



XXII Commonwealth Games,
Birmingham, England 28th July to 8th August 2022
England Athletics Para-Athletics Selection Policy

1. Overview

- 1.1. The Commonwealth Games Federation (“**CGF**”) have announced the Athlete Allocation System (“**AAS**”) for the Para-athletics events at the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games. England Athletics (“**EA**”) have adopted the AAS as the means of selection for the para team to the XXII Commonwealth Games (“**Games**”).
- 1.2. Allocation of places for athletes to compete in the Para Athletics events will be allocated by the CGF following the process detailed in the AAS.
- 1.3. EA will recommend to Commonwealth Games England (“**CGE**”) that it accepts each invitation allocated to an English athlete. (CGE is the Commonwealth Games Association for England, referred to as CGA in the AAS document)

2. England Athletics overview of Athlete Allocation System

- 2.1. **It is essential all athletes and interested parties read the full Commonwealth Games Federation ‘AAS’ policy [which can be downloaded here](#). This overview is not a replacement for and should not be read as a separate document to the ‘AAS’.**
- 2.2. The relevant Qualifying period is **31st December 2020 to 31st December 2021**
- 2.3. Each event will have a **maximum total of eight athletes** from across all eligible countries. The universal relay has to be filled with athletes who have already qualified.
- 2.4. Each Commonwealth Games Association (in the case of English athletes this is CGE) can have a maximum of three athletes in any event.
- 2.5. The CGF will send an invitation to CGE inviting named athletes in a process based on the IPC world ranking database and on a ‘Universality’ clause. (see section 4 of the AAS).
- 2.6. EA will recommend CGE accept all invitations received on behalf of athletes (subject to the conditions as detailed in the AAS).

- 2.7. If an invited English athlete qualifies in **one** confirmed sport class (each referred to as a “slot”) but this athlete declines their invitation in that allocated slot, the invitation will then be handed back to the CGF who will pass onto the athlete who is next in the World Rankings, according to the reallocation policy detailed in the AAS. (Potentially this could be a non-English athlete). EA and CGE do not have any influence on this procedure.
- 2.8. If an athlete was allocated **two** slots (for different events) and turned one down, the declined slot will be reallocated by CGF, based on the IPC World rankings. (Potentially this could be a non-English athlete.) EA and CGE do not have any influence on this procedure.
- 2.9. Queries about this process should be directed to Andy Day, Team Manager Commonwealth Games, England Athletics by email only at aday@englandathletics.org.

Men's Medal Events (6)	Eligible Sport Classes
• 100m T38	• T37/38
• 1500m T54	• T53/54
• 100m T12	• T11/12
• 100m T47	• T45/46/47
• Discus F42-44/F61-64	• F42/43/44/F61/62/63/64 (Raza points)
• Marathon T54*	• T53/54

Women's Medal Events (6)	Eligible Sport Classes
• 100m T38	• T37/38
• 1500m T54	• T53/54
• 100m T34*	• T33/34
• Discus F42-44/F61-64	• F42/43/44/F61/62/63/64 (Raza points)
• Shot Put F57	• F55/56/57
• Marathon T54*	• T53/54

Universal Relay

Team composition, running order and eligible Sport Classes for the 4x100m universal relay are stipulated as follows:

1. The relay team must include two male and two female eligible athletes.
2. A maximum of two athletes must be selected from the following Sports Classes: T13, T46/47, T38, T54.
3. The remaining two athletes must be selected from any of the other Sports Classes outlined below.
4. The running order must be in accordance with the following:
 - Leg 1: T11-12
 - Leg 2: T42 – 47, T61 – 64,
 - Leg 3: T35 -38
 - Leg 4: T33 - 34, T51- 54
5. Team composition, running order and eligible Sport Classes for the Universal Relay must be in full accordance with Rule 23 of the World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations.

3. Essential Eligibility Criteria

- 3.1. Acceptance will be subject to the invited athlete having met the essential eligibility criteria below, under which each invited athlete must:
 - be eligible to represent England at the Games in accordance with the CGF Eligibility requirements.
 - have signed the relevant CGE team members' agreement and the CGF eligibility form
 - agree to and comply with pre-Games preparation policies and plans which will be published nearer the time and determined by the Team Leader at their absolute discretion.

- Be internationally classified with a confirmed sport class or review with a fixed review date of 2023 or at the sport entries deadline of June 2022
- Hold an active World Para Athletics Licence for the 2022 season
- Have achieved a valid result in at least one World Para Athletics recognised competition within the qualification period as stated in Paragraph 2.2 (in accordance with the IPC Athlete licensing Programme Policies valid 2020/2021 seasons) in the event(s) in which they intend to compete in. *
- hold a valid British passport; and
- complete appropriate UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) education and training.

*World Para Athletics and CGF may consider any valid, personal, and/or extenuating circumstances for not being compliant with the above eligibility requirements. All decisions made by World Para Athletics and CGF are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.

3.2. Eligibility requirements are set by the CGF and CGE's decision on any question of eligibility shall be final. The eligibility requirements are set out under Article 24 of the Commonwealth Games Federation's Constitution (link will be added in due course once confirmed by The CGF)

4. Confidentiality

4.1. All those involved in the invitational process for the CGE Athletics team must keep confidential and not disclose any information regarding any aspect of the process, the invited athletes and the members of the team unless authorised by EA. CGE and EA will work together to agree a media release and announcement of the team.

4.2. Athletes informed of invitation should not disclose this publicly until the official announcement has been made by CGE and EA.

5. Changes to the Selection Policy

5.1. England Athletics reserves the right to amend or vary this policy where necessary at any time.

5.2. Any amendments or variations to this policy will be clearly communicated to all parties through the England Athletics website.

6. Timelines

EA will confirm acceptance with invited athletes according to the timeline in the AAS and as soon as possible after 7th February 2022.

7. Appeals

7.1. The AAS indicates CGF and its Executive Board will have sole responsibility for any disputes arising from the AAS. There will, therefore, be no appeal to EA or CGE.

7.2. CGF and CGE may have athletes invited through the AAS rejected due to non-performance issues such as those raised by UKAD and any other relevant body.

7.3. Should this arise, CGE will notify EA, who in turn will inform the affected athlete within 24 hours of receipt of such information, where possible.

7.4. An affected athlete may then query this notification. This must be made directly to CGE Deputy Chef de Mission (Sport and Athletes), Frankie Carter-Kelly, by email only at: f.kelly@teamengland.org

7.5. EA will not make any representation for or on behalf of the affected athlete should this situation arise.