

Welsh Lawn Bowls Nomination Policy Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games

1. Introduction

This Policy is a **Nomination** process only.

- 1.1. This nomination policy has been agreed by BowlsWales, WLB and Commonwealth Games Council for Wales (CGW). It provides detail on the process by which **BowlsWales & the NGB** will arrive at their nominations for selection of athletes within Team Wales for the 2026 Commonwealth Games from 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2026 which will be submitted to CGW for consideration.
- 1.2. In all cases, nomination by **WLB** represents a nomination to CGW for ratification. **The final decision in selection to the 2026 Games lies with CGW**. Achievement of the selection criteria therefore represents **eligibility for nomination**, not selection.
- 1.3. **WLB** will nominate only those athletes that have qualified under both the **WLB** selection criteria stated below, and the CGW Selection Handbook (available on the CGW website) that should be read in conjunction with this policy. Performances at additional events (Other Events) may be considered at the discretion of the **BowlsWales and WLB** Nomination Panel in the nomination of athletes to CGW for selection to Team Wales for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.
- 1.4. The size of the Team is capped by the Commonwealth Games Federation and Glasgow 2026. As such, there are no extra slots for Wales even though this is a "Home Games".
- 1.5. Individuals nominated for selection to participate at the Commonwealth Games is likely to result in CGW being provided with access to the individuals' personal data which is held by their respective NGB. When nomination forms are completed by NGBs and provided to CGW it is anticipated that Special Categories of Personal Data will be disclosed. This may include individuals' medical records which will be passed to the selection committee as part of the information provided at **11.1** of the Selection Handbook. CGW will hold this data in accordance with its Privacy Notice and it is requested that each nominated individual is provided with the Privacy Notice Appendix B of this Selection Handbook and that they sign the consent

form.

2. Selection Policy Aim

2.1. To select a team of athletes capable of competing with distinction at the 2026 Commonwealth Games, with the individuals and/or the team having the ability to achieve at least a top six placing in the anticipated field.

3. Athlete Eligibility

3.1 The eligibility criteria of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) must be met by all nominees, see Appendix A.

4. Games Competition Format

4.1. Lawn Bowls Able-bodied Bowlers

- 4.1.1. Men's Singles
- 4.1.2. Women's Singles
- 4.1.3. Men's Pairs
- 4.1.4. Women's Pairs

4.2. Visually Impaired Bowlers

- 4.2.1. Mixed Pairs (1 Male/1 Female) – B2-B3

4.3. Para Bowlers

- 4.3.1. Men's Pairs – B6-B8
- 4.3.2. Women's – B6-B8

5. Selection Criteria

5.1. Opportunity to nominate athletes will take place between 1st November 2025 and 25th May 2026.

5.2. CGW requires that players have the ability to finish in the top 6 or a minimum of a top half placing, whichever is the higher standard, or to have the ability to enhance medal potential for the Team Event at the 2026 Commonwealth Games. To demonstrate this, **BowlsWales, WLB** and CGW have agreed the following criteria.

5.3. Sport consistency details:

All Welsh Bowls Players

- MUST play in:
- Commonwealth Games Trials
- MUST also compete in the following events where selected:
- International/Test Events (performances in these events will be taken into consideration by the nomination panel)

- ALL nominated players must also attend the joint Commonwealth Games preparation sessions, together with any other sports science requirements.
- Other Events - It is recommended that players compete in domestic national events/tournaments as these may be considered at the discretion of the Lawn Bowls Nomination Panel in the nomination of athletes to CGW.

Visually Impaired Bowlers

- Nominated via invitation from CGF

Para Bowlers

- Nominated via invitation from CGF

5.4. Both Visually Impaired and Para Bowlers are invited to take part in Commonwealth Games but athletes are required to show high level performance in events as above.

6. Other criteria

6.1. The following aspects will also be taken into account:

6.1.1. Head-to-head results against other Commonwealth opposition.

6.1.2. Where a player has consistently demonstrated their ability to meet the criteria before a period of injury or maternity, which has affected their world ranking/performance.

6.1.3. Ability of a player to enhance medal potential in the team event.

6.1.4. Best discipline combinations and individuals' playing form.

6.1.5. Compatibility within disciplines will be a major factor.

6.2. Players may be asked to undertake health and fitness checks after a period of injury or illness.

7. Selection process

7.1. The WLB Selectors, as appointed by the National Governing Body Executive Committee, will select athletes to be nominated to the CGW, in accordance with the selection criteria detailed above.

7.2. The qualifying window for Lawn Bowls will commence on **1st January 2025** and end on **31st March 2026**. The proposed list of nominees will be submitted to CGW before **25th May 2026**. Prior to nomination, WLB will share with each nominated bowler the required factual evidence to be submitted to CGW.
This information must be agreed in writing by each bowler prior to the submission.

7.3. Details of compulsory Games briefing/fitting session will be announced – date TBA.

7.4. CGW will confirm the final team selections by 3 - 4 June 2026.

7.5. Final selection to the Games team is dependent on receipt of relevant information required by CGW such as the CGF Eligibility form and Team Member Agreement.

8. De-selection

8.1. Deselection from the list of athletes submitted to CGW may occur as a result of, but not limited to:

8.1.1. Failure to meet the standard fitness testing protocols.

8.1.2. Failure to adhere to the athlete code of conduct or the Team Member agreement.

9. Appeals Process

9.1. Once the WLB nominations are made public any player not included in the team has the right of appeal. Appeals against non-nomination and de-selection will be heard by the **WLB** Appeals Committee.

9.2. Appeals shall only be considered if they address the nomination process, clarification of fact or provide new relevant information/evidence. Grounds for appeal do not include, eligibility, health or performances achieved outside of the qualification window 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2026.

9.3. All appeals must be received, in writing by email to secretary@welshbowls.co.uk, including the grounds upon which the appeal is made, by midday on 30th April 2026. Any appeals will be passed directly to the Appeals Committee and in all instances, Lawn Bowls NGB will respond in writing by email to the athlete by midday on 10th May 2026, notifying them of the outcome of the Appeal Process.

9.4. An athlete not included for nomination may not appeal directly to the CGW.

10. Appointment of Lawn Bowls Team Staff

- 10.1. The final complement of WLB team staff attending the Games will ultimately depend upon team composition and will be determined by CGW in consultation with BowlsWales and WLB.

Appendix

A- Handbook Nominated individual sign off form Explicit Consent to process Special Categories of Data.

B - Commonwealth Games Wales Selection Handbook Glasgow 2026 Eligibility, Index 7.