



XXII Commonwealth Games, Birmingham, England, 28th July – 8th August 2022
Volleyball England Beach Volleyball Selection Policy

1. Overview

- 1.1 This document outlines the information concerning selection for the Commonwealth Games 2022 (“the Games”) and details the process by which Volleyball England (“VE”) will arrive at its decisions to nominate athletes for selection for the Beach Volleyball at the Games. These nominations will then be submitted to Commonwealth Games England (“CGE”), for final team selection to Team England for the Games.
- 1.2 Subject to athletes fulfilling the eligibility criteria and meeting the qualifications requirements, VE will nominate the maximum team size it can (4 athletes - 2 male and 2 female) within the quotas determined by CGE. The Games tournament is set to be a 12-team tournament in both genders. Each team which qualifies and is selected by VE to participate in the Games will be assigned one team official per gender. The appointment and selection of the team officials is detailed in section 8.
- 1.3 The aim of the VE Games selection policy is two-fold;
- 1.3.1 Select athletes capable of achieving the highest possible number of medals at the Games.
 - 1.3.2 Nominate the maximum team size within the given quotas, subject to athletes achieving the selection criteria detailed below in section 3.
- 1.4 VE will nominate athletes to CGE for ratification. CGE reserves the right not to ratify an athlete nominated by VE. (See section 7).

2. Essential Eligibility Criteria

- 2.1 To be considered eligible for selection, athletes must:
- 2.1.1 Have signed the relevant CGE Team Members Agreement (“TMA”).
 - 2.1.2 Have signed the Commonwealth Games Federation (“CGF”) entry and eligibility form.
 - 2.1.3 Agree to and comply with pre-games preparation policies and plans which will be published nearer the time and determined by VE at their absolute discretion and communicated directly to the athletes by email.
 - 2.1.4 Hold a British passport.

3. Selection Criteria

- 3.1 One team per gender will compete at the Games. If a team is within the top 2 ranking based upon Commonwealth countries as of Wednesday 6th April 2022, then they will automatically be selected to represent CGE at the Games, as long as they meet the Team Eligibility criteria as laid out in 3.2. The ranking will be determined using the FIVB World Ranking ([Men Women](#)). If no team is within the top 2 ranked Commonwealth countries then selection will be determined through the Commonwealth Games Selection Tournament (“CWGST”), which is scheduled to take place in May 2022, the teams who meet the Eligibility criteria laid out in 3.2 will be advised of the date and timing of this event via



email, the date will come out once the international calendars for FIVB and CEV have been released later in 2021.

3.2 Team Eligibility

- 3.2.1 All athletes must meet Volleyball England's Senior Beach Athlete Criteria.
- 3.2.2 The top 5 teams based on the 'Commonwealth Games Ranking' points system in each gender will be invited to compete in the CWGST. A Wildcard entry may be awarded by VE Tech & Talent in consultation with the Head Coach to complete the 6-team main draw, a Wildcard may be excused from not fulfilling the Senior Eligibility Criteria, based on the wildcard application highlighting the strength and merit of the team applying. If wildcard is not allocated then the 6th team on Commonwealth Games Ranking points will be awarded the final spot.
- 3.2.3 The Commonwealth Games Ranking points are based on the top 8 results on the UKBT National Ranking points system operating on a 365-day period before the entry deadline 30th April 2022.
- 3.2.4 The team's points are based on combining the individual athletes' National Ranking points, which are publicly available on the UKBT website (<https://www.ukbeachtour.com/rankings>).
- 3.2.5 If a team has received a Wild Card into an FIVB event, that team must win a match within the tournament for the points from that tournament to be included with the top 8 results.
- 3.2.6 If there is a tie in points, the tie breaker will be the team's best finish. This is determined by the highest number of National Ranking points earned in a single event; however this will only count if the team reach the main draw in that event. If they received a Wild Card, the team must have won a match for the result to be eligible to be considered. If the top result is a tie, the process will continue through the 2nd – 8th result until the tie is broken.
- 3.2.7 Due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic (the "Pandemic"), VE reserves the right to alter the Team Eligibility Criteria (3.2) if it considers (acting reasonably) that the Pandemic has or is likely to affect the application of the criteria. We will communicate any changes with all teams as soon as possible via email.

3.3 Tournament Format

- 3.3.1 Tournament seeding will use the UKBT National Seeding Ranking points calculated on the week of the CWGST.
- 3.3.2 The Tournament will consist of a pool stage consisting of 3 teams per pool, with the 1st place team proceeding into the semi directly, 2nd and 3rd place teams will play a single quarter-final tie to progress to the semi-finals. Semi- finals and finals will consist of a best of 3 match series The first team to win 2 matches during the final series will be nominated as the team to compete at the Games. This team will then need to be ratified by VE Tech & Talent before formally being put forward to CGE.



