



VI Commonwealth Youth Games  
Nassau, Bahamas  
19-23 July 2017

Nomination Policy  
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## **Introduction**

1. This nomination policy has been agreed by the Athletics Northern Ireland Management Board. It provides detail on the process by which Athletics Northern Ireland will arrive at nominations which will be submitted to NI Commonwealth Games Council (NICGC) for consideration for final selection for Nassau 2017. The policy should be read in conjunction with the Athletics NI Nomination Criteria which incorporates the guideline standards and some additional information. The final decision on selection to the 2017 Youth Games lies with the NICGC.

2. Nominations will be made by the Athletics Northern Ireland selection panel comprising
- a) The Athletics Northern Ireland Chairman (with casting vote)
  - b) The Athletics Northern Ireland Athlete Development Lead (voting)
  - c) A representative of the ANI Track and Field Committee (voting)

The Chairman of the Panel may also (at his/her discretion) seek assistance (in a non-voting capacity) from anyone else he/she feels may be of help.

## **Competition Format**

3. The Commonwealth Youth Games 2017 will include athletics events in the following disciplines:

**Men's:** 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m 1500m, 3000m, 110m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus, Javelin

**Women's:** 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m 1500m, 3000m, 100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus, Javelin

**Mixed Relays:** 4x100m, 4x200m, 4x400m

Maximum of two athletes per event

Athletes must be born in 2000 or 2001 (i.e. 16 or over and under 18). U18 implements and specifications will be used.

In the unlikely event we have a big enough team, relay athletes will only be nominated from individually selected athletes

## **Eligibility**

4. Only athletes eligible under NICGC rules will be considered (see Commonwealth Games Federation rule 25(2)). Athletes must be eligible to hold a UK passport by the date of final selection.

## **Athletics Nomination Criteria**

5. The primary consideration in nominating any athlete for selection will be their performances and Commonwealth youth rankings during the 2017 season. The qualifying period is 1 January 2017 to 6 May 2017 for all events. Due to the early nomination date, performances from the 2016 season will be considered but performances and Commonwealth rankings in 2017 as well as the potential to medal, will be the primary considerations. The standards set are only guidelines, and if places are available the selectors may consider athletes who are close to the standard without achieving it. Achievement of the guideline standard does not guarantee selection.

#### Nomination Criteria (In Priority Order)

- a) 2017 performances (% of standard achieved) and Commonwealth youth ranking 2017 based on those performances.
- b) Potential to medal.
- c) 2016 performances (% of standard achieved) and Commonwealth youth ranking 2016 based on those performances.
- d) Consistency of performance

6. Athletics Northern Ireland will send final nominations to NICGC on 7th May. NICGC will confirm final selections shortly afterwards.

7. Athletics Northern Ireland will contact all nominated athletes following the Athletics Northern Ireland nomination meeting. The Athlete Development Lead will contact, by telephone, in confidence those athletes who are considered to be close to selection but not successful.

#### **Appeals process**

8. Athletes who have not been nominated by the Athletics Northern Ireland selection committee may appeal against their non-nomination. This must be a written appeal (letter or email) and be submitted to and received by the General Secretary of Athletics Northern Ireland by 8th May at 10am.

9. The appeal panel will consist of three representatives of Athletics Northern Ireland who were not involved in the initial selection process.

10. Appeals against non-nomination by the selection panel will only be permitted where

- a) an athlete can provide evidence that procedures had not been followed or
- b) that the panel reached a decision based on an error of fact.

11. Athletics Northern Ireland will also have the opportunity to appeal to the NICGC if athletes who have been nominated by Athletics Northern Ireland have not been selected. These appeals will be made ahead of the final announcement of the team. Individuals do not have the right of appeal directly to NICGC.

## Athletics NI Nomination Criteria

The VI Commonwealth Youth Games will take place in Nassau, Bahamas from 19-23 July 2017. The Northern Ireland Commonwealth Games Council will be sending a small team to this championship and all sports will be competing for places on this team.

With this in mind Athletics Northern Ireland would like to make it clear that consideration for the Commonwealth Youth Games in Nassau will be based upon guideline standards (British 2015 World Youth Qualification Standards) and Commonwealth youth rankings during the qualification period from January 2017 until 6 May 2017. The size of the athletics team is unknown at this stage but is unlikely to be fewer than two or more than four athletes. Athletics NI will be giving priority to athletes with realistic medal potential.

These championships are clashing with the European Junior Championships / European Youth Olympic Festival and athletes will be expected to communicate to Athletics NI as well as Athletics Ireland or British Athletics what their priority competition will be.

Please read the full Eligibility Criteria below and for more information please contact, Tom Reynolds (Athlete Development Lead) via email [tom@athleticsni.org](mailto:tom@athleticsni.org) or on 07841804034

Eligibility Criteria Only athletes eligible under NICGC rules will be considered (see CGF rule 25(2)). Athletes must be eligible to hold a UK passport. Athletes must be born in 2000 or 2001 (i.e. 16 or over and under 18). The NICGC will make the final selection from the list of Athletics NI nominees. Current form must be demonstrated and will be an important selection criterion. Performances achieved at a school sports days or at a district schools championship will not be eligible. Indoor performances are acceptable subject to the level of competition and officiating. Wind assisted performances will not be accepted. Hand timed performances will not be accepted. GWYG Guideline Standards Based on World Youth Standards for British Athletics (2015 Standards)

### Athletics NI Consideration Standards (U18 Implements and Heights)

Men	Event	Women
10.65	100m	11.80
21.50	200m	24.05
47.50	400m	54.50
1:51.00	800m	2:08.00
3:51.00	1500m	4:24.00
8:18.00	3000m	9.30.00
13.75	110mH/100mH	13.80
52.50	400mH	60.50
2.10	HJ	1.78
7.35	LJ	6.05
18.70	SP	15.70
56.00	DT	47.00
70.00	JT	51.00

APPENDIX 1 The eligibility requirements are set out at Article 25 of the Commonwealth Games Federation's Constitution. Please see the federation's website for full details: <http://www.thecgf.com/about/constitution.pdf>. ARTICLE 25 – ELIGIBILITY

1. Subject to Article 25(2), as a condition of entry to compete in the Commonwealth Games, all competitors must be citizens or subjects of the Commonwealth Country that enters them and must: (a) not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the Federation, or their respective Affiliated CGA or IF or under the World Anti-Doping Code; 16 (b) comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Federation, their respective IFs and the World Anti-Doping Code as may be modified and applied by the Federation to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed.
2. Subject to Article 25(3), where a competitor was born in a Commonwealth Country that has common citizenship/passport with other Commonwealth Countries, the competitor may initially represent either the competitor's Commonwealth Country of birth; or the Commonwealth Country of birth of his or her father or mother that shares the same citizenship/passport.
3. After having represented one Commonwealth Country at the Commonwealth Games, a competitor may not represent another Commonwealth Country unless he or she receives the approval of the Federation, the relevant IF and the Affiliated CGAs of the two Commonwealth Countries concerned. Applications under this article must be submitted to the Executive Board at least 12 months prior to the commencement of the Games.
4. It is the responsibility of all Affiliated CGAs to ensure that their competitors are fully aware of and comply with the eligibility rules of the Federation.
5. The Executive Board shall have the power to waive the provisions of Articles 25 (1-3) in its discretion.