

Welsh Airgun Association

Team nomination and selection policy

Summary

A. Commonwealth Games

The Welsh Target Shooting Federation (WTSF) nominates athletes to the Commonwealth Games Council for Wales (CGCW) and the CGCW selects the athletes to represent Wales at the Commonwealth Games.

B. Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships (CSF) and the CSF (European Division) Championships (CSF(ED))

The Welsh Target Shooting Federation (WTSF) both nominates and then selects athletes for CSF and CSF(ED). It is possible for the Association to nominate additional athletes for CSF(ED) to the WTSF, but the team selection is decided by the WTSF.

C. Other International competitions

1. The Welsh Target Shooting Federation (WTSF) and the Association are both able to enter individuals and teams in International competitions (i.e. International competitions are defined as those taking place outside of mainland Great Britain and Northern Ireland, unless the competition is otherwise designated as an 'International' competition either by the WTSF or the Association).
2. The WTSF usually handle the entries for the following competitions:-
 - a. Dortmund (Germany)
 - b. Hannover (Germany)
 - c. Junior International (UK)
 - d. RIAC (Luxembourg)

D. Domestic competitions

The Association enters individuals and teams in domestic competitions.

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- 1 1.1 For the Commonwealth Games, Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships (CSF) and the Commonwealth Shooting Federation (European Division) Championships (CSF(ED)), a person may only be nominated by the Welsh Target Shooting Federation (WTSF) if they were born in Wales or their Mother or Father were born in Wales. Exceptionally, the Commonwealth Games Federation may alter or waive the eligibility criteria.
- 1.2 A person may be nominated for other International and domestic competitions if they meet the Association's membership criteria.
- 1.3 The basis for all nominations will be a number of scores from matches listed in a Calendar published by the Association. Scores from matches not listed in the calendar may also be submitted.
- 1.4 Following the cut-off date for submission of scores, a short-list of athletes in each event will be compiled.
 - 1.4.1 It should be understood that achievement of the WTSF Minimum Qualifying Standard (MQS) will not guarantee a nomination for the Commonwealth Games or selection by the WTSF for the CSF or the CSF(ED) events.
 - 1.4.2 The aim of the nominations will be to maximise the medal-winning potential of the team.
 - 1.4.3 The ranking lists (see paragraph 3) will not be the only consideration taken into account when nominating places, the factors listed in paragraph 1.5 are likely also to be considered.
- 1.5 In deciding nominations the following factors will be considered:
 - 1.5.1 Absolute scores, where and when achieved;
 - 1.5.2 Consistency of performance at relevant meetings;
 - 1.5.3 Consistency of achievement of the selection standard;
 - 1.5.4 Potential for future performance based on trends within past and current performance;
 - 1.5.5 Fitness;
 - 1.5.6 Commitment and attitude to training;
 - 1.5.7 Coaches' reports;
 - 1.5.8 The athlete's likely contribution to the team's success as a team member.
- 1.6 If, due to health or extenuating circumstances, a person has not competed for some time, e.g. 12 months, but may have the potential to reach or regain the WTSF CG / CSF medal level, the WTSF may include that person in the nomination process for Commonwealth events.

2 Nomination process for Commonwealth events

2.1 Commonwealth Games

- 2.1.1 For the Commonwealth Games, the WTSF Commonwealth Games Nomination Policy should be read.
- 2.1.2 The WTSF nominates a Shooting Team to the Commonwealth Games Council for Wales (CGCW), and it is the CGCW that selects a person to compete in the Commonwealth Games.
- 2.1.3 To qualify for nomination by the WTSF, the relevant WTSF Commonwealth Games (CG) Minimum Qualifying Standard (MQS) must be obtained more than once in the qualifying period set by the WTSF.
- 2.1.4 The achievement of an MQS, or more than one, does not guarantee a nomination.
- 2.1.5 In the cartridge pistol events, the MQS must be obtained using a relevant cartridge pistol.

2.2 Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships (CSF)

- 2.2.1 For the CSF, the WTSF Commonwealth Games Nomination Policy is also relevant.
- 2.2.2 The WTSF nominates a short list internally and then selects a Shooting Team to compete in the CSF Championships.
- 2.2.3 To qualify for nomination for an event at the CSF Championships, the relevant WTSF MQS must be obtained at least once, and preferably more than once, in the qualifying period set by the WTSF.
- 2.2.4 The achievement of an MQS, or more than one, does not guarantee a nomination or selection.
- 2.2.5 In the cartridge pistol events, the MQS must be obtained using a relevant cartridge pistol.

2.3 Commonwealth Shooting Federation (European Division) Championships (CSF(ED))

- 2.3.1 For the CSF(ED), the WTSF Commonwealth Games Nomination Policy is also relevant.
- 2.3.2 The WTSF nominates a short list internally and then selects a Shooting Team to compete in the CSF(ED) Championships.
- 2.3.3 To qualify for nomination for an event at the CSF(ED) Championships, the relevant WTSF MQS must be obtained at least once, and preferably more than once, in the qualifying period set by the WTSF.
- 2.3.4 The achievement of an MQS, or more than one, does not guarantee a nomination or selection.
- 2.3.5 In the cartridge pistol events, the MQS must be obtained using a relevant cartridge pistol.
- 2.3.6 It is possible that the WTSF may take nominations for CSF(ED) from the Association, but the team selection is decided by the WTSF.

