

Team PNG

Athletes Selection Policy







PNG POWERLIFTING FEDERATION

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background -

The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee (PNGOC) has developed this policy for the selection of athletes to represent PNG at respective Games from 2022 to 2024.

The (Games) being considered under this selection policy are:

2023 Pacific Games

The PNGOC is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the National Olympic Committee for Papua New Guinea. The IOC is the supreme authority in all matters concerning the Olympic Games.

PNGOC is also recognised by the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) and the Pacific Games Council (PGC) as members of the respective bodies. The CGF is the supreme authority in all matters concerning the Commonwealth Games as is the PGC the supreme authority in all matters concerning the Pacific Games.

The PNGOC has the sole and exclusive authority to determine its representation at the Games.

The PNGOC wishes to promote awareness and a clear understanding of the process for nomination of Athletes by the National Federations (NF) and selection by the PNGOC for Team PNG (the Team) to compete in the Games.

The NF and its athletes wish to have a clear understanding of the process for nomination and selection of Athletes for the Team and have agreed to the terms and conditions of this Policy for that purpose.

This Policy sets out the application, nomination and selection process by which eligible Athletes may be considered for nomination by the NF, and selection by the PNGOC, for Team PNG.

This Policy also sets out the procedures that must be followed for any appeal against a decision by the NF regarding an Athlete's nomination or non-nomination or a decision by the PNGOC regarding an Athlete's selection or non-selection to the Team.

This policy is to be referred to in the nomination criteria to be adopted by each National Federation (NF) for all athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to Team PNG to compete in the Games.

1.2 Purpose -

For PNGOC to select a team that:

- Has high-performing athletes to represent Team PNG at the Games.
- Has a high percentage of athletes meeting the Performance Standards.
- Achieves the targets set out by PNGOC for the respective games.

2. Process

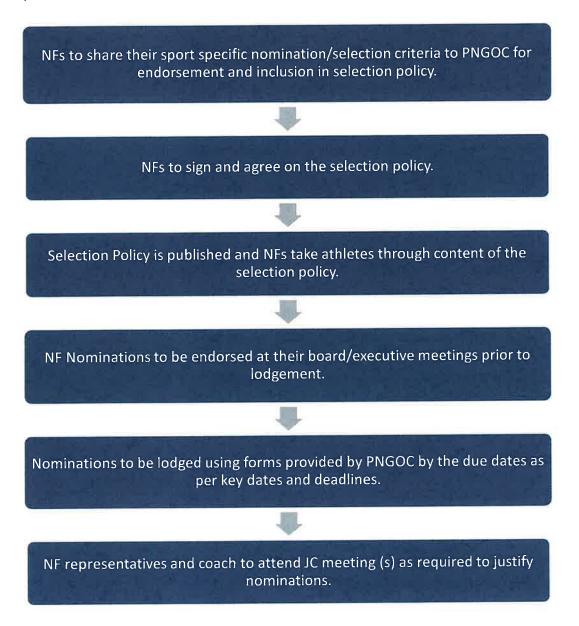
This policy has been adopted by the PNG Olympic Committee.

NFs must nominate athletes in the sport for selection for Team PNG for the Games, by the due dates.

The Justification Committee (JC) of the PNGOC will review the nominations and make the final selection in line with this policy and the NF nomination/selection criteria.

2.1 Nomination Process - National Federations

The process for NFs to nominate athletes in their respective sports is as follows



A National Federation must not represent that a nomination of a candidate guarantees or secures selection to the sport or within the team.

It is recommended that the NF nomination/selection panel includes independent representation and that one position is given to the Head Coach.

2.2 Selection Process - Justification Committee

The JC has the task of ensuring the nominated candidates become the right team or individual to fulfil the PNGOC's overall vision. This means selecting the right people that give Team PNG the best chance of achieving our Games goals. The JC may request additional advice from external specialists where required.

Any discretion used by JC must be transparent, accountable, logical and acted upon in good faith.

Outcomes of all selection processes will be communicated both verbally and in writing by the JC to the NF.

