



2018 Commonwealth Games Nomination Procedures

Event: 2018 Commonwealth Games

Date: April 4th to 14th, 2018

Location: Gold Coast, Australia

Selection Date: December 12th, 2017

I. Introduction:

This document outlines the qualification and nomination procedures of Boxing Canada for determining those athletes who will be nominated to Commonwealth Games Canada for selection to represent Canada at the 2018 Commonwealth Games as members of the Canadian Commonwealth Games Boxing Team.

To be eligible for the **2018 Commonwealth Games**, the athlete must have a valid Canadian Passport and the athlete shall have been a legal resident in Canada for a minimum period of one year before being considered.

Athletes must meet the International Amateur Boxing Association (AIBA) requirements to be eligible to represent Canada at major international events.

Athletes with dual citizenships who represented another country at the following competitions: Olympic Games, World Championships, Pan-American Games, Francophone Games or the Commonwealth Games within the three previous years are not eligible, as per Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter.

The objective of this nomination process is to identify and nominate athletes capable of a podium finish at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. **Nomination by Boxing Canada does NOT guarantee selection. Selection is subject to Commonwealth Games Canada games approval.**

II. Boxing Canada Identification of Eligibility:

To be eligible for selection for the **2018 Commonwealth Games**, an athlete must:

- a. Eligible athletes must be members in good standing with their Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) for boxing and Boxing Canada at time of selection and must maintain this status until completion of the Games. Unless otherwise authorized, in advance and in writing, athletes must have paid all outstanding invoices to Boxing Canada at the date of selection
- b. Eligible athletes must have a valid Canadian passport with an expiry of at least 6 months from the conclusion of the Commonwealth Games (April 15, 2018).
- c. Eligible athletes must sign and submit the CGC Athlete Agreement and Eligibility Conditions Form no later than January 12th, 2018.

III. Team Size Quota:

Boxing Canada Commonwealth Games Team consists of up to three (3) male athletes and up to four (4) female athletes (as determined by Commonwealth Games Canada, 2018 Commonwealth Games Athlete Team size policy).



IV. Eligible Weight Category:

This selection procedure applies to the following weight categories:

Olympic Weight Category - A maximum of one (1) athlete per country per weight category may be entered. *additional Commonwealth Games weight categories	
Male (10)	Female (6)
49kg	48kg *
52kg	51kg
56kg	57kg *
60kg	60kg
64kg	69kg*
69kg	75kg
75kg	
81kg	
91kg	
+91kg	

V. Boxing Canada Nomination Criteria:

Olympic weight category will be prioritized, a maximum of three (3) athletes per gender may be nominated to the Team through the application of criteria in the following priority order. As well, one (1) additional Commonwealth Games Female non-olympic weight category may be nominated to the Team through the application of criteria in the following priority order.

	Criteria
Priority 1	I. Top 3 at 2016 Olympic Games
	II. Top 3 at 2017 World Championships
Priority 2	I. Top 8 at 2016 Olympic Games*
	II. Top 8 at 2017 World Championships*
Priority 3	I. Up to one (1) male and one (1) female athlete may be nominated by HPD Discretion
	II. Top 3 at 2017 Continental Championships**
	III. Top 1 at 2017 Elite Canadian Championships**

* With at least one win, Walk-over does not count as a win

** With at least two wins, Walk-over does not count as a win

If there is a need to rank athletes, the following will apply, in priority order:

- a) The athlete with the highest number of points, from the Boxing Canada Point System, between November 1st, 2016 and October 31st, 2017, with Boxing Canada's official National Elite Team Program, will be ranked higher.
- b) If a tie remains after priority a) the ranking will be decided at the discretion of the High Performance Director based on the Boxing Canada Assessment Tool (refer to Appendix #1).



VI. Final Approval:

The High Performance Director is responsible for the nomination of athletes to the Commonwealth Games Canada for the 2018 Commonwealth Games, no later than November 30th, 2017. The High Performance Director will nominate team(s) to the 2018 Commonwealth Games Team based on the application of these criteria.

VII. Injury and Illness:

In the event an athlete suffers a long-term injury or illness that prevents the athlete from achieving the Selection Criteria the athlete may make written application to the High Performance Director no later than October 31st, 2017 to be considered for Discretionary Selection. Injury and illness application will be considered for selection to the Team at the High Performance Director's sole discretion, subject to the Boxing Canada Readiness Policy (refer to Appendix #2).

