



2026 GLASGOW COMMONWEALTH GAMES
23 JULY – 2 AUGUST 2026
PARALYMPICS AUSTRALIA NOMINATION POLICY FOR
PARA POWERLIFTING
VERSION 1.0 OF 18 AUGUST 2025

1. Application of this Nomination Policy

- 1.1 This Nomination Policy is issued by the Board of the Paralympics Australia.
- 1.2 This Nomination Policy shall take effect from 18 August 2025.
- 1.3 This Nomination Policy applies to:
 - a) All Athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to the Games Team to compete in Para Powerlifting; and
 - b) Paralympics Australia, including its Selectors, that wish to nominate Athletes to Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA) to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

2. Performance Aim for the Games

- 2.1 The Games represent the pinnacle of athletics achievement within Commonwealth nations.
- 2.2 Paralympics Australia Para Powerlifting Program will nominate Athletes that will assist Australia achieve its aspiration for Australia *“to be the No. 1 nation in both gold and overall medals at the 2026 Commonwealth Games”*.
- 2.3 Para Powerlifting performance aims for the Games are:
 - a) To send the most competitive possible Para Powerlifting team to represent Australia at the 2026 Commonwealth Games; and
 - b) Nominate athletes with the highest potential to win a medal at the 2026 Commonwealth Games; and
 - c) Nominate athletes with the highest potential to contribute towards the achievement of future Benchmark and Pinnacle event performance outcomes.

3. Selectors

- 3.1 The Paralympics Australia Para Powerlifting Selectors have been appointed by the Board.
- 3.2 The Selectors will consider and determine the nomination of Athletes to CGA to be considered for selection by CGA for the Games Team and comprise:
 - a) Kim Ellwood, Para Powerlifting General Manager, Performance & Pathways – Selector & Chair of Selectors;
 - b) Simon Bergner, Head Coach, Para Powerlifting – Selector;
 - c) Paul Sealey, Performance Pathway Manager, Para Powerlifting – Selector; and



- d) Tim Matthews, Senior Performance & Talent Advisor– Selector.

4. Nomination Procedure

4.1 Eligibility for Nomination

An Athlete will not be eligible for nomination by the Selectors unless the Athlete has first satisfied (to the reasonable satisfaction of the Selectors) each of the following conditions:

- a) the Athlete is an Australian citizen;
- b) the Athlete is eligible to represent Paralympics Australia;
- c) the Athlete has duly completed, signed and returned the Athlete Agreement to CGA prior to the Nomination Date;
- d) the Athlete has demonstrated to the satisfaction of Paralympics Australia Para Powerlifting that they are not suffering from any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing in the Games to the highest possible standard, notwithstanding the physical impairment of the athlete which enables them to be eligible to compete in the sport of Para Powerlifting;
- e) the Athlete has not by their actions or omissions brought themselves, Para Powerlifting, Paralympics Australia or CGA into public disrepute, censure or scandal;
- f) the Athlete has disclosed any current / ongoing investigations regarding potential breaches of any other national sporting organisation's policies as well as any substantiated / determined breaches of any other national sporting organisation's policies to both CGA and Paralympics Australia;
- g) the matters disclosed by the Athlete pursuant to clause 4.1(f) are not of a nature or severity that could bring the Athlete, Paralympics Australia or CGA into disrepute, scandal or censure or put others at risk if the Athlete were to be selected to the Games Team;
- h) the Athlete has not breached the CGA Anti-Doping By-Law as amended by CGA from time to time (unless the Athlete has already been sanctioned for the breach and completed the sanction imposed);
- i) the Athlete has not, to Paralympics Australia's knowledge, used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the Athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in Paralympics Australia's, the Commonwealth Games Federation's (CGF) or the CGA's Anti-Doping By-law;
- j) be internationally classified with a confirmed (C) sport class status or review with a fixed review date (FRD) of 2027 or later at the Sport entries Deadline of 23 June 2026;
- k) hold an active World Para Powerlifting Organisation (WPPO) license for 2025 & 2026;
- l) have complied with the minimum age regulations as stipulated by WPPO; and
- m) have not breached the WPPO Classification rules and regulations, or the International Paralympic Committee Athlete Classification Code, unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed.

