accreditation Long List”.
- For Team Sports only, the replacement athlete must also feature on the Preliminary Squad list.

4.6 If the replacement athlete is not already in the United Kingdom and requires an entry visa to travel to the United Kingdom, the CGA of the replacement athlete must contact the B2022 Accreditation team as soon as possible to ascertain if a late visa application can be facilitated. To be eligible for the late visa application process CGAs must have provided the athletes details & visa requirements prior to the accreditation application deadline as part of the “CGAs Athlete Accreditation Long List”.

4.7 Once an athlete replacement has been approved, all athlete privileges will be transferred from the withdrawn athlete to the replacement athlete (including Pilots/Guides/Directors). The withdrawn athlete’s accreditation pass must be handed in if they have already completed the validation process and they cannot be re-accredited to participate in B2022 in any event.

5. Late Athlete Replacement – Eligible Sports

5.1 Late athlete replacement requests will be permitted for the following sports only:

5.1.1 Open Allocation Sports:

Aquatics (Diving and Swimming); Athletics; Badminton*; Boxing; Cycling (Track, Road and Mountain Bike); Gymnastics (Artistic and Rhythmic); Judo; Lawn Bowls; Squash; Triathlon and Wrestling.

**Please note that for the Badminton Teams event specifically, should a CGA be unable to replace an athlete(s), or their late athlete replacement request is declined, and it results in having less than the minimum number of athletes to permit Mixed Team event participation (2 male and 2 female athletes), then the Mixed Team allocation slot will be reallocated in accordance with the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots process as detailed in the Badminton Athlete Allocation System.*

5.1.2 Team Sports where qualification slots have been allocated to the CGA and not to an Athlete by Name. This includes the following sports:

Beach Volleyball; Basketball 3x3*; Cricket T20*; Hockey*; Netball*; Rugby Sevens*.



Should a CGA be unable to replace an athlete(s), or their late athlete replacement request is declined, and it results in having less than the minimum number of athletes required to permit participation, then the CGA allocation slot would be reallocated in accordance with the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots process as detailed in the respective Athlete Allocation System(s).

**Any replacement athlete must be contained on the Preliminary Squad list submitted by a CGA as at 29 June 2022.*

- 5.1.3 Individual Sports where qualification slots have been allocated to the CGA and not to an Athlete by Name. This includes the following sports:

Table Tennis*; Weightlifting**.

**This only applies to the CGAs that have qualified for the Table Tennis Team Event (Men and Women). Should a CGA be unable to replace an athlete(s), or their late athlete replacement request is declined, and it results in having less than the minimum number of athletes required to permit Team Event participation (3 athletes per team), then the CGA allocation slot will be reallocated in accordance with the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots process as detailed in the Table Tennis Athlete Allocation System.*

***This only applies to athletes that have qualified via the Host CGA qualification method. Should a CGA be unable to replace an athlete(s) that has qualified via this method, or their late athlete replacement request is declined, then this allocation slot(s) will be reallocated in accordance with the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots process as detailed in the Weightlifting Athlete Allocation System.*

- 5.1.4 Para Sports where qualification slots have been allocated to the CGA and not to an Athlete by Name. This includes the following sports:

Para Cycling Track*; Para Lawn Bowls**, Wheelchair Basketball 3x3**

**This excludes athletes that have qualified for Para Cycling Track via the Bipartite Invitation Process.*

*** Should a CGA be unable to replace an athlete(s), or their late athlete replacement request is declined, and it results in having less than the minimum number of athletes required to permit participation, then the CGA allocation slot would be reallocated in accordance with the Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots process as detailed in the respective Athlete Allocation System(s).*

6. Acknowledgement of Extenuating/Extraordinary Circumstances

- 6.1 The CGF acknowledges that there may be extenuating/extraordinary circumstances whereby a CGA is unable to comply with the Late Athlete Replacement 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.
- 6.2 In the event of a dispute the matter will be decided in accordance with 2.2 and 2.3 of this policy.