2.3 General Criteria & Eligibility (For all Athletes)

- 2.3.1 Must be a Papua New Guinean Citizen with a valid Papua New Guinea (PNG) passport (with a six-month minimum expiry as at the conclusion of the Games):
- 2.3.2 Must meet all eligibility requirements set out in the International Olympic Committee Charter, Commonwealth Games Federation Charter, Pacific Games Charter and rules applicable to the respective Games, this policy, and any requirements of the sport.
- 2.3.3 Must complete all required documentation correctly and in a timely manner.
- 2.3.4 Must adhere in full to all general Team PNG policies, athlete's agreement and PNGOC policy including satisfactorily meeting event requirements. This will include the completion of all medical, fitness and other testing protocols not yet conducted or still underway at the time of squad selection. The candidate will be notified in writing of areas they need to address if non-compliant. If after such notification the candidate still fails to meet the criteria, the candidate can be removed from consideration for selection.
- **2.3.5** Willingness to engage in and encourage participation in PNGOC and Team PNG activities and programs.
- **2.3.6** Must agree to the terms of this Selection Policy.
- 2.3.7 Must sign and agree to the terms of the athlete agreement before and during the Games.
- 2.3.8 Have achieved Performance Standards (as set out in clause 3.1) within the timeframe as pointed out for the respective Games.

2.4 Physical Fitness, Injury Monitoring and Wellbeing -

All nominated athletes must submit to medical and physical assessments and examinations as follows

- 2.4.1 All athletes must report any injury, medical condition or medication/treatment of an injury or medical condition to the National Head Coach & Team PNG appointed medical personnel, where it has an impact on the athletes' ongoing training plan.
- 2.4.2 All athletes must comply with set physical and medical assessments as set out by PNGOC and JC requirements.
- 2.4.3 All athletes must provide any information required by PNGOC about a medical or physical assessment, injury or medical condition.

2.5 Exclusions -

A nominated athlete can NOT be considered for selection for any sport in the following circumstances. If the candidate:

- 2.5.1 is currently serving a ban imposed by the National Federation; or
- 2.5.2 is currently serving a ban imposed by any Regional or International Federation; or
- 2.5.3 has been involved in an activity that contradicts the policies and laws of the World Anti-Doping Authority (WADA), PNG Sports Anti-Doping Organisation (PNGSADO) and the event's governing body anti-doping policies and laws; and is currently serving a ban for anti-doping related offences.
- **2.5.4** is convicted of a criminal offence.

A nominated athlete May be excluded from consideration if the candidate:

- **2.5.5** breaches general team policy such as behaviour or conduct bringing sport in PNG and Team PNG into disrepute;
- 2.5.6 does any action that is contrary, inconsistent with or opposing to the brand, values, best interest or image of PNGOC and Team PNG;
- 2.5.7 does not comply with all agreements such as General Team Policy including areas such as gambling policy, social media guidelines and formal guidelines set by PNGOC, Team PNG Chef de Mission and Management.

An endorsed athlete <u>May</u> not be replaced within forty-five (45) days of the opening ceremony of the respective Games. The dates outlined below indicate the date by which an athlete may not be replaced thereafter for the respective Games:

2023 Commonwealth Youth Games - 20 June 2023

2023 Pacific Games - 5 October 2023

2024 Olympic games - 11 June 2024

The JC will only consider athlete replacements in the case of injuries, medical reasons or extenuating situations as outlined in 2.6. Replacement athletes can only be allowed if the replacement is on the long list and was previously endorsed by the JC.

2.6 Consideration of Extenuating Situations -

In the case of illness or other reasonable circumstances that prevent the candidate from fulfilling their requirements, written notification to the JC must be made before or within a reasonable time of the failure to comply. This can include but is not limited to, attendance at daily training, camps, testing, international and domestic events, training and development and other key events as per the calendar. With relevance to an overseas-based athlete, a case-by-case decision will be made by the JC in consultation with the Chef de Mission if needed.

3. Selection Overview Sport-Specific requirements

3.1 Performance Standards

The following Performance Standards shall be used as the main criteria for the selection of athletes for the various Games. It shall, however, be used in combination with PNGOC's *National Federation and Athlete tiering system policy* and other factors such as demonstrated improved performances and results at key international competitions, athlete commitment to training and preparation for games and no disciplinary issues.