4.2 Nomination Procedure for Qualification System Sports

- a) Australia must qualify for places in each Sport Event in accordance with the Para Powerlifting Qualification System for the Games **Appendix 2**.
- b) Qualification for a place in a Para Powerlifting Event by an Athlete does not guarantee that the Athlete will be nominated by Paralympics Australia or selected by CGA to compete in Para Powerlifting at the Games unless specified in the Para Powerlifting Qualification System.
- c) The Para Powerlifting Qualification System consists of two (2) methods of qualification for the Games:
 - (i) **Direct Qualification** – World Para Powerlifting Commonwealth Rankings (the Ranking Period is from 01 January 2025 – 01 January 2026); and
 - (ii) **Bipartite Invitation** – CGF allocation of Bipartite slots.
- d) The maximum number of athletes per CGA per event:

Gender	Entries
Women's events	2 athletes per event per CGA
Men's events	2 athletes per event per CGA

5. Qualification Pathway

Para Powerlifting qualification slots will be allocated in accordance with the following Qualification Pathway:

- a) **Direct Qualification** Method - the top nine (9) ranked Commonwealth athletes per medal event on the WPPO Commonwealth Rankings (using the [WPPO coefficient formula](#)) at the close of the Ranking Period as at 23:59 UTC on 01 January 2026 will be allocated a Direct Qualification slot in accordance with the below:
 - (i) CGAs will be eligible to qualify a maximum of two (2) athletes per medal event.
 - (ii) In the event the final Direct Qualification slot has been achieved by more than one (1) athlete with the same result, the tie break rule will be applied as per the [WPPO Rules](#) and Regulations to determine the allocation of the final Direct Qualification slot.
 - (iii) CGAs with an individual athlete(s) ranked in both medal events (Lightweight and Heavyweight) are required to declare to the CGF which medal event their athlete(s) wish to compete in.
 - (iv) For the avoidance of doubt, only results achieved by athletes at WPPO Recognised Competitions within the ranking period of 01 January 2025 – 01 January 2026 are eligible for Commonwealth Games rankings. The [WPPO competition calendar](#) is accessible via the WPPO website.
 - (v) Direct Qualification slots are awarded to a CGA by athlete by name and therefore are non-transferable or subject to appeal.
- b) **Bipartite Invitation** Method - three (3) Bipartite Invitation slots will be issued by CGF per medal event.
 - (i) CGAs must submit their applications for Bipartite Invitation slots to the CGF.



- (ii) In order to be considered for the award of a Bipartite Invitation slot, athletes must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in section 4 and have competed in at least one WPPO Recognised Competition within the Ranking Period.
- (iii) It is at the absolute discretion of WPPO and the CGF to allocate a Bipartite Invitation slot where an athlete has not competed in a WPPO Recognised Competition within the ranking period.
- (iv) The allocation of Bipartite Invitation slots is made at the absolute discretion of WPPO and the CGF. WPPO and the CGF will consider factors including but not limited to the following:
 - Regional representation;
 - Depth of field and strength of competition;
 - Demonstrate previous levels of performance commensurate to participation in the Commonwealth Games; and
 - Any extenuating circumstances that may have resulted in an eligible athlete being unable to achieve a valid result at a WPPO recognised competition within the Ranking Period.
- (v) The allocation of Bipartite Invitation slots shall be made by the CGF Director of Sport (or their appointed designate) and the Head of WPPO (or their appointed designate) (**‘the Bipartite Commission’**). All decisions of the Bipartite Commission are final and shall not be subject to appeal.
- (vi) Where maximum Direct Qualification slots of two (2) Australian athletes per medal event have not been obtained, the Selection Panel at its sole and absolute discretion, may recommend additional male and female Athletes to CGA for Bipartite Application submission to WPPO and the CGF.
- (vii) To be considered for a Bipartite Application by the Selection Panel, through the qualification period, an Athlete will:
 - Have the highest Coefficient Formula point score throughout the qualification period within the medal event; and/or
 - Have shown consistent performance and results in international competitions; and/or
 - Demonstrate the potential to contribute to future Benchmark and Pinnacle event outcomes (World Championships & Paralympic Games).
- (viii) For avoidance of doubt, despite meeting clause 5(b)(vii), the total Coefficient Formula Point score may not solely be the determining factor for consideration of prioritising CGA Bipartite Applications. The selectors at their discretion may choose to weight any factor stated in clause 5(b)(vii) above other factors stated in clause 5(b)(vii).
- (ix) As Bipartite Applications are at the sole discretion of Paralympics Australia and CGA, these applications are not subject to an appeal process.



