



Commonwealth Games Team England

Selection Criteria and Nomination Procedure

This document outlines the procedure that British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) will undertake to nominate players for selection to Team England's 3x3 Wheelchair Basketball Team for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games.

The objective of the BWB Selection Criteria and Nomination Procedure, is to select the individuals who collectively form the best team, to attain success at the Commonwealth Games.

Governance of the Team England Programme will be undertaken by the BWB board through the BWB England Pathway Working Group (EPWG), with full separation from the Great Britain Performance Programme.

BWB reserve the right to amend the selection policy should circumstances beyond our control make it necessary to do so.





The Selection Process

Selection nomination meeting for both teams (Men and Women) will take place on: **8th June 2026**

Players will be notified by: **10th June 2026**

Qualification Process for Shortlisted Athletes

- Please see Appendix 1

Selection Jurisdiction

Team England is the ultimate authority on the selection of Players and Teams to represent England at the Commonwealth Games. Team England has delegated responsibility of all selection matters relating to the nomination of Wheelchair Basketball players for G2026 to the National Governing Body BWB.

The Board of BWB have, in turn, delegated all matters relating to athlete nomination for the G2026 to EPWG who will appoint a selection panel for the nomination of players. The selection panel will consist of:

- EPWG member or Independent – procedural advisor (Chair)
- England Pathways Manager (Team Leader)
- EPWG member with wheelchair basketball technical and tactical expertise
- Team England Men's and Women's Head Coaches
- External Independent observer – appointed by the British Elite Athlete Association (BEAA)
- Representative of Team England if required – non voting member

The procedural advisor will be responsible for ensuring that BWB selection procedures are complied with in every aspect. Any questions of procedure that the selection panel may have, will be referred to, and advised upon, by the Procedural Advisor.

The role of the selection panel is to hear the Head Coach's team selection and rationale for each player selected, providing critical analysis of rationale, check and challenge any data presented and play the role of 'critical friend' to endorse the selection recommendations of the Team England Head Coaches. In the event that the panel refutes a selection recommendation, the final decision on any disputes will remain with the Selection Panel Chair.





G2026 (EVENT) Nomination Panel Procedure

1. All members must be in attendance in person or virtually through 'Microsoft Teams' where the meeting will be recorded.
2. All conflicts of interest must be declared prior to the commencement of the panel. If a conflict of interest has been declared by a member this will be managed accordingly.
3. Endorsement of Team England Head Coach Selection will be discretionary and based solely on the professional judgement of the Selection Panel. In exercising their discretion, the Selection Panel will have regard to the following factors:
 - Head coach's presentation and report that outlines the rationale, court line ups/points combinations and aligning evidence for nomination of the individuals who collectively form the best team.
 - All performances from 2023 and 2024 international season and major events (GB & England representation)
 - Medals won (GB and England representation)
 - Quality and quantity of games in domestic/ international leagues, England duty and GB duty
 - BOX scores
 - WITTW and Performance Requirements and Standards recommendations where applicable to 3X3 format
 - Any other relevant factors which the Selection Panel consider relevant for the Event
4. The Selection Panel may call for, and give appropriate weight to, **any** evidence they believe may assist them in their selection decision, including detailed statistical detail from BWB performance analyst and/or others.
5. Selection panel members will receive the final player files, with all selection information ahead of the selection meeting. All short-listed athletes will be provided with secure access to their individual selection file nine calendar days ahead of the final submission to the Selection Panel, for questioning or comment.





