



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 Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games (G2026).
- 1.2 In line with the Host Collaboration Agreement for G2026, 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 Qualification System(s).
- 1.5 This policy applies following the close of the G2026 Entry by Name deadline (23:59 GMT + 1 on 23 June 2026) 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 G2026 Sport Team Leaders Guide(s). The CGF reserves the right to amend the dates in this policy at its sole and absolute discretion, should they deem it necessary. CGAs will be notified of any changes.
- 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 Director of Sport (or appointed designate).



- 2.2 Any disputes shall be addressed in the first instance to a three (3) person ad-hoc committee established by the CGF Executive Board. The ad-hoc committee will comprise of Chair of the CGF Sports Committee, the CGF Development committee and 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 (2930 for G2026).
 - Ensure full field sizes per sport/discipline and maintain quality of competition.
 - Enable the CGF, G2026 Organising Committee and respective International Federations to schedule and plan the respective competitions accordingly.

4. Process

- 4.1 The G2026 Entry by Name deadline is 23 June 2026 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 Anti-Doping and 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 G2026.
- 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 G2026 Sport Team Leaders Guide(s).
- 4.4 Late athlete replacement requests must be submitted to the G2026 Sport Entries Team via the G2026 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 any request under this Policy.
- 4.5 Subject to section 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 as per 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 CGF 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 Qualification Systems.
- The replacement is for the same sport, discipline(s), and event(s). Late athlete replacements will only be permitted to compete in the event(s) in which the original athlete was entered.
- The replacement athlete has been registered by G2026 in the “CGAs Athlete Accreditation Long List” and has or will be granted a visa to enter the host country.
- For Team Sports only, the replacement athlete must also feature on the Preliminary Squad list, where required.

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 G2026 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 returned to the Organising Committee if they have already completed the validation process, and they cannot be re-accredited to participate in G2026 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:

Artistic Gymnastics; Athletics; Bowls; Boxing; Cycling Track; Judo; Swimming.

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:

3x3 Basketball*; Netball*.

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 Qualification System(s).

**Any replacement athlete must be contained on the Preliminary Squad list submitted by a CGA as of 23 June 2026.*

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:



Weightlifting*.

**This only applies to athletes that have qualified via the Host CGA automatic qualification method.*

- 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 Bowls*, 3x3 Wheelchair Basketball*

** 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 Qualification 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 Director of Sport of the relevant extenuating/extraordinary circumstances and must provide supporting evidence regarding the extenuating/extraordinary circumstance.
- 6.2 Each case submitted to the CGF under section 6.1 of this Policy will be considered on its own merits and it will be at the sole discretion of the CGF as to whether to permit the Late Athlete Replacement.