England Athletics
Selection Policy & Standards for the
2026 Glasgow, Commonwealth Games
23 July to 2 August 2026

1. Overview

1.1 This document outlines the factual information about selection for Team England at the Commonwealth Games 2026 (the **"Games"**) and the process by which England Athletics (**"EA"**) will arrive at its decisions to nominate athletes for selection for Team England ("**Selection Policy**").

1.2 EA have been allocated (by Commonwealth Games England (**"CGE"**)) a maximum team size of 60 athletes within the overall CGE wider team allocation.

1.3 This Selection Policy sets out EA's key aims for, and role in, the Games, namely:

1.3.1 selecting a team to achieve the highest possible number of medals at the Games for Team England;

1.3.2 nominating the maximum team size (60) (subject to athletes achieving the selection criteria in section 5); and

1.3.3 providing aspirational standards for EA athletes.

1.4 EA will nominate athletes to CGE for approval (or otherwise) following the selection meeting to be held on **Monday 15 June 2026**. Please note that CGE reserves the right not to approve an athlete nominated by EA (a separate appeals process applies in that case: see section 9.4 below).

1.5 With a maximum team size of just 60 for Team England, athletes who wish to be considered for selection (under this Selection Policy) must acknowledge and accept that achieving an EA Qualifying Standard (as defined and set out in section 4 below), does not guarantee athlete selection.

2 Essential Eligibility Criteria.

2.1 To be considered for selection, athletes must be eligible to represent England at the Games in accordance with the eligibility requirements of the Commonwealth Games Federation ("**CGF**"). Those include a requirement that all athletes must:

2.1.1 hold a valid British Passport;

2.1.2 complete appropriate UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) education and training; and

2.1.3 complete and submit the Team England Games Registration information by **Friday 19 December 2025**.

2.2 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 in Appendix 1.

3 Selection Panel

3.1 It is the responsibility of EA to nominate athletes for a place on Team England at the Games, and provide these nominations to CGE. EA delegates this responsibility to the Selection Panel.

3.2 The Selection Panel will consist of the following individuals:

- an Independent Chair (Non-voting);
- a Representative of Muckle LLP (England Athletics' Legal Advisors) (Non-voting);
- the Team Leader (Voting plus Casting Vote);
- EA Event Group Lead for Jumps and Combined Events or an EA nominated event representative (Voting);
- EA Event Group Lead for Sprints/Hurdles/Relays or an EA nominated event representative (Voting);
- EA Event Group Lead for Endurance or an EA nominated event representative (Voting);
- EA Event Group Lead for Throws or an England Athletics nominated event representative (Voting); and
- an independent observer from the UKA Athletes' Commission (non-voting)

(together the "**Selection Panel**").

3.3 The Selection Panel may invite additional representatives to attend all or part of their selection meeting, including a statistician, media, medical, and any other representatives as required to provide such information as the Selection Panel considers is necessary. These additional representatives will not, however, be entitled to vote at the meeting attended.

3.4 CGE is invited to have a non-voting observer at the meeting.

3.5 If any member of the Selection Panel has an actual or potential conflict of interest in respect of any selection matter, that member shall declare that interest at the earliest opportunity (ideally in writing prior to the start of the selection meeting) to the Chair of the Panel and Team Leader.

3.6 The Chair of the Selection Panel shall rule how any conflict declared will be dealt with to ensure fairness. In any event, any member of the panel with a connection to any athlete (e.g. as the athlete's relative, agent, (former) coach) under consideration will not be permitted to vote or participate in the decision regarding the athlete's selection (or otherwise).

3.7 If the Team Leader has a conflict of interest over a selection, then the Independent Chair will delegate the Team Leader's vote to one of the other voting members (the choice of whom is at the Independent Chair's sole discretion) (including their casting vote, if required).

3.8 The nomination of athletes for approval (or otherwise) by CGE shall be conducted by the Selection Panel in accordance with the selection process (set out in section 5 below), and with reference to the EA Standards (set out in section 4 below) and the EA Conditions (set out in section 10 below).

3.9 Minutes will be taken of the meeting and of each decision, noting any conflicts of interest declared and how they were managed.