- 2.4 Certain matches may further be designated by the WTSF as additional Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championship and Commonwealth Games Qualifying matches, and scores from these matches may be taken in addition to, or in preference to, submitted scores used in the ranking lists (see paragraph 3).

2.5 International Matches

- 2.5.1 Where the Association sends a Welsh Team to participate in an International Match, the size and composition will be governed by limitations imposed by the host country, Association finances and self-funding.
- 2.5.2 Places will be allocated firstly to competitors who have obtained the relevant International MQS for the event they desire to compete in. Places may then be allocated to competitors without a relevant MQS who desire to obtain a MQS and/or develop their experience and their capacity to achieve future success.
- 2.5.3 Juniors selected for International level competitions would be expected to be no younger than 13, able to shoot with one hand for pistol, keep all shots on the target and have some domestic competition experience.
- 2.5.4 Athletes under the age of 18 travelling with a team would usually need to be accompanied by a family member. If a family member is not able to accompany the junior, then the Association's WAA-038 "Temporary Guardianship (Under 18 years of age)" document will need to be completed.

2.6 Standards (*N.B. Rifle scores are scored to one decimal place*)

The following WTSF Minimum Qualifying Standard (MQS), WAA International MQS and WAA Minor Match MQS should be taken account of:-

	<i>WTSF MQS</i>	<i>WAA International MQS</i>	<i>WAA Minor Match MQS</i>
10m Air Rifle Men	613.4 x 654	603.4 x 654	584.9 x 654
10m Air Rifle Men Junior		591.1 x 654	579.9 x 654
10m Air Rifle Women	411.4 x 436	403.1 x 436	389.9 x 436
10m Air Rifle Women Junior		399.8 x 436	379.9 x 436
10m Air Pistol Men	569 x 600	552 x 600	540 x 600
10m Air Pistol Men Junior		534 x 600	525 x 600
10m Air Pistol Women	376 x 400	360 x 600	345 x 400
10m Air Pistol Women Junior		346 x 600	335 x 400
25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men	560 x 600		520 x 600
25m Sport Pistol Women	569 x 600		540 x 600
50m Pistol Men	540 x 600		510 x 600
25m Standard Pistol Men*	555 x 600**		535 x 600
25m Center Fire Pistol Men*	570 x 600**		550 x 600

* 25m Standard Pistol Men and 25m Center Fire Pistol Men are no longer included as events in the Commonwealth Games, but may be included in the Commonwealth Shooting Federation (CSF) Championships.

** Provisional MQSs

3 Ranking lists

- 3.1 A ranking list for each event will be established using the average of the three highest scores from the submitted match scores. The average will be calculated to three corrected decimal places.
- 3.2 The ranking lists may or may not be taken into consideration by the WTSF for their nomination purposes (see paragraph 1.4.3).
- 3.3 For the Womens Air Rifle and Air Pistol events, the first 40 shots of a 60 shot competition may be used for ranking purposes. All 40 shot scores must be completed within the time limit of fifty (50) minutes.
- 3.4 Notwithstanding that scores from competitions may be available on the Internet and entered on the rankings spreadsheet by the Secretary, members are responsible for sending their scores to the Secretary and for checking that the scores used for their ranking are accurate.
- 3.5 Competitors are responsible for submitting their own scores, usually supported by a copy of the official results sheet if the results are not publically available.
- 3.6 A minimum of three scores will be required before a ranking average will be calculated.

4 Competitor's Agreement

Each competitor and Official will be required, as a condition of final nomination or selection, to sign either the Welsh Target Shooting Federation's or the Welsh Airgun Association's "Competitor's Agreement and Code of Conduct", whichever is relevant.

5 Appeals

- 5.1 If a competitor desires to appeal the Association's decision on nomination, then the appeal should be sent in writing to the Secretary as soon as possible after the teams have been announced (no appeal will be entertained if it is received more than 14 days after the announcement).
- 5.2 The Secretary will call a special appeals Committee meeting as soon as is practical. It is at the discretion of the Chairman as to whether to ask that the appellant appears before the special appeals Committee, at which the appellant may present his case as to why he should be nominated.
 - 5.2.1 The Association may be able to give a decision on the same day as the special appeals Committee meeting, but can give no guarantee of this and reserves the right to take further time over deliberations.
 - 5.2.2 The Association's subsequent decision will be final.
- 5.3 The WTSF Commonwealth Games Nomination Policy sets out the appeals process with regard to selections to the CSF or CSF(ED). It should be emphasised to athletes that there is no appeal for not being nominated by the WTSF to the CGCW.

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