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## SW Appeals Policy and Procedure

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### 1. Introduction

1. This document sets out Scottish Wrestling' (SW) Selection Appeals Policy and Procedure applying to National and International team selection decisions for the SW performance programme and competitions where the athletes will compete and represent Scotland and all decisions to nominate an athlete to the Commonwealth Games. This Policy and Procedure will remain in place until superseded or amended by SW from time to time.
2. Selections will take place in accordance with the selection policies published on the SW website "[www.wrestling.scot](http://www.wrestling.scot)". Any athlete wishing to lodge an appeal under this Procedure must be fully familiar with the detailed provisions of the Selection Policy for the relevant programme or competition.
3. SW will communicate the Selections Panels decision to every applicant. In the case of non-selection, applicants have the right to appeal the decision of the Selection Panel.

### 2. Appeals Process

1. Following written notification of non-selection from SW, the Applicant must inform SW by email at mail@wrestling.scot of their decision to Appeal and the grounds upon which the appeal is made. This must occur within ten calendar days of notification of non-selection.
2. SW will confirm receipt of the notice of appeal within 48 hours of receipt.
3. The right to appeal a selection decision is provided on these limited grounds only and must not be seen as an opportunity to dispute the opinion of the selection panel where they have followed the proper procedure and selection criteria stated in the Selection Policy. In reaching their decision the selection panel are acting as experts and athletes agree that in so doing the panel exercises judgment and discretion which are not in themselves capable of challenge.
4. There are no appeals allowed against the content of the published Selection Policy and therefore against the actions of the selection panel, provided they follow the selection criteria published.
5. Any appeal can only be made under the following criteria and must be accompanied with supporting written evidence:
  - a. The Selection Panel did not follow the published Selection Process;

- b. The Selection Panel reached a decision on the basis of an error of fact.
6. Following receipt of the Appeal, SW will convene an Appeal Panel, independent of the original selection panel. The Appeal Panel will convene and determine whether to:
  - a. Dismiss the appeal on the grounds that there is insufficient evidence to support the appeal;
  - b. Inform the original Chairperson of the Selection Panel of the new evidence and request that the Selection Panel reconsider the applicant with respect to the new evidence.
7. The Selection Appeal Panel will only be referred to under exceptional circumstances and is the final, binding authority upon which Selections can be referred.
8. The Selection Appeal Panel will consist of the following:
  - a. A Board Member of SW;
  - b. A Representative from SW Performance Team;
  - c. An Independent Member (Performance Coach or a Board member from another Scottish Governing Body of Sport if possible).
9. In all instances, SW will respond in writing to the applicant within what is considered a reasonable period of time, notifying them of the outcome of the Selection Appeal Process.
10. SW shall be entitled to amend this Procedure from time to time and such amendments will take effect from the first date of publication of the complete amended procedure on the SW website.