4 England Athletics Qualifying Standards

4.1 The England Athletics minimum qualifying standards that athletes must satisfy to be eligible for competing at the Games are shown below (the "**Qualifying Standards**"). The conditions on how the Qualifying Standards will be used and what counts as an eligible mark are set out in the "Selection Criteria" (at section 5 below) and "England Athletics Conditions" (at section 10 below).

4.2 The Qualifying Standards set out the minimum qualifying standard for an athlete to be *considered* for selection onto Team England at the Games. **An athlete should therefore not assume they will be selected having achieved the Qualifying Standard(s) set out herein.**

MEN	EVENT	WOMEN
10.17	100m	11.25
20.50	200m	22.80
45.20	400m	51.40
1:45.00	800m	1:59.90
3:36.00/ 3:53.00	1500m / Mile	4:05.80 / 4:25.00
13:25.00	5000m	15:20.00
27:50.00	10,000m	32:00.00
41:30.00	10,000m Walk	47:15.00
13.55	110mH/100mH	13.00
49.50	400mH	55.75
8:30.00	3000m SC	9:35.00
8.00	Long Jump	6.65
2.25	High Jump	1.90
16.70	Triple Jump	14.00
5.45	Pole Vault	4.45
78.50	Javelin	57.50
19.60	Shot Put	17.50
61.50	Discus	57.00
71.50	Hammer	66.50
7900	Decathlon/Heptathlon	5900

5 Selection Criteria

5.1 To be considered as part of the nomination process, athletes must achieve the relevant Qualifying Standards (see section 4 above) within the following qualification period:
00:00 (GMT) 1 May 2025 to 23:59 (GMT) 14 June 2026* (inclusive) (the "**Qualification Period**")

**Any competition taking place in the North America and South America after 23:59 (GMT) but still on the 14th June 2026, will count within the Qualification period.*

5.2 The Selection Panel (as set out in section 3.2) will select athletes in four rounds, as explained at section 5.4 below, then put forward those athletes to CGE for approval (or otherwise).

5.3 The Selection Panel will select athletes that they, in their sole discretion, determine are most likely to win a medal at the Games, taking into consideration the following criteria (listed in no particular order of importance):

5.3.1 the Commonwealth Ranking lists* at the time of the selection meeting, **Monday 15 June 2026** (using data sourced from Power of 10, World Athletics and Tilastopaja.info websites and by independent ratified sources)**;**

5.3.1.1 A maximum of 3 athletes per event can be selected by each country.

5.3.1.2 The GAP to medal (how far a ranked athlete is away from a Top 3 ranking will also be used to determine how likely they are to win a medal at the Games, in line with **5.3)**.

5.3.2 Current Form, defined as an athlete's performances during the below periods. Weighting will be given in the order set out below, with the period closest to the Games (at 5.3.2.1) having the strongest weighting.**

5.3.2.1 1 April 2026 to 14 June 2026 (inclusive)

5.3.2.2 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026 (inclusive)

5.3.2.3 1 May 2025 to 31 December 2025 (inclusive);

5.3.3 consistency of performances within the Qualification Period;

5.3.3.1 Where available, the **average top four performances** in each event throughout the Qualification Period (except for those set out in **5.3.3.2**) will be used in the first instance.

5.3.3.2 Where available, the **average top two performances** throughout the Qualification Period will be used in the first instance for the 5000m, 10,000m, 10,000m Race Walking and Combined Events.

5.3.4 previous National & International Championship performance history (between 2022-2026);

5.3.5 Head-to-Head performances within the stated Qualification Period***;

5.3.6 Current / recent injury/illness status (injury/ illness recorded since or ongoing at 1 January 2026) which the Selection Panel considers may impact the athlete's performance at the Games, taking into account relevant medical evidence; and

5.3.7 any other factor(s) which, in the Selection Panel's sole discretion, may affect or determine an athlete's ability to win a medal at the Games.

**** Rankings list will be based on performance times, distance and heights, not WA points.***

*** Current Form does not specifically relate to the event(s) the athlete is being considered for selection, and may be demonstrated in a similar event.*

**** Head to Head refers to comparing two or more athletes' performances against each other in the same competition.*

5.4 The Selection Panel will, acting in its sole discretion, nominate individual athletes to CGE in four rounds as follows:

Round 1: (Most realistic medal contenders)

In the first round the Selection Panel will consider the following:

5.4.1 For individual events (subject to clause 5.4.3), athletes who:

5.4.1.1 have achieved two or more Qualifying Standards during the Qualification Period; **and**

5.4.1.2 **are Ranked in the Top 8 on the Commonwealth Ranking Lists** (3 per event, per country - see 5.3.1.1) **as at Monday 15 June 2026**.

