

## February 2021 Newsletter

To all Performance Pathway Athletes, Coaches and Support Staff,

We are all very aware of the impact Covid-19 has had, and continues to have, on our sports. The officers of the CGAJ have held Zoom calls with each of the sports that have athletes on the B2022 Performance Pathway.

The CGAJ has worked with the sports and has drawn up the Revised Sports Programme shown below. The new programme is due to be approved at the March Council meeting. It revises the selection timetable by extending the Qualifying Period and allows local results and performances to count towards selection.

These changes are to help athletes attain the sort of performances that will give them the confidence to represent the island with integrity at B2022 next July.

We do not want to select a team “for the sake of it” but we do want to recognise athletes that have shown a total commitment to the new process through their actions and by their results.

We have 30 team places available to 9 of our sports to be filled by “Open Selection” and a few more places available to 2 “Tournament” sports to be filled by “Qualification”. Whether or not we fill the “Open” places by selection, or accept invitations for “Qualification” sports, depends entirely on athletes’ performances during the extended qualifying period STARTING NOW and ending as late as May 31st, 2022.

**As of February 1st, 2021, we have 11 sports and 69 athletes on the B2022 pathway.**

Sport	Athletes	M	F	Sport	Athletes	M	F
Athletics <sup>1</sup>	9	7	2	Squash <sup>1</sup>	2	1	1
Boxing <sup>1</sup>	3	2	1	Swimming <sup>1</sup>	7	6	1
Cycling <sup>1</sup>	10	8	2	Table Tennis <sup>2</sup>	3	2	1
Gymnastics <sup>1</sup>	5	1	4	Triathlon <sup>1</sup>	3	2	1
Judo <sup>1</sup>	2	1	1	Weightlifting/Powerlifting <sup>2</sup>	2	0	2
Lawn Bowls <sup>1&amp;3</sup>	23	10	13				

Note 1 Open allocation sport,

Note 2 Tournament based Qualification sport (To be confirmed)

Note 3 Team size max 10 (5M 5F)

## Revised Sports Programme

### PHASE ONE – Qualifying Period April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021– Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- a) Sports confirm their Performance Pathway athletes by the end of February.
- b) Sports to devise challenging and meaningful summer programmes for their athletes (time trials, competitions, test sets, virtual etc). To be agreed with the CGAJ and published by mid- March.
- c) All results to be submitted to Validation Group by October 7<sup>th</sup>. These should be as comprehensive as possible.
- d) It is recognised that during Phase One some indoor sports may be very restricted, whilst outdoor sports should have more opportunities to amass a meaningful set of results.
- e) Towards the end of Phase One, sports will be asked to review their situation and reassess their Performance Pathway athletes. A detailed timetable will then be agreed. Athletes living off island will have to set up a similar programme and liaise closely with their sport's Designated Representatives.
- f) If off-island competitions become available during Phase One, depending on whether they clash with home events, they will either replace or be in addition to the home events. Athletes should compete off-island, if and when they can safely do so, otherwise they should compete in the local programme.

### PHASE TWO – Qualifying Period October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

- a) 2<sup>nd</sup> six months of competitions and/or innovative testing programmes.
- b) All sports to have revised and upgraded their programme. To be planned and agreed with the CGAJ during September 2021.
- c) All results from this Phase to be submitted to Validation Group by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.
- d) Towards the end of Phase Two sports will conduct a full review as was done after Phase One.
- e) Any athletes wishing to continue their programme into Phase Three to have identified their programme and agreed it with the CGAJ before March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

### PHASE THREE – Qualifying Period April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

- a) The CGAJ see Phase Three as being needed primarily by the outdoor summer sports and the combat sports.
- b) All athletes still aiming for selection in this period will need to have identified, and had agreed, specific competitions that take place on or before May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

*“Together we can achieve great things”*

## Revised Selection Programme

### **SELECTION PHASE ONE - October 2021 – January 2022 (with appeals)**

- a) October 2021 the Validation Group will review all the sports submitted papers.
- b) Athletes will be split into 2 groups.
  - (i) those being put forward for immediate consideration.
  - (ii) those being put on the “long list” for consideration at the end of Phase Two or Three.
- c) Please note that at Selection One athletes who are asking to be considered for immediate selection will have the full selection process available to them as laid out in the original team selection process document. All other athletes may then go on the “long list”.
- d) January 2022 first team members may be named.

### **SELECTION PHASE TWO - Early April 2022 (no appeal process)**

- a) Validation Group will meet and may select additional athletes based on their performances in Phase Two.

### **SELECTION PHASE THREE - May 31<sup>st</sup> / June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 (no appeal process)**

- a) Validation Group will meet and may select additional athletes based on their performances in Phase Three.

**Note that due to time constraints, it will not be possible to appeal against selection decisions taken in Selection Phases 2 or 3.**

***“The CGAJ is committed to supporting athletes who show the commitment and tenacity during this very challenging period. The aim is to have as many as possible in the team for B2022, but only if results clearly indicate that the athletes will relish the intense pressure that comes with participating in a major sporting event like the Commonwealth Games.”***