Performance history shall also be from various international and national events from the last twenty-four months prior to the commencement of the respective games.

3.1.1 2023 Pacific Games

- 3.1.1.1 All individual athletes and team events eligible for the Pacific Games shall be ranked in the top 5 in Oceania, top 3 in the Pacific and top 2 nationally to be considered for final selection.
- **3.1.1.2** Must be capable of achieving a medal placing in their respective event.

¹Team Events are events that feature a team of individual athletes e.g. 100m Relay, Tennis Doubles, Lawn Bowls Fours.

3.2 Events / Competitions & Fitness, Physiological criteria (Elite focus) –

The following criteria will be used as a part of the JC review process for all athletes for Team PNG.

3.2.1 Training & Competition Plan

Each National Head Coach has submitted a training and competition plan. Attendance and ongoing commitment to this plan are vital for inclusion in selections for the final team. Attendance records for training and activities will be recorded and submitted to JC.

3.2.2 Sport Specific Criteria

PNGOC recommends that NFs provide information on the following to support the selection of athletes for Team PNG:

- Previous international and national performances
- Current international and national performances
- Current level of skill and physical fitness (sport-specific requirements attached)
- Current or potential injury or condition that will impair, inhibit or prevent the participant's performance to the expected elite level
- Composition and balance of the team based on position coverage (where applicable)
- Which competitions and/or trials where selections will be made
- Period when selections will be done
- How the NF has communicated the selection criteria to the athletes

3.2.3 Events

PNGOC recommends that selections be made through the following events as submitted by National Federation's:

- International events Oceania/ Pacific Championships
- National Championships
- National League/ Provincial League
- HP Camps, selection camps and targeted training sessions
- Selection trials

3.3 Events/Competitions & Fitness, Physiological criteria (Best of Rest focus)

Should the full team requirements not be met from the standards and criteria set out above, then a policy of Best of the Rest will apply. This is where PNGOC may decide to endorse athletes who have not met the standards and criteria laid out in this policy and whose inclusion in Team PNG is within the allowable athlete allocation numbers and is in line with PNGOC's Games' goals.

This will be done on similar grounds as the criteria above, i.e.

3.3.1 Event and competition performance 3.3.2 Results from Specific Testing Data Results from Medical and Physical assessments 3.3.3 3.3.4 Other factors considered by selectors to be important PNGOC's NF and Athlete tiering system policy 3.3.5 Commonwealth Games – Athlete must be ranked number one nationally 3.3.6 Pacific Mini Games & Pacific Games - The athlete must be ranked in the top 2 nationally 3.3.7 The Best of the Rest focus does not apply to the Olympic Games. 3.3.8

The Best of the Rest focus will only apply to the Pacific Mini Games, Pacific Games, Commonwealth Youth Games and the Commonwealth Games.

The Best of the Rest focus does not apply to the Olympic Games. Exception for Athletics and Swimming, they have the Universality Placing option where individuals will be selected on the minimum standards set by their respective National Federation's selection criteria.

Discretion will be used in this situation where the data and information are more objective and less definitive.

4. Appeal Process

An athlete who fails to be selected for the squad or final team pursuant to the criteria set out in this policy may appeal against omission.

An athlete who was initially in the final team and was then omitted by the NF may appeal against omission.

The only grounds for such an appeal are that the JC, in making their final decision, failed to comply with this policy.

There is no right to appeal where a sanction or ban exists in relation to WADA or International Federation.

Appeals – Appeals can be made through the standard sports appeal process, with ultimate arbitrator being the International Court of Arbitration (ICAS).

Scenario 1 - Athlete is not nominated by the NF

Process for an athlete to appeal if they haven't been nominated by the NF is as follows:

Athlete to write a letter to their NF of their decision to appeal within 14 days



If the response from the NF is not satisfactory, the Athlete can write to the JC seeking advice within 21 days total from beginning of process of appeal



If the Athlete is not satisfied with the response from the JC, the Athlete can appeal in writing to the Sports Disputes Tribunal within fourteen (14) days of the date of notification of the decision of the JC



If the Athlete is not satisfied with the decision of the Sports Dispute Tribunal, the Athlete may lodge an appeal to the International Court of Arbitration (ICAS) within 21 days after the delivery of the decision of the Sports Disputes Tribunal.



