



Entries and Eligibility

Events	Maximum number of entries per event		
Singles	Three	Three	
Doubles	Two pairs per event	Two pairs per event	
Mixed doubles			Four pairs per event
Mixed team event	One team per CGA (five male and five female athletes)		

The following sport-specific entry regulations have been determined for the badminton individual and team events and are applicable to GC2018:

- A maximum of five men and five women entered by CGA (10 athletes in total)
- Within this maximum, a CGA can enter a maximum three athletes in single events and two pairs in single gender doubles events
- A maximum of four pairs in mixed pairs event - excluding team event.

Athlete Eligibility:

Athletes must be registered with the Badminton World Federation (BWF) and have a valid BWF Licence number. Athletes must also be a passport-holder of the CGA nation for which they are entered, and have accrued all relevant BWF points as a passport-holder of that nation.

General eligibility conditions:

To be eligible for CGA endorsement, an athlete must comply with the following conditions:

- Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or IF or under the World Anti-Doping Code.
- Complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, IF 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.
- Meet with the CGF's eligibility standards in accordance with the CGF Constitution.

Age requirements:

- There are no age requirements for badminton events.

CGF Eligibility:

Subject to Byelaw 17(2), as a condition of entry to compete in the Commonwealth Games, all competitors must be citizens or subjects of the Commonwealth country which enters them and must:

- Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the Federation, or their respective Affiliated CGA or IF or under the World Anti-Doping Code.
- 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.

Subject to Byelaw 17(3), where a competitor was born in a Commonwealth country which 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 who shares the same citizenship/passport.



After having represented one Commonwealth country at the Commonwealth Games, a competitor may not represent another Commonwealth country unless he or she receives approval of the Federation, the relevant IF and Affiliated CGAs of the two Commonwealth countries concerned. Applications under this byelaw must be submitted to the Executive Board at least 12 months prior to the commencement of the Games.

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.

The Executive Board shall have the power to waive the provisions of Byelaw 17 (1-3) at its discretion.

Qualification pathways:

A Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games qualification pathway was not required for singles, doubles and mixed doubles. However, there was a qualification pathway for the mixed team event.

The badminton competition will be Open Allocation for CGAs to enter athletes, with the exception of the Mixed Team Event.

It will comprise of 16 team slots, allocated from the BWF World Ranking database in accordance with the following process:

- The host country is entitled to enter one team in the mixed team event;
- The Bipartite Commission will determine the allocation of up to one Universality Invitation place; and
- The top 14 ranked Commonwealth CGAs at the end of the qualification period shall be invited to participate in the mixed team event in accordance with:
 - The ranking points of a CGA's highest ranked men's singles player, women's singles player, men's doubles pair, women's doubles pair and mixed doubles pair will be aggregated to determine the overall ranking points of the CGA;
 - Where no world ranking is available in a particular event, the ranking points for the CGA will be taken as zero; world ranking points of mixed nationality pairs shall not be included in the team aggregate ranking;
 - The qualification timeline will run from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017;
 - At the completion of the qualification period, CGAs will be ranked by their aggregated ranking points (highest to lowest), while respecting regional representation. The CGF and BWF will use best endeavours to ensure participation of at least four of the six CGF regions; and
 - CGAs will then be entitled to identify the athletes to be entered into the mixed team event slot.

At the cessation of the qualification period, the following procedure will be implemented:

- Based on the ranking system described above, the CGF and BWF will decide on 14 CGAs to be invited to participate in the mixed team event.
- CGAs will confirm their intention, or otherwise, to participate in the mixed team event. At the time of acceptance, the CGA will confirm in writing that they will enter the minimum two male and two female athletes in badminton events to satisfy minimum team event participation.
- In the event a CGA elects not to accept the invitation to compete in the mixed team event, an invitation will be extended to the next ranked CGA, while still using best endeavours to ensure CGF regional representation.
- In recognition of CGAs who have not otherwise earned a slot but have widely and regularly practicing badminton athletes, a maximum of one Universality position may be issued.