6. Nomination Criteria

6.1 Categories of Nomination Criteria

- a) The criteria for nomination of Athletes by Paralympics Australia to CGA for selection to the Games Team comprise:
 - (i) the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria (as specified in clause 6.2; and
 - (ii) the Specific Nomination Factors (as specified in clause 6.3.
- b) Provided the requirements set out in clauses 6.2 and 6.3 are satisfied, the Selectors shall nominate to CGA, prior to the Nomination Date, those Athletes that the Selectors consider have met the applicable Nomination Criteria.

6.2 Over-Riding Nomination Criteria

- a) Determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete for a Sport Event, the Selectors must be satisfied overall that:
 - (i) the Athlete has a track record of quality and depth in competition performance;
 - (ii) Paralympics Australia is confident that the Athlete will be competitive at the Games; and
 - (iii) Paralympics Australia is confident that the Athlete will perform creditably in that Sport Event (the **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria**).
- b) In determining whether or not the Athlete has met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for the relevant Sport Event(s), the Selectors must take into consideration the Athlete's performances and results in the Sport Event at which they seek to be nominated and selected for the Games Team in the following Key Events during the period commencing on 01 January 2025 and ending on 31 December 2025:
 - (i) 2025 National Para Powerlifting Championships;
 - (ii) 2025 World Para Powerlifting Championships; and
 - (iii) World Para Powerlifting Approved competitions throughout 2025 as stated on WPPO competition calendar.

6.3 Specific Nomination Factors

- a) In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete, the Selectors may also take into account any one or more of the following additional factors regarding an Athlete:
 - (i) demonstrated adequate fitness and a commitment to maintain fitness and Individual Athlete Performance Plan (IAPP) as agreed with the Para Powerlifting Head Coach;
 - (ii) demonstrated a commitment to attendance at training camps at the discretion of Para Powerlifting Head Coach;
 - (iii) demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment;
 - (iv) demonstrated compliance with WPPO rules of events and competitions;
 - (v) understanding and respect for the obligations that accompany being a member of an Australian team when competing at the Games including respect for team members and support staff;
 - (vi) willingness to promote the Sport of Para Powerlifting in a positive manner;

- (vii) demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for themselves and their results;
- (viii) demonstrated reliability; and
- (ix) any other factor(s) the Selectors consider relevant,
(the **Specific Nomination Factors**).

- b) In considering any one or more of the factors set out in clause 6.2(a), the Selectors may make such enquiries of the Athlete or other persons as they see fit.
- c) The Selectors may give weight to any one or more of the Specific Nomination Factors. No particular factor shall be weighted more or less significantly due to the order in which that factor appears in clause 6.3(a).

6.4 **Extenuating Circumstances**

In any decision regarding the nomination of Athletes to CGA for selection to the Games Team, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, take into account any extenuating circumstances in accordance with clause 7.

6.5 **Nomination Procedure**

After consideration of the Nomination Criteria, the Selectors must follow the procedure set out in the CGA Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law.

7. **Extenuating Circumstances**

7.1 **Consideration of Extenuating Circumstances**

In considering the nomination of an Athlete to CGA for selection to the Games Team, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, have regard to extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) injury or illness;
- b) travel delays;
- c) equipment failure;
- d) bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member, which means a spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling; or
- e) any other factor that is reasonably considered by the Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.

7.2 **Athlete to advise the Selectors of applicable extenuating circumstances**

- a) Athletes that are unable to compete at competitions or other attendances required in this Nomination Policy, must provide written notice to the Chair of the Selectors (as identified in clause 3.2) of the applicable extenuating circumstances and reasons with as much advance notice as possible and ideally no less than seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the relevant competition or other attendances.
- b) If the Chair of Selectors is notified of extenuating circumstances in accordance with this clause 7, then the Selectors may have regard to those extenuating circumstances (on a case by case basis) but will have no obligation to base their nomination decision on the basis of such circumstances.