Eligibility for selection

An athlete would be deemed eligible for selection only if they hit the following criteria:

- Can evidence eligibility (Passport or birth certificate) for Team England through one of the following qualifying criteria:
 - a) Have been born in the dependant territory (England); or
 - b) Regardless of the place of birth of the player, have
 - One parent who was born in the dependant territory (England); or
 - One grandparent who was born in the dependant territory (England).
- A member of BWB
- Holds a confirmed classification (or has the opportunity to be classified before the event) by IWBF and meets all eligibility requirements, in line with the agreed IWBF and IPC classification action plan
- Are not serving a current Anti-Doping suspension or have an impending ADVs
- Has completed UKAD Clean Sport 1 or 2 in the last 2 years
- Are not currently a named individual being investigated for a Code of Conduct violation
- Athletes not on BWB GB long list must attend a minimum of 1 trial competitions in Summer 2025
- Attended a minimum of 1 Team England training camp prior to final selection taking place on the 8th June 2026
- All athletes must sign up to Commonwealth Games England, Team Members Agreement
- All athletes must sign the Commonwealth Games Federation Entry and Eligibility form

Communication of Selection Panel Outcome

The outcome of the selection meeting will be communicated in writing to the EPWG for final validation before being communicated to all players, via a phone call and followed up with an email, on 10th June.

Nominations are then sent to Team England and are considered by the Qualification and Selection Panel for endorsement and selection to Team England.

If for any reason a nomination is not endorsed by Team England, then BWB (not the individual) have the right of appeal.

Any communication regarding the selection of players is strictly embargoed until a final date is set between BWB and Team England for the official team announcement.



Appeals procedure

Any party that feels they have grounds for appeal regarding the procedural aspect of nomination process may register this appeal by submitting a 'Statement of Appeal', which should outline on which grounds they are appealing from the bullet points below and include as much information as possible, within 5 working days, from 12 noon on the day the decision was communicated. The appeal must be registered by email with the Chair of the EPWG, who will appoint an Appeals Panel of at least 3 members, one being independent from BWB and Team England to adjudicate. The Chair will reply, via email, within one working day of receipt of the 'Statement of Appeal' with timelines of the appeal process. The Appeals Panel will meet within two working days of the Chair's reply. The decision will be communicated to the Appellant by email, within one working day of the Appeal Panel decision.

Appeals may be lodged on the grounds of:

- The G2026 Event Nomination panel failed to adhere to the procedural requirements outlined in this document.
- The decision reached in the G2026 Event Nomination panel was made based on an error in data or the use of incorrect information.

Appeals against individual panel members, the nomination panel itself or nomination panel members professional judgement will not be permitted.

The 'Statement of Appeal' and Chairs reply would be submitted to the Appeals Panel to consider when making their determination.

After consideration of the appeal, if both parties still do not agree, the Chair of the EPWG will refer the appeal to Sport Resolutions (UK) to appoint a sole arbitrator in accordance with the Arbitration Rules of Sport Resolutions.

Within 24 hours of receiving the Appeals Panel decision, the Appellant should then submit a 'Notice of Appeal' to Sport Resolutions (UK) and serve on the Chair.

The Notice of Appeal should contain, or be accompanied by:

- a. the names and addresses and the relevant contact details of all the parties and notification if any are under the age of eighteen (with their date of birth (if known)) ;
- b. details, and where available a copy, of the decision appealed from;
- c. the Appellant's request for relief or remedy;
- d. if applicable an application to stay the execution of the decision appealed from together with the reasons;
- e. a copy of the regulations or the specific written agreement of both parties providing for appeal arbitration under the Rules of Sport Resolutions (UK) or by Sport Resolutions (UK); and
- f. any non-refundable deposit as set by Sport Resolutions (UK) from time to time.



The time limit for completion of the full appeal process with Sport Resolution is 14 days from the Appellants 'Notice of Appeal' submission to Sports Resolution. Please refer to Sport Resolution Arbitration Rules of Sport Resolutions for more information
The decision of the sole arbitrator shall be final and binding on all parties.

Deselection or late replacement of an athlete

In the event of deselection or late replacement of an athlete within the team the following process would apply:

Team England may substitute an athlete from the reserve pool between the close of entries 7th July 2026 and the respective sport's main technical meeting before the start of competition (as determined by the Technical Delegate).

Substitutions may only be made for athletes who withdraw due to injury, illness or other special circumstances. All substitutions are subject to review and approval by the CGF. There is no process of appeal with regards to substitutions regarding injury, illness or other special circumstances

Team England must complete an official Substitution Application Form, which will be available upon request through G2026.