5.4.2 For combined events, 5000m, 10,000m and 10,000m Race walk athletes who have:

5.4.2.1 achieved at least one Qualifying Standard during the Qualification Period; **and**

5.4.2.2 **Ranked in the Top 8 on the Commonwealth Ranking Lists** (3 per event, per country - see 5.3.1.1) as at Monday 15th June 2026 or as at the 31st December 2025 (within the qualification period).

5.4.3 Where an athlete cannot satisfy the criteria at either section 5.4.1 or 5.4.2 due to illness or injury, but has been an individual medallist at a Major International Championship (i.e. World, European, Olympic and Commonwealth championships) between 1 June 2024 to 14 June 2026 (inclusive), the Selection Panel may, in its sole discretion, nevertheless nominate that athlete for a place on Team England at the Games (subject to that athlete proving the necessary fitness levels to the satisfaction of the Selection Panel up to the final selection date of the 14 June 2026).

Round 2: (Relays)

5.4.4 A team may be selected for each of the following relay events:

a. Women's 4 x 100m
b. Men's 4 x 100m
c. Mixed 4 x 400m

5.4.5 The relevant number of athletes will be selected by the Selection Panel for each relay team (women's 4x100m, men's 4x100m, mixed 4x400m) and in line with the World Athletics Competition Rules & Technical Rules for relays.

5.4.6 Athletes who are selected in the previous rounds in their corresponding individual event will be automatically selected for the 4 x 100m relays.

5.4.7 When considering relay events and associated individual events, the Selection Panel will select athletes for the event where they have the most opportunity to maximise medal success. This may result in an athlete being required to prioritise the relay over their individual event if selected individually, or being selected for the relay event only. In order to make such assessment, the Selection Panel will look at the Competition timetable for the Games and the potential impact on timing of individual events for the relay schedule. Go to the competition timetable.

5.4.8 In selecting the athletes, the Selection Panel will consider the following criteria (listed in no particular order of importance):

i. performance and performance consistency within the Qualification Period in individual and relay events;
ii. Current Form (as defined in clause 5.3.2) during the 2026 outdoor season;
iii. specific relay skills as assessed in training and in competition including but not limited to:
   a. consideration of the team make-up and other athletes selected (adaptability, ability to execute a particular leg),
   b. relay flat speed performance,
   c. check mark discipline;
   d. consistency of performance in key relay elements as determined by the

Selection Panel;

iv. recent championship performance history (2024-2026) in individual and relay events.

v. The timetable for the Games and impact on athlete individual events;

vi. Head to Head (as defined in clause 5.3.5) performances within the Qualification Period.

vii. Current / recent injury/illness status (injury/ illness recorded since or ongoing at 1 January 2026) which the Selection Panel considers may impact the athlete's performance at the Games, taking into account relevant medical evidence;

viii. Contribution and commitment to relay team-based training/competition activity; and

ix. any other factor(s) which in the Selection Panel's sole discretion may affect or determine an athlete's ability to win a medal at the Games.

5.4.9 Relay runners do not need to hold the individual event guideline Qualifying Standard to be selected for the relevant relay team and, with the exception of clause 5.4.6, selection for an individual event will not automatically guarantee selection for a relay team.

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Round 3: (other potential medal contenders in individual events)

If, after Round 1 and 2, there are still places available, the Selection Panel will consider nominating athletes who:

5.4.10 achieved **one or more** Qualifying Standard during the Qualification Period;

5.4.11 are, in the Selection Panel's sole discretion based on evidence provided to it, in line with the selection criteria, deemed to have the potential chance of winning a medal; or

5.4.12 have already been selected in either Round 1 or 2, but only if, in the Selection Panel's opinion (acting reasonably), this will not detract from their performance in the events for which they have been selected, including the relays.

5.4.13 For the avoidance of doubt, the Selection Panel is not obliged to nominate any athletes or to fill all / any event places in Round 3 if, in its sole discretion, it considers that there are not a sufficient number of suitable athletes (to nominate or fill the remaining places) in line with points 5.4.10, 5.4.11 and/or 5.4.12.

