



**2021 World Para Powerlifting World Cup
Manchester, Great Britain**

March 2021



On behalf of British Weight Lifting, UK Sport and Manchester City Council, I am delighted to invite you to the **Manchester 2021 Para Powerlifting World Cup**, which is being held between 25-28 March in Manchester, UK.

The Manchester 2020 Para Powerlifting World Cup was the last qualification event to take place before the global coronavirus pandemic led to the postponement of the other qualification events and eventually the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games themselves. We are delighted that the UK will be welcoming back the para powerlifting community for the second of the new round of qualification events, to the same city and venue as in 2020. To be able to support athletes from across the world to continue to realise their Paralympic ambitions is a privilege and I am thoroughly looking forward to witnessing their performances in Manchester.

Great Britain is a country which is safe for international athletes to travel, with special travel arrangements in place for elite international teams negotiated through the UK Government. We are working closely with our national and local public health officials to ensure a secure and Covid-safe event. The health and wellbeing of para powerlifting athletes is of utmost importance and will be a key factor throughout this event.

Manchester is a city renowned for high class sporting events as well as being an international destination for sport, tourism and business. In recent months Manchester has spearheaded the return of international sport in the UK and we are using this experience to ensure best practice and lessons can be applied to the Manchester 2021 Para Powerlifting World Cup.

Our chosen venue in Wythenshawe, South Manchester, is only a 10 minute drive from Manchester International Airport and the official hotel, so competing athletes will experience a compact event with minimal travel time and be able to maximise training, preparation and relaxation time. In turn we are confident this will minimise risk of exposure to Covid-19 and protect the athletes and teams.

Our Local Organising Committee are committed to delivering a well-run, high quality athlete-centred World Cup experience in conjunction with World Para Powerlifting.

I wish all the best to the participants and look forward to seeing you in Manchester.



Ashley Metcalfe
Chief Executive Officer
British Weight Lifting

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Competition Dates

Team Arrival Dates	Monday 22 March -Wednesday 24 March
International Classification	Tuesday 23 March – Wednesday 24 March
Raise the Bar! Anti-Doping Seminars	Tuesday 23 March – Wednesday 24 March
Technical Meeting	Wednesday 24 March
Competition Dates	Thursday 25 March – Sunday 28 March
Team Departures	Monday 29 March 2021

Competition Entries

All competition entries must be completed via the IPC Online entry system at www.paralympic.org/sdms by the entry deadlines displayed below. Visa invitation, accommodation applications, accreditation applications and travel information must be submitted by no later than the deadlines published below.

Entry by Name Opens	21 December 2020
Accreditation System Opens	January 2021
<u>Final</u> Deadline to return request for visa invitation letter	Friday 15 January 2021
<u>Final</u> Online Entry by Name deadline	Friday 15 January 2021
<u>Final</u> Deadline to return: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accommodation Application 	Friday 15 January 2021
Full accommodation payment deadline	Friday 29 January 2021*
<u>Final</u> Deadline to return: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accreditation Information ▪ Travel Information 	Friday 12 February 2021
Team Arrivals	Monday 22 – Wednesday 24 March 2021
International Classification	Tuesday 23 - Wednesday 24 March 2021
Technical Meeting	Wednesday 24 March 2021
Competition Dates	Thursday 25 – Sunday 28 March 2021
Departures	Monday 29 March 2021

***Accommodation will not be reserved by the LOC until full payment is received**

Covid-19

British Weight Lifting is working very closely with the UK national government and Manchester local public health authorities to stage a safe and enjoyable competition. UK Government guidance will lead our planning to ensure a Covid-secure event.

In order to make the event as safe as possible for every attendee we will require the complete support and cooperation of all teams. This may include Covid-testing in your respective country within 72 hours of departure, at the cost of the NPC. And additional Covid-testing in Manchester, to be covered by the LOC, social distancing, use of face coverings and any other elements of the Event Covid Plan that the LOC puts in place.

More information about how we will make the event safe and secure, and how we expect teams to support this will be provided by the LOC in a separate information pack.