The decision of ICAS is final.

Scenario 2 - The athlete is excluded by the JC

Process for an athlete and/or the NF to appeal if the athlete(s) are excluded by the JC is as follows:

If the Athlete and / NF is dissatisfied with the decisions of the Justification Committee, the Athlete and / or NF can appeal in writing to the Sports Disputes Tribunal within fourteen (14) days after the date of notification of the decision of the JC.



If the Athlete is dissatisfied with the decision of the Sports Dispute Tribunal, the Athlete may lodge an appeal to the International Court of Arbitration (ICAS) within 21 days after the delivery of decision.



The decision of ICAS is final.

Scenario 3 - Athlete dropped by NF after being in the final endorsed team

Process for an athlete to appeal if they were initially in the final endorsed team but was dropped by the NF:

Athlete to write a letter to their NF of their decision to appeal within 14 days



If the response from the NF is not satisfactory, the Athlete can write to the JC seeking advice within 21 days total from beginning of process of appeal



If the Athlete is not satisfied with the response from the JC, the Athlete can appeal in writing to the Sports Disputes Tribunal within fourteen (14) days of the date of notification of the decision of the JC



If the Athlete is not satisfied with the decision of the Sports Dispute Tribunal, the Athlete may lodge an appeal to the International Court of Arbitration (ICAS) within 21 days after the delivery of the decision of the Sports Disputes Tribunal.



The decision of ICAS is final.

The appeal process will not be extended beyond 21 days. A final decision is to be made in due course but no later than the due date for final nominations.

Indemnity: - It is a condition of nomination and participation in the selection that PNGOC and its directors, officers, employees, servants, and agents be indemnified from and against all claims, demands, action, proceedings, costs and expenses including legal costs and liabilities to third parties arising out of incidents of any breach by the National Federation and/or athletes.

We, the undersigned are in agreement with this Selection Policy to select athletes to represent PNG at respective Games from 2021 to 2024.

Dated this	day of TUNE , 2023
Auvita Rapilla Secretary General PNG Olympic Committee	- Agel
Name of NF Executive	VAGI, HEHRY
Signature of NF Executive	
NF Executive Position	SECRETARY
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			Games		
Year	2022			2023	2024
Games	Pacific Mini Games	Commonwealth Games	Commonwealth Youth Games	Pacific Games	Olympic Games
Host City	Saipan	Birmingham	Port of Spain	Honiara	Paris
lost Country	Northern Mariana Islands	England	Trinidad & Tobago	Solomon Islands	France
Date	June 17-25	July 27 - Aug 7	Aug 4-11	Nov 19 - Dec 2	July 26-Aug 11
		Perf	ormance Standards		
Oceanic	Top 5	Top 3	Top 5	Top 5	Top 3
Pacific	Top 3		Top 3	Top 3	1st
National	Top 2	1st	Top 2	Top 2	1st
Selection Policy Criteria	 Demonstrated improved performances and results at key international competitions over the past 24 months. Includes improved performances from Pacific Games 2019 and Pacific Mini Games 2017. Ranking in the National (Top 2) /Pacific (Top 3) /Oceania (Top 5) Is capable of achieving a medal placing in their respective event and/or team event. Commitment to training and preparation for the Games No disciplinary issues 	 Demonstrated improved performances and results at key international competitions over the past 24 months. Includes improved performances from Pacific Games 2019. Ranking in the National (Number 1 ranked)/Oceania (Top 3) Is capable of achieving a top 15 placing in their respective event and top 10 in the team event. Commitment to training and preparation for the Games No disciplinary issues 	 Demonstrated improved performances and results at key international competitions over the past 24 months. Ranking in the National (Number 1 ranked)/Oceania (Top 5) 	 Demonstrated improved performances and results at key international competitions over the past 24 months. Includes improved performances from Pacific Games 2019. Ranking in the National (Number 1 ranked)/Oceania (Top 5) Is capable of achieving a medal placing in their respective event and/or team event. Commitment to training and preparation for the Games No disciplinary issues 	 Demonstrated improved performances and results a key international competitions over the past months. Ranking in the National (Number 1 ranked)/Pacific (Number 1)/Oceania (Top 3 Is capable of achieving a 20 placing in their respective event and/or team event. Commitment to training a preparation for the Games No disciplinary issues