Round 4 : (Future global medal potential)

5.4.14 After rounds 1, 2 and 3, if there are still places potentially available on Team England, the Selection Panel has the right to consider and nominate those athletes who have not met the criteria in rounds 1 to 3 (as long as they satisfy the eligibility requirements noted in section 2 above) but who the Selection Panel considers, at its sole discretion, may have the potential of winning an individual medal in a future Major senior International championship.

5.4.15 In choosing athletes in round 4, the Selection Panel will consider the criteria set out at section 5.3 above together with evidence provided of an athlete's performance trajectory to decide if an athlete has a potential chance of winning a medal at a future Major senior International Championship. For the avoidance of doubt, the Selection Panel is not required to nominate any athletes in Round 4 if, in its sole discretion, there are no suitable athletes.

Reserves list

5.4.16 The Selection Panel will, for the purposes of section 8.6 and otherwise, consider the selection criteria set out in sections 5.1 – 5.3, in selecting a reserve list, which shall be ranked to ensure that there will be a pre-determined order for replacing selected athletes who become unable to compete for whatever reason.

5.4.17 An athlete competing in a specific event may only be replaced by a person on the reserves list who is qualified to compete in that specific event. If there is no such person, that athlete's place on Team England will remain vacant.

6 Confidentiality

6.1 All those involved in the selection process must keep confidential and not disclose any information regarding any aspect of the process (including any selection appeals process), the nominated athletes and the team selected, unless authorised in writing by EA. CGE and EA will work together to agree a media release and announcement of the team.

6.2 Athletes informed of their nomination or selection should not disclose this to any public body until the official announcement has been made by CGE and EA.

7 Timeline

7.1 There will be one selection meeting of the Selection Panel, currently scheduled to be held on **Monday 15 June 2026**, during which athletes will be selected for nomination to CGE.

7.2 Athletes will be informed of their nomination for selection (provisionally by **5pm on Tuesday 16 June 2026**, although this may change and is subject to sections 7.5 and 7.7 below and CGE's ultimate authority in respect of final nominations as set out at section 9.4 below).

7.3 Nomination decisions will be communicated to athletes through a range of different communication channels including (but not limited to) oral announcements to groups of athletes, telephone calls, text messages (WhatsApp) or email. It is the responsibility of athletes to regularly review these communication channels to receive the nomination and selection decisions and any subsequent communication relating to any related appeal. Athletes should inform EA of a preferred method of communication and provide relevant telephone numbers etc.

7.4 Due to time and logistical constraints, it may not be possible for EA to contact all athletes who have not been nominated. If an athlete has not been notified by **5.00pm on Tuesday 16 June 2026**, they should assume that they have not been nominated. There is no obligation on EA to notify of non-nomination.

7.5 Athletes may appeal a decision of the Selection Panel not to nominate them to CGE, or appeal a decision by CGE not to approve the nomination, or both. Please see the England Athletics Selection and Nomination Appeals policy for further details. Relevant appeals under that policy can be made between **5pm Tuesday 16 June until 5pm Thursday 18 June 2026** (or during such other timeframe as may otherwise be communicated by EA/CGE).

7.6 Appeals decisions will be made between **Friday 19 June 2026 and Sunday 21 June 2026** (or during such other timeframe as may otherwise be communicated by EA/CGE).

7.7 Appeals decisions will be communicated directly by the appeals panel with the athlete and any other athletes that may be impacted because of a successful appeal. Note: with a maximum team size, a successful appeal could increase team size above the maximum limit, which is not permissible. In such case, a previously selected team member will need to be denominated. Athletes should be aware of this possibility until after the final appeals process is completed. Please refer to section 9 below and the EA Selection and Nomination Appeals policy in detail for more information.

7.8 The relevant team will be re-nominated by the Selection Panel following appeal decisions and the final nominations submitted to CGE, provisionally on **Monday 22 June 2026.**

7.9 Confirmation of approval by CGE to EA will take place provisionally on **Tuesday 23 June 2026** with a public announcement of Team England by CGE and EA planned to follow this date. (Note: any rejections of nominations by EA to CGE would trigger part 2. of the appeals process to be conducted by CGE).