3.3.3 The CWGST structure and full details will be announced at least 45 actual days prior to the event.

4. Selection Process

- 4.1 All athletes must have adhered to the VE 'Code of Conduct' (<https://www.volleyballengland.org/~media/docs/Code%20of%20Conduct.pdf>).
- 4.2 All athletes nominated for selection must have completed all required anti-doping education and training included in the UKAD Clean Games Policy, more information on this can be found here: https://www.volleyballengland.org/about_us/anti-doping
- 4.3 All athletes nominated for selection must have completed and submitted all required medical certifications to VE so that they can be uploaded to the FIVB VIS (Volleyball Information System) system.
- 4.4 VE will send their nominations to CGE by Monday 20th June 2022. CGE will confirm team selections within 48 hours of submission to VE, who will notify the athletes by email.
- 4.5 If a selected athlete is withdrawn from the process through injury (see 6.1.2), they may be replaced by a suitable athlete who meets the eligibility criteria and is determined to be appropriate for selection following consultation with the Performance Director, Head Coach and VE Tech and Talent subgroup.
- 4.6 Final selection to compete at the Games as part of Team England is dependent on receipt of all relevant information, as required by CGE. For example, the completion, signing and return of the CGF eligibility form and the CGE TMA.

5. De-selection

- 5.1 Athletes can be de-selected from their nominations to CGE and selection for Team England in the following instances:
 - 5.1.1 **Anti-doping violations** – Athletes suspended by VE due to ongoing or concluded anti-doping violation allegations, will not be nominated or considered for selection. If already nominated or selected, they will be de-selected from Team England.
 - 5.1.2 **Injury** – If injury issues are identified at the time of or after nomination/selection, a fitness test may be required to determine whether the athlete is capable of performing to the level that they were selected for the Games. The format of this test will be determined jointly by CGE, VE and the nominated Beach Volleyball experts. The test will be specific to Beach Volleyball, the condition of the athlete and may include input from CGE medical staff. Any selection or deselection decision resulting from this test will be final.
 - 5.1.3 **Breaches of conduct** – Athletes found to be in breach of CGE, VE and Team England policies, codes of conduct and athlete agreements may be deselected. This includes if they have any open appeals under VE's Grievance and Disciplinary Policy



<https://www.volleyballengland.org/~media/docs/Grievance%20and%20Disciplinary%20Policy.pdf>

6. Appeals

6.1 Appeals against non-selection for the Games by VE is strictly between the individual athlete and VE, in accordance with VE's own Grievance and Disciplinary Policy (<https://www.volleyballengland.org/~media/docs/Grievance%20and%20Disciplinary%20Policy.pdf>), with the following amendments:

- 6.1.1 (4.5) Any appeal must be set out in writing within 7 actual days of the date on which the relevant body issued its decision and set out the reasons for the appeal from those in paragraph 4.3 above.
- 6.1.2 (6.6.11) Within 7 actual days of the conclusion of the hearing the Disciplinary Committee shall issue a written decision which should contain the following:-
 - (a) the identity and composition of the Disciplinary Committee;
 - (b) the names of the parties;
 - (c) a summary of the facts;
 - (d) the grounds of the decision;
 - (e) the provisions on which the decision is based;
 - (f) the sanctions imposed;
 - (g) any order for costs;
 - (h) any sanction imposed

6.2 Following the CWGST VE will notify all teams having taken part in the event of the final decision. Any athletes who have not been nominated have the right to appeal this decision, if their grievance falls within the criteria laid out within the VE's Grievance and Disciplinary Policy and they submit their appeal by 17:00 on Tuesday 31st May 2022 in writing, including the grounds upon which the appeal is to be made, and submitted via email to VE's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at international@volleyballengland.org.

7. Team Staff Appointments

7.1 Chris Jones was appointed as the Team Manager in July 2020 following an open application and interview process.

7.2 Beach Volleyball staff, such as the coaches and support staff, will be selected nearer to the Games depending on the team which qualifies. The staff will be appointed following consultation with the Performance Manager, Head Coach, Technical and Talent Coordinator, selected athletes and the VE Tech and Talent Subgroup.

7.3 Once appointed, all staff must meet the following criteria:

- Completed Introduction to Clean Sport eLearning/Coach Clean eLearning and Scenarios Workshop.
- Completed FIVB PlayClean Certification.
- Be registered with VE.
- Be signed up to Team England's Plus 1% system (<https://cqaengweb.plus1percent.com/default>).

7.4 All coaches must also meet the additional criteria:



- Have relevant coaching experience, as deemed appropriate by VE in consultation with CGE.
- Have relevant coaching qualifications, as deemed appropriate by VE in consultation with CGE.