Athletes selected to the Team who suffer injury/illness between the end of the selection period and the beginning of the 2018 Commonwealth Games will be subject to the Boxing Canada Competition Readiness Policy.

VIII. 2018 Canadian Championships Exemption:

Athletes participating in the 2018 Commonwealth Games will be exempt of participating in the 2018 Canadian Elite Championships. They will be granted the same privilege as the 2018 Canadian Champion in the 2018/2019 National Team selection process from the High Performance Program Selection Protocol.

IX. Training Camps:

Mandatory training camps for Qualifying Team Members will be scheduled in 2018, in preparation for the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Participation is required to confirm their selection.

Here are the relevant dates and respective location (subject to change):

- March 15th to March 21st – Montreal, Canada
- March 22nd to April 2nd – Toowoomba, Australia

Any athlete who does not attend these camps will have their selection revoked by the High Performance Director.

X. Removal of a Boxer from Team:

Boxing Canada may, at any time, disqualify an athlete from being considered for nomination to the Canadian Team or remove an athlete after selection based on current or past behaviour of the athlete that is inconsistent with Boxing Canada's Team Rules, Regulations and Code of Conduct. A copy of this document is available upon request.

An athlete will be removed from being considered for nomination to the Canadian Team or removed after selection if he/she is found to be in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by Boxing Canada, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).



XI. Nomination – Coach:

The coaches for the 2018 Commonwealth Games boxing team will be:

1. Boxing Canada High Performance Director;
2. Boxing Canada Head National Training Center coach.

In case the Boxing Canada High Performance Director or Head National Training Center coach cannot participate in the 2018 Commonwealth Games, the appointment for the position will be at the sole discretion of the Boxing Canada High Performance Director.

If there are more than two (2) positions available, extra coaches could be appointed for the 2018 Commonwealth Games. This appointment will be at the sole discretion of the Boxing Canada High Performance Director. The coach must have minimum of a Level 3 NCCP certified and AIBA 1 star.

All Coaches selected for the 2018 Commonwealth Games must be a member of Coaches of Canada.

XII. Nomination – Support Staff:

The Boxing Canada High Performance Director has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff, including the Team Leader, integrated support team for the 2018 Commonwealth Games. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists that is best capable of assisting athletes in achieving podium performances at the Games.

XIII. Funding Support for Commonwealth Games Selected Athletes:

Funding support for selected athletes will be in alignment with the Commonwealth Games Association of Canada Team Size Policy (refer to Appendix #3) and dependent on available Boxing Canada resources. Athletes that do not meet the Commonwealth Games Association of Canada Team Size Policy Priority #1 may have to fully or partially fund their participation in the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

XIV. Appeals:

Appeals to Boxing Canada's nominations will be subject to the Appeal Policy of Boxing Canada which is available on Boxing Canada's website (www.boxingcanada.org).

XV. Announcement of Commonwealth Games Boxing Team:

Team selection will be made no later than December 12th, 2017. Boxing Canada will announce the team through established communication channels (Branches, Boxing Canada website and Social Media). Athletes selected to the team will be contacted directly.

XVI. Changes to this document:

Boxing Canada's High Performance Director reserves the right to makes changes to this document prior to the Selection Date, which in his discretion are necessary to ensure selection of the best athlete possible for the 2018 Commonwealth Games. The High Performance Director may change the criteria under the following circumstances:



1. When additional (or altered) information that is deemed relevant by the High Performance Director to the Criteria is provided by external parties, such as (but not limited to) an event organizing committee, Sport Canada, the Commonwealth Games Canada, IAAF, or any other relevant organization;
2. To correct, clarify or amend any inconsistencies, errors or omissions in the Criteria.

Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all Elite National Pool Members and published on Boxing Canada's website.

XVII. Policy Implementation

The High Performance Director is responsible for the implementation of this policy and all team selections must be approved by the Executive Director of Boxing Canada.

XVIII. Amendments and Unforeseen Circumstances:

In the event of unforeseen or unusual circumstances, as determined by the Executive Director of Boxing Canada in consultation with the Board of Boxing Canada, the Executive Director shall have full discretion to resolve the matter as he sees fit taking into account factors and circumstances that he deems relevant. Any such exercise of discretion shall be subject to the Canadian administrative law and principles of fairness.