7.3 Medical Certificate

- a) In the case of injury or illness, an Athlete may be required by the Selectors to:
 - (i) provide a medical certificate; and/or
 - (ii) undergo an examination by one or more health practitioners nominated by the Selectors; and/or
 - (iii) provide the relevant health practitioners' opinion and/or report to the Selectors.
- b) Any failure to comply with clause 7.3(a) may preclude the Selectors from considering the injury or illness to be an extenuating circumstance.

8. Nomination Appeals Procedure

8.1 Nomination Appeals

Subject to the CGA Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law, an Athlete may appeal to the National Sports (NST) against their non-nomination by the Selectors provided always that the Athlete has submitted a duly completed and executed Athlete Agreement to the CGA prior to the Nomination Date.

8.2 Procedures for Nomination Appeals

Any appeal against non-nomination under clause 8.1 must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in Schedule 1 of the CGA Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law.

9. Inconsistencies

For the avoidance of doubt, if Paralympics Australia's Nomination Criteria:

- a) imposes a higher qualification standard; or
- b) permits a lesser number of participants; than stated by the Para Powerlifting Qualification System, this shall not be regarded as an inconsistency.

10. Amendments to this Nomination Policy

- 10.1 This Nomination Policy may be amended from time to time by the Paralympics Australia Board, before the Nomination Date, provided that CGA has first approved the proposed amendment(s). For the purpose of version control, any amended version of the Nomination Policy must state the version number and date of the amendment.
- 10.2 Once any amendments to the Nomination Policy are approved by CGA, Paralympics Australia must:
 - a) publish the amended Nomination Policy on the Para Powerlifting sport page of Paralympics Australia's website and social media channels;
 - b) communicate the amended Nomination Policy to all potentially eligible Athletes for the Games, coaches and other stakeholders; and
 - c) ensuring the amended Nomination Policy is known and adhered to.

11. Selection Announcements & Timelines

- a) CGA will determine the date when it will announce the nominated Athletes and

subsequent selection to the Team and this date will be advised.

- b) CGA is solely responsible for the announcement of Games Team Athletes.
- c) CGA will consult with Paralympics Australia to publicly announce Games Team Athletes at an agreed place and time.
- d) CGA will work with Paralympics Australia Para Powerlifting and media staff to promote the announcement of Games Team Athletes.

12. Appeal Process

12.1 Nomination Appeals Subject to the CGA Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law, an Athlete may appeal to the NST against their non-nomination by the Selectors provided always that the Athlete has submitted a duly completed and executed Athlete Agreement to the CGA prior to the Nomination Date.

12.2 Procedures for Nomination Appeals Any appeal against non-nomination under clause 12.1 must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in Schedule 1 of the CGA Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law.

13. Key Dates

01 January 2025	Para Powerlifting ranking period commences
18 August 2025	Nomination Policy posted on Para Powerlifting Page on Paralympics Australia Website
01 January 2026	Para Powerlifting ranking period closes
01 January 2026	Deadline for athletes ranked in two (2) medal events to notify Paralympics Australia which medal event the athlete wishes to compete in (in consultation with Head Coach)
By 09 January 2026	Deadline for CGA with athlete(s) ranked in two (2) medal events to notify CGF which medal event their athlete(s) wish to compete in
09 January 2026	Paralympics Australia Selection Panel meet to determine Bipartite Invitation applications (if required or applicable)
12 January 2026	Paralympics Australia submit Bipartite Invitation applications to CGA for submission to the CGF (if applicable)
By 15 January 2026	CGF to issue Direct Qualification slots to CGA
19 January 2026	Paralympics Australia Selection Panel to meet to consider acceptance of qualified slots
20 January 2026	Paralympics Australia advise CGA of acceptance of Direct Qualification slot athletes
25 January 2026	CGA to confirm acceptance of Direct Qualification slots with CGF
26 January 2026 – 16 February 2026	CGF reallocation of returned Qualification slots (if applicable)
By 26 January 2026	CGF issue Bipartite Invitation slots to CGA (if applied for and received)
05 February 2026	Confirmation of Acceptance Deadline: CGA to confirm acceptance of

	Bipartite invitation slots with CGF (if applied for and received)
09 February 2026	Paralympics Australia Selection Panel meet to determine final Athlete Nominations to CGA for selection
09 February 2026	All Long List Athletes notified by Paralympics Australia of their Nomination or Non-Nomination
11 February 2026 (5:00pm AEDST)	Appeal window closes for Athletes to appeal to Paralympics Australia their Non-Nomination
By 18 February 2026	NST Selection Appeals Procedure
After 23 February 2026	CGA announcement of Selection of Para Powerlifting Team (Date TBA)
23 June 2026	Glasgow 2026 Entry by Name Deadline
23 July 2026 – 02 August 2026	Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games

14. Definitions

The following definitions apply in this document unless the context requires otherwise:

Appeal means an appeal, however described, against non-nomination or non-selection to a team for an event.