Change History

Date	Version	Modified by	Description of change
5 th Oct 21	1.1	Desmond Kaviagu	 Added Control Version on Cover Page Added Change History on Page 2 Added Table of Contents Updated Organisation and Association Logos Added Vaccination requirement in General Criteria and Eligibility Requirements, and Exclusions section
13 th Feb 23	1.2	Chris Amini	 Removed the 2023 Asian Games and replaced them with the 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games Removed mandatory requirement for COVID-19 vaccination (2.3.5) Removed – 2.5.5: COVID-19 vaccination no longer a requirement Added – Exclusions (2.5): An endorsed athlete May not be replaced within forty-five (45) days of the opening ceremony of the respective Games. The dates outlined below indicate the date by which an athlete may not be replaced thereafter for the respective Games: The JC will only consider athlete replacements in the case of injuries, medical reasons or extenuating situations as outlined in 2.6. Replacement athletes can only be allowed if the replacement is on the long list and was previously endorsed by the JC. Changed – 3.1.3: Added in Commonwealth Youth Games performance standards Added – Appeal process: an athlete who was initially in the final team and was then omitted by the NF may appeal against omission. Added – Appeal process: Scenario # 3 – If an athlete was initially endorsed and then later dropped by NF.





Introduction

PNG Powerlifting Federation (PNGPF) aims to select a team that performs with distinction for the period 2020 – 2024, achieving success through medals or improved team rankings in the Oceania region and on the greater international stage.

This policy has been developed by PNGPF to outline the process by which athletes are assessed and selected to represent PNG at the Junior, Youth and Senior levels who have the potential to achieve success (medals) at the games listed below.

All athletes will be screened following the Criteria & Guidelines below in order to be selected for the following games listed below.

- Commonwealth Games
- Pacific Games
- Oceania Powerlifting Championship
- Powerlifting World Championships
- Any other competitions sanctioned by PNG Powerlifting Federation
- All Para Powerlifting Games
- Paris 2024 Paralympic Games

Selection Panel Members

PNG Powerlifting has a Selection Panel that consists of a (3)-member panel which will comprise the Head Coach, a member of the Executive (it is recommended that this position should not hold the position of the President of PNGPF) and an independent individual. For a more transparent selection panel, PNG Powerlifting chooses to have independent individuals join its selection panel. Independent selectors may have no relationship with the sport and would select athletes based on the criteria within this policy. It is to note that these independent selectors are not mandatory to have as part of selection but aids in providing a different perspective for selections. The PNG Powerlifting Selection Panel that is approved by the PNG Powerlifting Executive is done through the following process:.

- PNGPF Executive Member (Chairperson) A member of the executive committee will be appointed through a resolution by the PNGPF and will hold the position as the Chairperson for the PNGPF Selection Panel
- 2. Independent Selector Position will be advertised by PNGPF through various form of media and the role will be available for any individual that wishes to become part of PNGPF Selection Panel. The executive committee then makes its selection based on the applications.
- 3. Head Coach The head coach of PNGPF will automatically become a part of the Selection Panel.

4. All positions on the Selection Panel are endorsed by the PNG Powerlifting Federation executive committee members.

The Selection Panel will be responsible for selecting powerlifters both seniors and juniors in preparation for the above listed competitions and any other competitions sanctioned by PNGPF.

The selection Panel shall be responsible for selecting the best available through fulfilling the process as stipulated throughout this policy. All selection panel meetings are minuted with feedback on the process relayed through the Chairperson of the Selection Panel.

Communicate to the PNG Powerlifting Federation any conflict of interest that may arise related to the selection of athletes and teams for the respective games

It is mandatory that all Selection Panel Members officially disclose conflict of interest before the commencement of a selection panel meeting. The disclosure should be minuted during the selection panel meeting.