7.10 All nominated athletes must, as a condition of their potential approval by CGE, sign the relevant CGE team members' agreement (TMA), the CGF eligibility form and 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.

Nomination Timeline

Key Events	Provisional Dates
Qualification Window Opens	**Thursday 1st May 2025 (00:00 GMT)**
Qualification Window Closes	**Sunday 14th June 2026 (23:59 GMT)***
Nominations Meeting	**Monday 15 June 2026**
Final Nominations submitted to CGE	**Monday 22 June 2026**
Selections Confirmed by CGE	**Tuesday 23 June 2026**

Non-nomination Appeals Timeline

Action	Provisional Dates & Times (GMT)
Nominated athletes are contacted by EA	**by 5.00pm on Tuesday 16 June 2026**
Non-nominated athlete request notes from selection meeting	**by 8:00pm on Tuesday 16 June 2026**
EA to supply meeting notes	**by 2.00pm Wednesday 17 June 2026**
Athlete to submit Notice of Appeal	**by 5.00pm on Thursday 18 June 2026**
Appeal Panel Hearing	**between Friday 19 June 2026 and Sunday 21 June 2026**
Outcome communicated to the Athlete and EA	**As soon as possible following the Appeal Panel Hearing**

8 De-nomination, withdrawal and replacements

8.1 Final approval of nominations for Team England is dependent on the timely provision of relevant information required by CGE, such as completion and signing of the CGF Eligibility form and CGE Team Member Agreement.

8.2 All nominated athletes must have completed the required UKAD anti-doping education process before (**22 May 2026 - Phase 1 and 2 July 2026 - Phase 2**).

8.3 Athletes who are or become unfit due to illness or injury at any time following their selection must notify EA immediately at SelectionpolicyG2026@englandathletics.org.

8.4 Athletes may be required by EA to undertake fitness and/or medical tests at any time following their nomination and/or selection. Athletes must make themselves available at EA designated locations for any such tests as and when requested. Any athlete that:

8.4.1 is judged unfit by EA (acting in its sole discretion) following such fitness and/or medical tests; or

8.4.2 refuses to take or complete a fitness and/or medical test;

will be de-nominated / removed from Team England at the sole discretion of the Selection Panel.

8.5 If an athlete withdraws from any individual event, they will automatically be withdrawn from any relay place they have also been selected for within the Team.

8.6 Replacement of athletes removed from Team England in the circumstances set out in section 8.4 or 8.5 will be considered in accordance with CGF's policy on late replacements and at the complete discretion of the Team Leader if considered to be in the best interest of the overall team performance.

9 Appeals to EA

9.1 No appeals will be allowed against the content of the published Selection Policy (as amended from time to time).

9.2 Athletes may only appeal their non-nomination according to the timeline detailed in section 7 above and only according to the procedure laid out in the EA Selection and Nomination Appeals Policy.

9.3 The EA Appeals Panel may allow or dismiss any athlete appeal or appeals or refer the decision back to the Selection Panel for reconsideration in the light of the appeal panel findings. If the appeal is successful, the Selection Panel may, considering the permitted limit to team numbers, need to consider afresh the selection/nomination of other athletes (see section 7.7 above).

9.4 CGE has ultimate authority for the final selection decisions for place on Team England at the Games. If CGE does not endorse a nomination by EA, details of the CGE appeal process will be available from CGE and published on the EA website.

9.5 All other information regarding appeals is detailed in the EA Nomination Appeals Policy.

10 England Athletics Conditions

This section sets out the conditions which shall determine whether a performance is a qualifying performance which may be assessed against the relevant Qualifying Standard for the purpose of the Selection Process.

10.1 Performances must be achieved during competitions organised or authorised by World Athletics, its Area APP Associations or its National Member Federations and conducted in conformity with World Athletics Rules and for which an application has been submitted in advance. The list of National Permit competitions will be published on the Global Calendar pages of the World Athletics website.

10.2 Events will only be listed on the World Athletics global calendar if they are licensed as a UKA Level 2 competition or higher and have a World Athletics permit/licence.

10.3 Multiple performances achieved by an athlete in the same individual event in a single day will only count as follows:

a) in a track event - at an official England Athletics Championships and at the official Championship of UK national level or higher; and

b) in a field event - only the best mark in the final and best mark in the pool.

