

Welsh Airgun Association

Team nomination and selection policy

1. 1.1 Participation in the nomination and selection process shall be open to anyone who satisfies Welsh nationality criteria and is a member of the Welsh Airgun Association (WAA).
 - 1.2 For the Commonwealth Games and Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships, a person may only be nominated 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.
 - 1.3 For the Commonwealth Shooting Federation (European Division) Championships and other international and domestic competitions, in addition to the eligibility criteria listed in paragraph 1.2, a person may be nominated if they meet the Association's membership residency criteria.
2. Nomination process
- 2.1 The basis for nomination 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.
 - 2.2 Certain matches may further be designated 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 5).
 - 2.3 Following the cut-off date for submission of scores, a short-list of people in each event will be compiled and the Association will nominate places from this short-list.
 - 2.3.1 It should be understood that achievement of the Minimum Consideration Standard (MCS) will not guarantee a nomination to the Welsh Target Shooting Federation (WTSF).
 - 2.3.2 The aim of the nominations will be to maximise the medal-winning potential of the team.
 - 2.3.3 The ranking list will not be the only consideration taken into account when nominating places, the factors listed in paragraph 2.4 will also be considered.
 - 2.4 In deciding nominations the following factors will be considered:
 - 2.4.1 Absolute scores, where and when achieved;
 - 2.4.2 Consistency of performance at relevant meetings;
 - 2.4.3 Consistency of achievement of the selection standard;
 - 2.4.4 Potential for future performance based on trends within past and current performance;
 - 2.4.5 Fitness;
 - 2.4.6 Commitment and attitude to training;
 - 2.4.7 Coaches' reports;
 - 2.4.8 The athlete's likely contribution to the team's success as a team member.
 - 2.5 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 Association may include that person in the nomination process.
 - 2.6 International Matches
 - 2.6.1 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.
 - 2.6.2 Places will be allocated firstly to competitors who have obtained the relevant Minor Match MQS for the event they desire to compete in. Places will 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.

2.7 Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championships

- 2.7.1 The Association nominates up to a maximum of three people per event to the Welsh Target Shooting Federation (WTSF). The WTSF then selects a Shooting Team to compete in the Commonwealth Shooting Federation (CSF) Championships.
- 2.7.2 To qualify for nomination by the Association for an event at the CSF Championships, the relevant WAA/WTSF CSF Minimum Consideration Score (MCS) must be obtained at least once.
- 2.7.3 In the cartridge pistol events, the MCS must be obtained using a relevant cartridge pistol.
- 2.7.4 In the Womens Air Rifle and Air Pistol events, the MCS may either be obtained in a 40-shot competition or as the first 40 shots of a 60 shot course as long as there is a womens competition running concurrent and / or there is a dedicated womens score sheet and all 40 shots are completed within the time limit of 1 hour 15 minutes.
- 2.7.5 The Association may nominate people who have set scores near to the MCS.
- 2.7.6 The WTSF may limit entries to two, or even one, per event and, if the schedule is compressed, may limit the total number of events or competitions that an athlete is entered for in order to maximise an athlete's potential in one or more events and also ensure that an athlete is not over extended.

2.8 Commonwealth Games

- 2.8.1 The Association nominates up to a maximum of two people (plus one reserve) per event to the Welsh Target Shooting Federation (WTSF). The WTSF then 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.
- 2.8.2 For the Commonwealth Games, the WTSF Commonwealth Games Nomination Policy should also be read.
- 2.8.3 To qualify for nomination by the Association for an event in the Commonwealth Games, the relevant WTSF Commonwealth Games (CG) Minimum Consideration Standard (MCS) must normally be obtained at least once.
- 2.8.4 In the cartridge pistol events, the MCS must be obtained using a relevant cartridge pistol.
- 2.8.5 In the Womens Air Rifle and Air Pistol events the MCS may either be obtained in a 40-shot competition or as the first 40 shots of a 60 shot course as long as there is a womens competition running concurrent, and / or there is a dedicated womens score sheet and all 40 shots are completed within the time limit of 1 hour 15 minutes.
- 2.8.6 In line with the WTSF Commonwealth Games Nomination Policy, the Association may nominate people who have set scores near to the MCS.

3. Appeals

- 3.1 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).
- 3.2 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.
 - 3.2.1 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.
 - 3.2.2 The Association's subsequent decision will be final.
- 3.3 Appendix 3 of the WTSF Commonwealth Games Nomination Policy sets out the appeals process with regard to nominations from the Association to the WTSF and nominations by the WTSF to the CGCW.

4. Ranking lists

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 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 1 hour 15 minutes
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 A minimum of three scores will be required before a ranking average will be calculated.
- 4.6 The following WTSF Minimum Consideration Standard (MCS) and WAA Minimum Qualifying Scores (MQS) will be taken account of:-

	<i>WTSF CG and CSF MCS</i>	<i>WAA Minor Match MQS</i>
10m Air Rifle Men	588x600	560x600
10m Air Rifle Women	391x400	360x400
10m Air Pistol Men	570x600	540x600
10m Air Pistol Women	374x400	340x400
25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men	560x600	520x600
25m Center Fire Pistol Men	570x600	550x600
25m Standard Pistol Men	555x600	535x600
25m Pistol Women	565x600	540x600
50m Pistol Men	540x600	510x600

- 4.7 The following MQSs are included for completeness, as, although they are not shot at CG or CSF level, they are shot within the UK.

	<i>“A” MQS</i>	<i>“B” MQS</i>	<i>“C” MQS</i>
25m Air Pistol Rapid	575x600	565x600	550x600
25m Air Pistol Standard	560x600	550x600	540x600
25m Air Pistol Sport	575x600	560x600	550x600
10m Air Pistol Standard Men	345x400	335x400	325x400
10m Air Pistol Standard Women	245x300	235x300	225x300
10m Air Pistol 5 Target Men	22x40	14x40	10x40
10m Air Pistol 5 Target Women	16x30	11x30	8x30

5. 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.

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