Athlete Eligibility

- The Athlete must have a valid PNG Passport (Not expiring 6 months prior to the targeted Games
- Be a current member of PNG Powerlifting Federation or Affiliated club member.
- Athletes must have participated at the following domestic competitions to be considered for selection (Note that this includes international athletes vying for selection).

1. PNG Powerlifting National Championships

- 1.1 All individual athletes shall be considered for final selection with demonstrated improvement and performance at the Powerlifting National Championships "Mandatory"
- 1.2 Any selection trials that have been sanctioned by PNGPF. The results from this competition may be considered as supplementary information to justify a selection of an athlete
- 1.3 Athletes that are based overseas can be considered based on their performances. The athlete must inform the PNGPF of their eligibility and advise PNGPF of high-level competitions they wish to participate in. PNGPF Selection Panel will determine if the competition is of a high standard and the performances can be considered for selection to the final team.

Sports Performance Criteria

PNG Powerlifting Federation Selection Panel will look at the following areas below to finalize the selection of its athletes for representative duties.

The decision process is based on key criteria by which each athlete is assessed, detailed as follows. There are some guideline Powerlifting standards adopted in line with other Powerlifting National Federations which allow for "grading" of lifters based on their total lifted, relative to their weight class.

These are outlined below and follow a conventional grading structure (A/B/C/D/E/F)

Athletes have automatic qualification for the train-on squad if they are capable of reaching benchmark (B). Although they qualify for the train on squad final selection will be determined by the selection Panel and whether or not they are capable of achieving the (A) benchmark standards for the total lift in their weight class.

	Women						
		Α	В	С	D	E	F
	43	265	250	225	200	175	150
	47	295	272.5	247.5	222.5	197.5	167.5
so	52	325	292.5	267.5	242.5	212.5	185
Weight Class	57	345	315	285	255	225	200
) t	63	372.5	340	310	280	250	220
/eig	63	380	350	320	290	260	230
>	72	420	380	350	310	280	250
	84	450	410	375	335	300	260
	84+	480	440	400	355	320	280

		Men					
		Α	В	С	D	E	F
	53	462.5	432.5	395	340	285	255
	59	512.5	480	435	380	325	285
S	66	567.5	530	480	425	370	330
Jas	74	617.5	577.5	522.5	462.5	402.5	357.5
Weight Class	83	667.5	622.5	562.5	502.5	442.5	392.5
/eig	93	707.5	662.5	597.5	537.5	472.5	417.5
>	105	745	697.5	627.5	552.5	487.5	435
	120	780	725	650	575	505	457.5
	120+	815	760	680	605	535	480

- Anaerobic Endurance The ability to perform maximal lifts without fatiguing too early
- Motivation and Self Confidence
- Skill and technique
- Coping with pressure situations This may be a winning lift against another athlete in your weight category
- Strength & Power This will be assessed in training camps and by video review by the selection Panel
- Speed and Explosiveness This will be assessed in training camps and by video review by the selection
 Panel

in the case of Para athletes, must hold an international WP classification of "R eview" or
"Confirmed" status (at the absolute discretion of the Selection Panel, in certain cases, where
there is a known pathway to International classification, this requirement may be waived)

Secondary Criteria

Aside from athletic performance, there are a number of other attributes that are assessed when reviewing an athlete's prospective entry and participation in international competition including:

- Athletes standing in their gym community, and contribution to the wider sport, including:
 - 1. Attendance rate to group training sessions
 - 2. Adherence to provided coaching advice
 - 3. General behavior and standing from a community standpoint
 - 4. Assistance in supporting less advanced athletes in progressing within the sport & federation.
 - 5. Efforts to promote the federation, and the sport in general inside Papua New Guinea.
- Likelihood of medal/success in particular competition.

Competitions like Oceania Championships and World Championships the lifters age category is to be determined. If lifter doesn't win at National Champs or at Pacific Games but has Gold medal potential in age category (Sub-junior, junior or masters) then he/she is to be considered a place in the team.

Athletes that may not meet the Ranking Criteria may still be considered for selection on merit, potential and demonstrated ability to meet performance standard through development training camps.