XIX. Important Dates:

In order to adhere to the entry deadlines, set by the Commonwealth Games Canada and AIBA, Boxing Canada has set the following dates for its selection process

October 31 st , 2017	Athletes' qualification period ends
October 31 st , 2017	Injury and illness application ends
November 30 th , 2017	Boxing Canada submits nominations to Commonwealth Games Canada.
December 12 th , 2017	Commonwealth Games Canada approves nominations and team is announced.
December 12 th , 2017	Eligible athletes informed of selection or non-selection by Boxing Canada
January 12 th , 2017	CGC Athlete Agreement and Eligibility Conditions Form received by High Performance Director

This selection criteria was approved by Boxing Canada's Executive Director on September 15th, 2017.

Where there is a difference in interpretation between the French and English versions of this document, the English version shall prevail.



APPENDIX 1

Boxing Canada Assessment Tool

Athletes eligible for Discretionary nomination will be assessed by the High Performance Director (HPD) using the Assessment tool below:

Scoring guideline:

Score	Assessment
0	Unacceptable or nonexistent
5	Average, what is expected of a national team athlete
10	World class, an example to others

Rubric:

BOXING ABILITY (70%)	SCORE (0-10)	
Performances in international events		
Technical ability		
Tactical ability		
Potential to reach Olympic podium this quadrennial		
Potential to reach Olympic podium next quadrennial		
Potential to reach WC podium this quadrennial		
Overall boxing progression in the last 12 months		
Total Score	/70	/70%
ATTITUDE (30%)	SCORE (0-10)	
Positive contribution to team environment		
Shares training plans and data with HPD/HC		
Communication with HPD/HC and IST Lead		
Attendance and performance at Boxing Canada Event		
Takes personal responsibility for self and results		
Attitude progression in the last 12 months		
Lifestyle		
Total Score	/70	/30%
TOTAL (100%)		

If the High Performance Director is unable to assess any one area, that will be left blank and won't be included when calculating the average scores.



APPENDIX 2

COMPETITION READINESS POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to outline the eligibility procedures (the “competition readiness” determinant) that will be used by Boxing Canada to select athletes who wish to be entered in any international competition.

The objective of the Boxing Canada Competition Readiness Policy (BCCRP) is to identify and support Canadian athletes who have demonstrated the ability to consistently manage and monitor their health status, adopt a safe and effective training program, communicate clearly and honestly their current health status to Boxing Canada, and target the appropriate levels of competition; all with the intent of continued progression towards achieving a podium result at the Olympic Games and World Championships. Boxing Canada will evaluate each athlete entry request on a case by case basis.

POLICY DETAILS

As per the Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur (AIBA) rules and regulations, Boxing Canada is solely responsible for validating and submitting entry of Canadian athletes into international competition.

Demonstrated competition readiness is only one of many eligibility requirements outlined in Boxing Canada’s individual event selection criteria documents. Valid and up to date athlete/coaching training logs, Boxing Canada athlete monitoring programs, validated medical diagnosis/prognosis (through Boxing Canada’s team physician), and athlete performance analysis will be used to evaluate and determine the competition readiness of an athlete. Boxing Canada High Performance Director will have sole discretion to allow or deny entry into an event.

BOXING CANADA’S AUTHORITY FOR DECISIONS

All matters relating to the nomination of athletes for international competition are the sole authority of Boxing Canada. Competition readiness will be determined based on an athlete meeting all of the following criteria

Criteria 1: Current Athlete Health Status

To be considered competition ready by Boxing Canada, an athlete must provide or demonstrate the following to Boxing Canada:

1.1 A medical report clearing the athlete for competition from National Team physician or from a sport science and sport medicine (SSSM) practitioner as approved by Boxing Canada’s head physician or National Team physician; AND

1.2 Access to or an up-to-date Boxing Canada approved training/monitoring log;



Criteria 2: Athlete Monitoring and History

To be considered competition ready, an athlete must provide or demonstrate the following:

- 2.1 Consistent use of Boxing Canada approved monitoring tools;
- 2.2 Full compliance with Boxing Canada's Competition Readiness Policy in previous event entry requests;
- 2.3 Adoption and adjustment of training/competition principles in line with best practices for reducing injury as advised by the Boxing Canada approved SSSM practitioners;
- 2.4 Adherence to return to play protocols during previous injuries as defined and outlined by Boxing Canada approved SSSM practitioners and as directed by a Boxing Canada's approved physician; and
- 2.5 Consistent, clear, and timely communication of athlete training logs and health status as requested by Triathlon Canada.