Athlete support

G2026 selection can be a stressful experience for players and therefore BWB will ensure access to sport psychology and performance lifestyle advice is available. The BEAA are also available to support any athlete and can provide legal advice if they are considering raising an appeal. Contacts can be found in Appendix 2.

Athlete selection process for nomination of the final 4 Athletes to Team England

Women's Team

The women's selection group will be cut to a maximum of 6 players on 8th June 2026, this group will continue to train and compete throughout June and July 2026 to demonstrate their potential for final 4 nomination to Team England.

Men's Team

The men's selection group will be cut to a maximum of 6 players on 8th June 2026 this group will continue to train and compete throughout June and July 2026 to demonstrate their potential for final 4 nomination to Team England.





APPENDIX 1: QUALIFICATION PROCESS FOR SHORTLISTED ATHLETES

1: Stage 1 – Open Trials

- 1.1 All eligible BWB Performance Programme players, including pathway players, will be invited to enter an expression of interest form to collect players data and ensure clear communication with players interested in selection.
- 1.2 BWB GB long list (Europeans 2025) athletes are not required to attend trials event to be considered for selection, provided they complete the expression of interest form by 31st July 2025.
- 1.3 Pathway athletes are invited to enter the 'Open Trials' as part of the Ball Out 3X3 Competition as part of the Team England selection, to then be invited to be considered for selection at the discretion of the England Coaching staff.
- 1.4 Non-GB long list athletes who would like to make themselves available for selection, must attend a minimum of one open trial event to be considered.
- 1.5 The decision regarding athlete progression to Stage 2 will be made by the following people and ratified by BWB's Participation Director. Where there is an identified conflict of interest in this process, this individual will not be included in the decision for the identified athlete. Conflicts of Interest by Wheelchair Basketball Team England Staff must be noted directly with the Wheelchair Basketball Team England Team Leader, as and when they arise. Any conflicts of interest raised will be addressed by BWB in line with their policies and procedures.
 - England Talent Manager (Team Leader) - Chair
 - Team England Men's and Women's Head Coaches

2: Stage 2 – Long List Camps

- 2.1 Following attendance at an 'Open Trial' event 16 'eligible' athletes will be identified for each team to progress to Stage 2 of the Team England Selection Process.
- 2.3 Stage 2 of the Team England Selection Process will be at a series of two-day Long List Camps and Home Nations Competition held in from August 2025 – April 2026. Identified athletes will be invited to attend by the Wheelchair Basketball Team England Team Leader. The Home Nations Competition will be primarily focused on ensuring all players have appropriate classification in preparation for selection.
- 2.4 All athletes who would like to make themselves available for selection, must attend one of Long List camps to be considered.





3: Stage 3 – Qualification Tournament

3.1 Following the Long List Camps teams will be selected to compete for qualification for the G2026 Commonwealth Games.

3.2 The decision regarding athlete selection for the Qualification Competition will be made by the following people and ratified by BWB's Participation Director. Where there is an identified conflict of interest in this process, this individual will not be included in the decision for the identified athlete. Conflicts of Interest by Wheelchair Basketball Team England Staff must be noted directly with the Wheelchair Basketball Team England Team Leader, as and when they arise. Any conflicts of interest raised will be addressed by BWB in line with their policies and procedures.

- England Talent Manager (Team Leader) - Chair
- Team England Men's and Women's Head Coaches

3.3 Players selected for this stage will not be guaranteed for final selection for the Team England Commonwealth Games Squad.

4: Stage 4 – Shortlisting Camps

4.1 All athletes who attend a Long List camp will be shortlisted for nomination to represent Team England 3x3 Wheelchair Basketball Team at the G2026 Commonwealth Games and be invited to attend a series of Shortlisting Camps.

4.2 All short-listed athletes will be provided with secure access to their individual selection file nine calendar days ahead of the final submission to the Selection Panel.





APPENDIX 2: USEFUL CONTACTS

Chair of England Pathway Working Group (BWB) – Emma Foden

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