10.4 Performances otherwise achieved in the same individual event in a single day will count as follows:

a) in track events - only the fastest legal result of the day;
b) in throwing events - only the best trial of the first competition of the day;
c) in horizontal jumps - only the best trial of the first competition of the day, unless every mark achieved by the athlete was in an illegal wind, in which case a second competition held with a legal wind reading will count; and
d) in vertical jumping events, only the result of the first competition of the day will be counted unless the competition was abandoned for safety reasons in which case a second competition held under safer conditions will count.

10.5 Performances achieved in mixed events (in stadia) between male and female participants shall **not** be considered, except for walks, so long as the walks event is external to the track. This includes performances where a pacemaker is of a different gender.

10.6 Wind-assisted performances (or performances achieved at events where wind measurement was not available) for events held completely in a stadium will **not** be accepted.

For combined events the conditions set in World Athletics rule 149.3 (or any revised or amended rule relating to wind readings in combined events in force at the time) will be applied for qualification purposes. This requires that at least one of these conditions be met:

a) the wind velocity in any individual event shall not exceed plus 4 metres per second; or
b) the average wind velocity (based on the algebraic sum of the wind velocities, as measured for each individual event, divided by the number of such events) shall not exceed plus 2 m/s.

10.7 Hand-timed performances in 100m, 200m, 400m, 110/100m hurdles, 400m hurdles and 4x100m relay and combined events shall **not** be accepted.

10.8 In endurance events of 800m and longer, where automatic timing has been compromised, hand times shall be considered. In these exceptional circumstances the performance must have been timed by three timekeepers, each of whom should be Level 4 Technical Officials.

10.9 Indoor performances for all field events and for races of 200m or longer shall be accepted.

10.10 100m, 200m, 400m, 110m/100m hurdles, 400m hurdles performances at altitudes of above 950m will not be considered.

10.11 Due to the lack of racing opportunities in the 10,000m Race Walking event, performances in a certified 10k race walking road event will be considered from **1 January 2026.**

11 Changes to the Selection Policy

EA reserves the right to amend or vary this Selection Policy (in its entirety or in part) at any time. Any such amendments or variations will take effect from the first date of publication of the amended Selection Policy on the EA website.

12 Commonwealth Games Para Selection Policy

The Para-team for the Games is nominated through a different process and therefore EA has produced a separate selection policy for para-athletes: 'Commonwealth Games Para-athlete policy 2026'.
Download the Para athlete policy

If you have any questions regarding this Selection Policy, please contact EA by email only at SelectionpolicyG2026@englandathletics.org.

Appendix 1 – Commonwealth Federation Byelaw 16

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1. It is the responsibility of all Affiliated CGAs to ensure that their competitors are fully aware of and comply with Byelaw 16.

2. PRIMACY

2.1. Subject to Byelaw 16(4) 16(5) 16(6) and 16(7), a competitor shall be eligible to represent the Commonwealth Country which enters them where they satisfy at least one of the following requirements:

a) Are in possession of a current valid passport of the Commonwealth Country which enters them, or:

b) Are a subject who can demonstrate 'Belonger Status' in Great Britain or relevant British Overseas Territory of the Commonwealth Country which enters them.

2.2. In respect of the following Affiliated CGAs: -

i. Guernsey, Jersey, and Isle of Man. The governments of these three Crown Dependencies do not define citizenship. For these Affiliated CGAs, citizenship shall be defined as three (3) years continuous residency immediately prior to the Commonwealth Games. For the avoidance of doubt, the immediately prior three-year period shall mean the three-year period that immediately precedes the "final entries deadline"* date of the relevant Games as determined by the respective Organising Committee ("Continuous Residency") and the competitor must be in possession of a current valid UK passport.

ii. Northern Ireland. Byelaw 16 will defer to the Belfast Agreement (1998). Northern Ireland athletes who meet birth right criteria are to be treated equally regardless of their possession of either a current valid UK or Irish passport (but must hold one of these). This right is enshrined within the Constitution Issues (iv) of the 1998 Belfast Agreement.

iii. Norfolk Island. Any individual who was in possession of a current valid New Zealand passport and was also deemed eligible to compete at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games for Norfolk Islands may continue to compete for Norfolk Islands at future iterations of the Games.

