

Guernsey Athletics - Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games Selection Policy

The XX Commonwealth Games will be held in Glasgow from the 23rd of July to the 3rd of August 2014.

Below are the standards and guidelines for the 2014 Commonwealth Games (as ratified by the Guernsey Commonwealth Games Association - GCGA).

Criteria

Athletes wishing to be eligible for selection for the 2014 Commonwealth Games will be considered for individual selection, provided they fulfill the following criteria listed (1) to (4):

(1) Completion and submission of the 'Intent to Compete' form to the Secretary of the Guernsey Commonwealth Games Association by the 22nd of January 2014.

(2) Satisfying both the Guernsey residency criteria (Appendix 1) and the eligibility criteria (Appendix 2).

3(a) Achieve the standard as listed below **twice** in the event in which they wish to compete during the qualification period which runs from the 1st April 2012 to the 22nd March 2014.

The standard must also be attained at least **once** in the period running from Jan 1st 2013 to the 22nd of March 2014.

(b) In the Marathon, Relays, Decathlon and Heptathlon, **one** qualification performance, to be achieved within the qualification period (1st Jan 2013 to 22nd March 2014) will be acceptable.

Performances in other relevant disciplines will also be considered before final selection is made for the above events.

(4) Athletes selected are required to demonstrate a level of fitness required to be competitive at a Commonwealth Games during the 2014 outdoor season; that is to be at, or around the qualifying standard. Particular provision has been made for the Marathon discipline, please see note below.

Qualifying Standards:

Event	MEN	WOMEN	MEN B standard	WOMEN B standard
100m	10.85	12.10	10.92	12.80
200m	21.60	24.60	22.30	26.50
400m	47.70	55.80	49.70	59.40
800m	1:52.00	2:11.00	1:54.70	2:12.00
1500m	3:48.00	4:27.00		
5000m	14:20.00	17:00		
	(8:15 3000m)	(9:30 3000m)		
10000m (track or road)	30:00.00 (29:45 road)	34:40.00 (34:20 road)		
3000m s/c	9:10.00	11:20.00		
Marathon*	02:27.30	02:46.00		
Heptathlon		5014pts		
110m/100mH	15.00	14.60	15.10	15.14
400mH	53.70	63.00	54.90	64.30
Long Jump	7.45m	6.00m	6.92m	5.59m
Triple Jump	15:15m	12.45m	14.63m	12.11m
High Jump	2.15m	1.78m		
Pole Vault	4.95m	3.95m		
Shot	15.90m	13.60m		
Javelin	68.00m	46.00m		
Discus	52.00m	44.00m		
Hammer	62.00m	52.00m		
Decathlon	6780pts			
4x100m	41.63	46.93		
4x400m	3:13.60	3:46.00		

*for those qualified before December 31st 2013 in the marathon; a half marathon equivalent time will be acceptable to demonstrate fitness in 2014; this will be 01:10.09 for men and 01:21.07 for women.

(5) 'B' Standard qualification

These only apply to athletes who qualify as part of a relay team. Should an athlete qualify for the games as part of a 4 x 100m or 4 x 400m relay team, they MAY be able to participate within an individual event where a B standard has been achieved within the qualification period, as stated in 3 (a). Selection for individual events under criteria (5) will be at the discretion of the team management.

Note: Achievement of a B standard is not a criterion for selection for an individual event.

Guidelines:

All qualifying performances must be achieved in UKA approved Power of 10 meetings or IAAF sanctioned meetings.

Athletes selected will be expected to support Guernsey Athletics in both domestic and 'off-island' events.

The final decision on selection for the Guernsey Commonwealth Games Team will be subject to approval from the GCGA.

There is no 'rule' to allow a competitor to take part in an event for which they did not achieve a qualifying standard. However, it has been accepted in previous Games that competitors enter events that they are able to compete in at a Commonwealth Games standard. It is felt however that a competitor should concentrate their efforts on their main event, for which they were selected and achieved a qualifying standard.

Appendix 1.

Eligibility rules to represent Guernsey at a Commonwealth Games.

In order to comply with the eligibility rules contained in the Constitution of the Commonwealth Games Federation (“the Constitution”) a citizen or subject of Guernsey is defined as:-

- a A holder of a British passport and has qualified resident status in accordance with the Guernsey Housing Law (1994) as amended from time to time (“the Housing Law”), or
- b A holder of a British passport and is a qualified resident by reason of holding a valid housing licence issued in accordance with the Housing Law, or
- c A holder of a British passport and is a qualified resident in accordance with the Housing Law by reason of residing in a property registered under Part A of the Open Market Register.

Subject to those citizens listed in paragraph (b) or (c) having resided in the Bailiwick of Guernsey for 5 years or obtained dispensation in accordance with Article 24.5 of the Constitution.

Article 24.2 and 24.3 of the Constitution continue to apply for all eligibility cases.

Appendix 2

1. Subject to Article 24(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;
 - (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 24(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 24 (1-3) in its discretion.