Appeal Tribunal means a Tribunal convened by the NST for the purpose of hearing an appeal in accordance with this selection Appeals procedure set out in the CGA Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law.

Athlete means a person who competes or participates in a Sport under the authority of Paralympics Australia and wishes to be considered for nomination to the Games Team.

Appellant means a person who has commenced a “Nomination Appeal” in the NST.

Athlete Agreement means the agreement in the form specified by CGA which governs the Athlete's participation in the Games that must be completed and duly executed by any Athlete wishing to be considered for nomination and selection to the Games Team in accordance with the CGA Nomination and Selection By-Law.

AUD means Australian Dollars.

Board means the Board of Paralympics Australia.

CGA means the Commonwealth Games Australia Limited.

CGF means the Commonwealth Games Federation.

Games means the 2026 Commonwealth Games to be held in Glasgow from 23 July 2026 to 2 August 2026.

Games Team means the team of athletes and officials who are selected by CGA in accordance with the



CGA Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law to represent Australia and participate in the Games.

IAPP means Individual Athlete Performance Plan.

IPC means International Paralympic Committee

Key Events mean any international or national World Para Powerlifting competition listed in clause 6.2.

Non-Nominated Athlete means any Athlete who is not nominated by Paralympics Australia to CGA for selection to the Team.

Non-Selected Athlete means any Athlete who is not selected by CGA to the Team.

Nominated Athlete means an Athlete who has been nominated by Paralympics Australia for selection to the Games Team in compliance with this Nomination Policy to the CGA by Paralympics Australia Para Powerlifting.

Nomination Criteria means the criteria specified in clause 6 comprising the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria and the Specific Nomination Factors.

Nomination Date means on or before 09 February 2026 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between CGA and Paralympics Australia), by which Paralympics Australia must submit any Nominated Athletes to the CGA.

Nomination Policy means this nomination document as amended by Paralympics Australia from time to time (subject always to CGA's prior written approval).

NSO means Paralympics Australia.

NST means the Australian Government entity known as the National Sports Tribunal established by the *National Sports Tribunal Act 2019* (Cth).

PA means Paralympics Australia, the governing body for Para Powerlifting in Australia.

Over-Riding Nomination Criteria has the meaning set out in clause 6.2(a).

Qualification System means the eligibility, participation and qualification criteria determined by CGF and applied by Paralympics Australia to nominate Athletes for each Qualification System Sport.

Qualification System Sports means Para Powerlifting.

Selected Athlete means any athlete Selected by CGA to the Games Team.

Selectors means the selectors appointed by Paralympics Australia as specified in clause 3.

Specific Nomination Factors has the meaning set out in clause 6.3(a).

Sport means Para Powerlifting

Sport Event means the following events on the program at the Games:

Medal Event	Bodyweight	*WPPO bodyweight categories included in this event
Men's Lightweight	Up to and including 72.00kg	Up to 49.00kg, Up to 54.00kg, Up to 59.00kg, Up to 65.00kg, Up to 72.00kg



Men's Heavyweight	Over 72.00kg	Up to 80.00kg, Up to 88.00kg, Up to 97.00kg, Up to 107.00kg, Over 107.00kg
Women's Lightweight	Up to and including 61.00kg	Up to 41.00kg, Up to 45.00kg, Up to 50.00kg, Up to 55.00kg, Up to 61.00kg
Women's Heavyweight	Over 61.00kg	Up to 67.00kg, Up to 73.00kg, Up to 79.00kg, Up to 86.00kg, Over 86.00kg

WPPO means World Para Powerlifting.

Schedule 1: CGA Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law.

Schedule 2: Para Powerlifting Qualification System.