Criteria 3: Competition Level

To be considered competition ready, an athlete must provide or demonstrate the following:

- 3.1 A commitment to compete at Boxing Canada National Championships;
- 3.2 Progression of results at each successive level of competition as defined by Boxing Canada's Podium Pathway;
- 3.3 A potential to achieve a top ten (10) result in the requested event based on performance metrics (previous performances and quality of field); and
- 3.4 A commitment to compete at events in which Boxing Canada selected an athlete to compete.



APPENDIX #3

COMMONWEALTH GAMES ASSOCIATION OF CANADA 2018 GOLD COAST COMMONWEALTH GAMES ATHLETE TEAM SIZE POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

This policy addresses Canadian team size for the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. It contains the Guiding Principles established by Commonwealth Games Association of Canada (CGC) for establishing team sizes, and the criteria that will be used to determine the number of athletes from each sport that will make up the team.

In this policy, the term 'NSO' refers to National Sport Organization, 'sport' refers to the sport activity that is governed by the NSO (for example, swimming, athletics, badminton), and 'event' refers to the events as they appear on the 2018 Commonwealth Games Sport Programme (for example, 100m freestyle, 110m hurdles, men's singles).

The authority for decision-making under this Policy rests solely with the CGC High Performance Advisory Committee (HPAC).

2. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- This Policy is intended to ensure that Canada is represented at the Commonwealth Games by Canada's most elite athletes in their respective sports, and that Canadian performance results reflect CGC's commitment to sport excellence.
- CGC wishes to support sports that clearly demonstrate a commitment to the highest levels of performance at the Commonwealth Games.
- As part of the continuum to Olympic Games success (for sports on both the Olympic and Commonwealth Games programs), CGC will look towards a team dually focused on medal success at the 2018 Commonwealth Games as well as projected success at the 2020 Olympic Games and 2022 Commonwealth Games.
- For non-Olympic and Paralympic Games individual sports (Squash, Lawn Bowls), CGC will provide minimum quota spots to ensure that these sports are represented on Team Canada for Gold Coast 2018. Should the athletes be ranked in the Top 5 in the Commonwealth they will be funded by CGC. If they are not ranked Top 5, they will be provided spots on a 'Pay-to-Compete' basis.
- CGC will collaborate with Own the Podium and NSO's to ensure that the Commonwealth Games are utilized by the NSO's in the most effective and appropriate manner.
- Commonwealth Games Federation governs maximum athlete/team entry limits by event within the sport programme of the Commonwealth Games.
- To determine Canada's athlete team size sport by sport, the selection criteria and priorities that follow shall be applied.



- NSO's that consider the Commonwealth Games to be integral to their international competition program or next generation athlete development shall have the opportunity to maximize their respective entries on a 'Pay-to-Compete' basis, as set out in this Policy.
- For sports that have relays or team components (Swimming, Athletics, Cycling, etc.), CGC will provide quota spots to ensure that these teams are represented on the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games program. The athletes will be funded by CGC IF the proposed relay or team is ranked in the Top 5 in the Commonwealth. If the proposed relay or team is ranked outside the Top 5, any members of that proposed relay or team that have not qualified for the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in another manner (i.e. Top 5 ranked in an individual event) would be on a 'Pay-to-Compete' basis. A minimum of 50% of the athletes per relay or team must have already qualified as an individual with a Top 5 Commonwealth ranking.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Based on the above Guiding Principles, the following eligibility and selection criteria for determining team size have been established.

Canadian sports on the 2018 Commonwealth Games sport programme eligible to qualify athlete/team slots on the Canadian Team must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the CGC HPAC that they operate an active international competition program as part of a national team program. Such programs must demonstrate:

- Ongoing national team programming,
- Attendance at world championships (individual sports),
- Participation in world championship qualifying competitions (team sports),
- Commitment to performance, competition, training and coaching, and
- Clear commitment to the highest levels of performance at the Commonwealth Games,

4. FILTERING CRITERIA FOR QUALIFICATION FOR ATHLETE/TEAM SLOTS

The maximum team size for Canada at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, as determined by the CGF is (TBD) athletes in individual sports, plus team sports who qualify through a CGF approved process.

