



2023 Commonwealth Youth Games (U18) 4th
– 11th August 2023
Trinidad & Tobago

Para Athlete Nomination Policy
Published January 2023- Version.1

Background

England Athletics and Team England are pleased to announce inclusion of Para Athletes for the 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games in Trinidad & Tobago. This will be the first time Para Athletics events will take place at a Commonwealth Youth Games and provides an exciting opportunity for developing athletes to progress on to representing senior teams at major international championships in the future.

Para Athletes can gain selection for the Commonwealth Youth Games through direct invitation from the Commonwealth Games Federation and through nomination from England Athletics. England Athletics will accept all direct invitations and will nominate additional para-athletes who have a realistic medal winning potential where there is capacity within the team size quota allocated by Commonwealth Games England (CGE).

1. Event Schedule

Please note that the Commonwealth Games Federation and Local Organising Committee (LOC) have selected a reduced competition schedule and not all events will be catered for at the 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games.

| Boys | | Girls | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Event | Eligible Sport Classes | Event | Eligible Sport Classes |
| 100m T38 | T35/36/37/38 | 100m T38 | T35/36/37/38 |
| Long Jump T38 | T35/36/37/38 | Long Jump T38 | T35/36/37/38 |
| Discus F42-44/F61-64 (Raza points) | F42/43/44/ F61/62/63/64 | Discus F42-44/F61-64 (Raza points) | F42/43/44/ F61/62/63/64 |

A maximum of 2 athletes per event can be selected

2. Eligibility

In order to be eligible to compete, athletes must:

- a) Be born in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009
- b) Be internationally classified with a confirmed sport class status or review with a fixed review date of 2024 or later by the sport entries deadline of 19 June 2023
- c) Hold an active World Para Athletics Licence for the 2023 season by the sport entries deadline of 19 June 2023
- d) Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or World Para Athletics or IPC or under the World Anti-Doping Code
- e) Sign the Commonwealth Games England Team Members' Agreement ("TMA") and abide by its Terms and Conditions. Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition, will result in their selection being withdrawn.

3. Invitation Criteria

The criteria to award the para-athletics slots which will be used by the Commonwealth Games Federation in consultation with World Para Athletics will be as follows:

- a) Eligible athletes who have successfully participated in the CGF development programme (GAPS) that have demonstrated a previous level of performance
- b) Host nation representation
- c) Regional representation within the event
- d) Depth of field and strength of competition
- e) Demonstrated previous levels of performance
- f) Any other factor(s) considered relevant by World Para Athletics and CGF

The deadline for Team England to nominate Para Athletes is **24th April**.

The outcome of the which athletes have been awarded a place at the games is **12th May**.

4. Nomination Criteria

If there are remaining places in para-event following the direct invitation process, England Athletics will endeavour to select additional athletes who have realistic medal winning potential. Additional athletes will be selected based on:

- a) Nationally classified athletes without an international classification not identified through WPA rankings
- b) Performance standard ranked top 3 in U18 Commonwealth Games ranking (where data is available)

5. Conditions

- a) Due to the Commonwealth Games Federation invitational and nomination process, athletes are encouraged to compete outdoors in a WPA licenced meeting **before 24th April** to ensure they give themselves the best possible chance of gaining an eligible performance before the nomination deadline. Performances from the 2022 outdoor season are likely to still be considered by the CGF, but athletes must not assume they have met the selection criteria from 2022 performance.

- b) Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or hold an approved or endorsed licence by World Para Athletics. WPA licenced competitions can be found the UKA Fixtures page.
- c) Level 1 license competitions will NOT be valid for qualification purposes. Any athlete/coach who is unsure as to which competitions will be acceptable for qualification purposes are advised to contact Job King at British Athletics iking@britishathletics.org.uk
- d) Wind-assisted performances (or OUTDOOR performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available) will not be accepted.
- e) Performances achieved in mixed events held completely in a stadium will not be accepted. This includes male paced, female distance events.
- f) Hand-timed performances in 100m **will not** be accepted;

6. Appeals

There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the Commonwealth Youth Games Team made by the Selection Panel. The provisions of the EA Selection and Nomination “Fast” Appeals Procedure do not apply to the EA team selections for the 2023 Youth Games.

7. Amendment

England Athletics reserves the right to amend this policy at its sole discretion and will make any amended version publicly available (including the date on which any amendment was made) at www.englandathletics.org.

8. Team Management

Scott Grace – England Athletics Team Leader
Alison Potts – England Athletics Team Manager

Please check the England Athletics Website for further updates.