3. SECONDARY

3.1. Subject to Byelaw 16(4) 16(5) 16(6) and 16(7), where a competitor was born in a Commonwealth Country which has common citizenship/passport with other Commonwealth Countries, the competitor may represent either::

a) the Commonwealth Country of their birth; or
b) the Commonwealth Country of birth of their parent; or
c) where the relevant IF recognises grandparents as part of its eligibility criteria, the competitor may represent the Commonwealth Country of birth of their grandparent; or
d) the Commonwealth Country where they have completed a minimum period of three (3) years continuous residency immediately prior to the Commonwealth Games. For the avoidance of doubt, the immediately prior three-year period shall mean the three-year period that immediately precedes the "final entries deadline"* of the relevant Games as determined by the respective Organising Committee.

3.2. Subject to the other provisions of this Byelaw 16, where a competitor is eligible to represent more than one Affiliated CGA due to common passport privileges they may choose which Affiliated CGA to represent. For the avoidance of doubt, if an individual has competed at a Commonwealth Youth Games this will not be deemed to be a choice of country, and the competitor may choose to represent a different Affiliated CGA at a Commonwealth Games.

3.3. For the avoidance of doubt subject to Byelaw 16(4) and 16(5) any competitor of a common passport area who competes for their common passport country (i.e. Great Britain, New Zealand and Australia) at either the Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games and/or any World Championships or any other major sporting event shall be entitled to choose to represent their home Affiliated CGA (e.g. Turks and Caicos) at the Commonwealth Games.

4. DISQUALIFICATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

4.1. A competitor shall not be eligible to represent the Commonwealth Country which enters them if they:

a) are currently under disqualification, expulsion or suspension by the Federation; and/or

b) are currently under disqualification, expulsion or suspension by their respective Affiliated CGA; and/or

c) are currently under disqualification, expulsion or suspension by their respective IF, National Federation and/or

d) are currently under disqualification or suspension under the World Anti-Doping Code.

5. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS

5.1. A competitor shall only be eligible to represent the Commonwealth Country which enters them if they:

a) Satisfy and comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Federation; and

b) Satisfy and comply their respective IF rules and regulations (including but not limited to, complying with respective IF eligibility rules as applied within each respective edition of the Commonwealth Games Athlete Allocation Systems); and

c) Satisfy and comply with the World Anti-Doping Code as applied within the Federation Anti-Doping Standard to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed.

d) For the avoidance of doubt, where there is an inconsistency between respective IF Nationality rules and regulations and those of the Commonwealth Games Federation, the Commonwealth Games Federation Bye Law 16 shall prevail.

6. TRANSFER OF ALLEGIANCE

6.1. After having established eligibility status under this Byelaw 16 a competitor who has previously represented one Commonwealth Country at a Commonwealth Games may not represent another Commonwealth Country unless they also receive the prior approval of the Federation, the relevant IF and the relevant previously represented Affiliated CGA. For the avoidance of doubt, this Byelaw shall not apply if an individual has represented a Commonwealth Country at a Commonwealth Youth Games. Applications under this Byelaw 16(6) must be submitted to the Executive Board two calendar months before the “final entries deadline”* for the respective Commonwealth Games. Applications must include formal confirmation of the prior approval of the relevant IF and the relevant previously represented Affiliated CGA.

6.2. All applications for transfer of allegiance under Byelaw 16(6) and/or discretionary eligibility dispensation under Byelaw 16(7) including all relevant paperwork and documentation must be submitted no later than two calendar months prior to the published "final entries deadline"*, as outlined by the respective Organising Committee.

7. DISPENSATIONS

7.1. The Executive Board shall delegate authority to the Governance and Integrity Committee (GIC) who have the power to grant dispensations to Byelaw 16 in exceptional circumstances and to consider any matters relating generally to Byelaw 16. Each application for dispensation under Byelaw 16 shall be considered on its own merits and will not create a precedent for any future applications. Decisions made by GIC are subject to the right of appeal directly to the Executive Board, whose decision shall be final and binding.

*"final entries deadline" means the final date that an individual athlete may be entered in a particular event(s) for the relevant Commonwealth Games, usually completed via an online entry system. Such date to be communicated for each relevant Commonwealth Games in the Sport Handbook.