Sports Science:

- Athletes must participate in PNGSF High Performance Fitness Testing (Please refer to benchmarking Standards by High Performance Sport.
- Athletes must participate in PNGSF High Performance Screening
- Athletes must participate in PNGSF High Performance Training Programs

Testing battery Generic Benchmarks

Sports specific physical testi	ng battery and benchmarks for tr	athlon athletes.	
COMPONENT OF	PROPOSED TEST	BENCHMA	ARK DATA TO AIM FOR
FITNESS		Males	Females
Maximum Muscle	1 RM Tests		
Strength	- Bench Press		
	- Deadlifts		

	- Squats	
Male	Deadlift St	andards (kg)
Entire (Community	
Weight	Bodyweight Ratio	
Strength	Level	Bodyweight Ratio
Beginner		1.00x
Novice		1.50x
Intermedia	ate	2.00x
Advanced		2.50x
Elite		3.00x

Male Bench Press Standards Entire Community Weight **Bodyweight Ratio** Strength Level **Bodyweight Ratio** Beginner 0.50x**Novice** 0.75xIntermediate 1.25x Advanced 1.75x Elite 2.00x

Male Squat Standards (kg) **Entire Community** Weight **Bodyweight Ratio Bodyweight Ratio** Strength Level 0.75xBeginner 1.25x **Novice** 1.50x Intermediate 2.25x Advanced 2.75x Elite

Female Squat Standards (kg)

Entire Community

Weight

Bodyweight Ratio

Strength Level	Bodyweight Ratio	
Beginner	0.50x	
Novice	0.75x	
Intermediate	1.25x	
Advanced	1.50x	
Elite	2.00x	

Female Bench Press Standards

Entire Community

Weight

Bodyweight Ratio

Strength Level	Bodyweight Ratio	
Beginner	0.25x	
Novice	0.50x	
Intermediate	0.75x	
Advanced	1.00x	
Elite	1.50x	

Female Deadlift Standards (kg) **Entire Community** Weight **Bodyweight Ratio Bodyweight Ratio** Strength Level 0.50xBeginner 1.00x **Novice** 1.25x Intermediate 1.75x Advanced 2.50x **Elite**

Sports Medicine

- It is mandatory that all athletes undergo Physio Testing and Screening
- It is mandatory that all athletes undergo medical testing and screening
- It is mandatory that all female athletes undergo pregnancy tests as part of PNGHF athletes safeguarding Policy.

Other Criteria's

- Attendance to training and punctuality
- Attitude & work ethic
- Team cohesion and ability to communicate well as a team
- Mental toughness and discipline
- Trend of performance in the past 6 months
- Athletes Sports science and sports medicine and medical status
- Wellbeing

Communications

As part of PNG Powerlifting Federations obligation is the process of communicating this Selection Policy to the athletes that aim to qualify and be selected to represent PNG at the aforementioned games in the aim of the Policy. PNG Powerlifting Federation aims to disseminate this policy in the following ways in tandem with PNGOC.

- 1. Through Social Media (Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram etc...
- 2. Emails will be sent to each Association
- 3. A PDF Copy will be available on the PNGOC website

As part of the communications, process PNG Powerlifting Federation also includes the notification process of athlete's selection or non-selection as listed below through the following means.

- 1. Athletes are notified through an official letter
- 2. Athletes are notified through Email
- 3. Athletes are notified through a face to face meeting

Appeals

If an athlete or athletes who fail to be selected for the squad feel as though this policy has not been used in tandem with their selection can appeal in writing within (7) days to the PNG Powerlifting Selection Panel and Executive. They must provide evidence and proof to justify their appeal.

The PNG Powerlifting Federation shall reply to the letter within 5 Business Days of the outcomes of the athlete's appeal in the form of a letter or email of the PNG Powerlifting Federation. .

If an athlete is not satisfied with the response from PNG Powerlifting Federation, Selection Panel and Executives, the athlete can appeal through the Justification Committee following the appeals process as stated in the Team PNG Selection Policy in "Section 4, Appeals". PNG Powerlifting Federation aligns its appeals process with The Team PNG Selection Policy.

PNG Powerlifting Federation does hold the rights to ammend the policy in collaboration with PNGOC