Priority #1 - Medal Potential Athlete/Teams

- NSO's earn CGC funded athlete/team slots on Canada's team to the 2018 Commonwealth Games based on the number of individual athletes/teams demonstrating the capacity to win medals at the 2018 Commonwealth Games
- The allocation of athlete/team slots will be based on Canadian athletes/teams ranking in the Top 5 among active Commonwealth athletes/teams, in Commonwealth Games events, from:
 - 2016 Olympic/Paralympic Games, AND the most recent;
 - World Championships, World Cups or Commonwealth Championships
 - Official World or Commonwealth ranking, if deemed by the CGC HPAC, in consultation with OTP, to be a more effective method of performance ranking than the above listed competitions
- Athlete slots under this priority are **fully funded** by CGC to participate in the 2018 Commonwealth Games



- Slots earned through Priority #1 **must** be filled by athletes/teams demonstrating capacity to earn medals at the 2018 Commonwealth Games (i.e. Top 5 performances and rankings)

Priority #2 - Pay to Compete/Next Generation:

- NSO's will have the opportunity to nominate NSO and OTP identified "Next Gen" athletes/teams to the 2018 Canadian Commonwealth Games team through an expanded payment option on a Pay to Compete basis.
- Once the funded team size has been confirmed by CGC, sports will be eligible to increase their respective team size through a Pay to Compete program, provided there is available space to accommodate additional team members in the Athletes Village
- To be eligible for the Pay to Compete Next Gen option program, athletes/teams must have demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the CGC HPAC in consultation with OTP, a reasonable expectation of finish in the Top 5 of their field at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, and in the Top 5 of Commonwealth Games athletes competing at the 2020/2024 Olympic or Paralympic Games
- NSO's choosing to nominate athletes to the Team under the Pay to Compete option will be responsible for 100% of the athlete's costs of participation in the 2018 Commonwealth Games, and a pro-rated share of any increased overall team costs associated with servicing the increased team size (such as team clothing, extra medical or administrative staff)

Priority #3 - Top 6-8 Potential Athletes/Teams

- If, after the application of priorities #1 and #2, there remain positions on the team to be filled, these positions will be allocated using the following procedure:
 - The CGC HPAC will invite applications from NSO's wishing to increase their representation
 - NSO's shall present rationale for each added position recognizing that the HPAC will, in their sole discretion and in consultation with OTP, assess Top 8 performance potential of applications, based on the following:
 - International performance
 - Strength of the 2018 Commonwealth Games field
 - The importance or value of the Commonwealth Games to the NSO and the sport, including Olympic/Paralympic Games preparation
 - Demonstrated performance improvement of the sport within the Commonwealth and globally, and
 - Any other exceptional sport-specific circumstances

NSO's choosing to nominate athletes to the Team under priorities 2 and 3 will be responsible for 100% of the athletes/teams direct costs of participation in the 2018 Commonwealth Games, and a pro-rated share of any increased overall team costs associated with servicing the increased team size (such as team clothing, extra medical or administrative staff).

Note: Slots earned in Para events can only be used for Para-athletes. Slots earned in multi-athlete events (such as pairs or relays) are event specific.



5. Timelines

Date	NSO Actions	CGC/CGF Actions
Oct/Nov 2016		CGC approves Commonwealth Games Athlete Team Size Policy
Feb 2017	<p>Canadian NSO's representing sports on the 2018 Commonwealth Games programme to indicate their intent to compete in these Games.</p> <p>NSO's must demonstrate that they operate an active international competition program as part of their national team program and that the 2018 Commonwealth Games are a priority competition of the NSO.</p> <p>Eligible NSO's to submit the targeted Commonwealth "qualifying events and ranking lists" to be considered under this Team Size Policy.</p>	
April 2017		<p>CGC approves Commonwealth "qualifying events and ranking lists" to be considered under this Team Size Policy.</p> <p>CGC to publish number of quota spots earned by eligible sports based on 2016 Olympic/Paralympic Games and based on World and Commonwealth Championships that have occurred that will be the last such events prior to the 2018 Commonwealth Games.</p>
April - Dec 2017	As World and Commonwealth Championships occur, NSO's to submit names of athletes who meet the Priority criteria.	CGC will verify quota slots earned by sports upon receipt and review of NSO submissions.
July 2017		CGF to publish nations that have qualified to participate in team sports in the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
TBD	2018 quota slots, by sport, finalized	
TBD	2018 athlete names finalized (GC 2018 Entry Deadline)	



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