Accommodation

The Radisson Blu hotel will be used for all athletes and officials during the World Cup. The hotel offers accommodation in accessible single, twin and double rooms. Official training for the event will take place in the conferencing centre at the hotel. All prices below include Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner (all other hotel charges are the responsibility of the guest) and all meals are provided at the hotel. Please note:

First Meal – Dinner on day of Arrival

Last Meal – Breakfast on day of Departure

Radisson Blu Manchester Airport

- Address: Chicago Avenue, Manchester, M90 3RA
- Website: [Radisson Blu Manchester Airport](https://www.radissonblu.com/hotels/radisson-blu-manchester-airport)





Type and cost of rooms

- **Double room** – £125 per person per night (minimum 5-night stay)
- **Single room** – £190 per person per night (minimum 5-night stay)

The check-in time at the competition hotel is from 15:00 and the check-out is by 12:00. Early check-in and late check out can be requested but additional charges may be incurred.

Payment Procedure

Full accommodation fees must be transferred to the following bank account, by no later than **Friday 29 January 2021**.

Please note that room bookings will only be confirmed and reserved for teams when the accommodation payment has been received in full.

If accommodation is requested after the final payment deadline, please note that availability in the competition hotel cannot be guaranteed and the prices may differ.

Please note that **no cash payments** will be accepted for accommodation fees at this competition.

Account name	Manchester City Council Receipts
Name of the bank	Barclays Bank
Address of the bank	51 Mosley Street, Manchester, M60 2AU
Account Number	53348075
Sort Code	20-55-58
IBAN	GB56 BARC 2055 5853 3480 75
Swift code	BARCGB22

Cancellation Policy

Accommodation will only be guaranteed once payment has been received in full. The payment deadline is Friday 29 January 2021. Refunds will only be considered if costs have not been incurred and at the discretion of the LOC.

Transportation

All teams will be met at the airport by event representatives who will assist you getting to the hotel. The Radisson Blu hotel is part of the Manchester Airport complex and is within walking distance of the airport.

Transportation will be provided free of charge to all athletes and team officials from/to the official hotel to the competition venue. The distance between the hotel and the competition venue is 2 miles with the journey taking approximately 10 minutes by car or bus. The competition venue is located in the Wythenshawe Forum. The training venue is located within the Radisson Blu hotel.

Access to the UK – the Visa process

The LOC can provide visa invitation letters to athletes and team officials that require them. In order to obtain your invitation letters, please contact manchester2020ppwc@mls.gb.co and request a visa invitation form. This must be requested no later than **Friday 15 January 2020**.

The links below help attendees to check if they need a visa to travel to the UK, with a helpful step by step procedure. The standard visit visa rules will allow visitors to participate in sports events. The Home Office page explains what a visitor can and cannot do:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-standard-visitor-visa>
<https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa>

New rules for visiting the UK come into force from 1 January 2021. Please use the link below for full guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/visiting-the-uk-from-1-january-2021>

Competition Information

Preliminary Competition Programme

The provisional timetable and events programme will be provided after the final entries by name deadline of 15 January 2021. The competition schedule will remain subject to change until the close of the technical meeting.

Maximum Number of Entries per Event

Individual Event

The maximum number of **Senior** individual entries per NPC/NF across all senior bodyweight categories will be:

- Female Athletes: Twenty (20)
- Male Athletes: Twenty (20)

There must not be more than two (2) senior athletes from any one country in the same bodyweight category

Note: The maximum number of senior individual entries for the **competition host NPC only**, is sixty (60) athletes (Female: 30 and Male: 30) across all senior bodyweight categories. There must not be more than three (3) senior athletes from Championship host NPC in the same bodyweight category

The maximum number of **Junior** individual entries per NPC/NF across all junior bodyweight categories will be:

- Female Athletes: Thirty (30)
- Male Athletes: Thirty (30)

There must not be more than three (3) junior athletes from any one country in the same bodyweight category.

Individual Team Event

NPCs are permitted to enter only one (1) additional individual entry per bodyweight category if they wish to enter the Individual Team Event. The athlete entered that receives the lowest individual competition rank will have their individual result recognised for World, Regional and Paralympic ranking purposes only, but they will not be eligible to receive an individual event medal only a team event medal.

Team events will only exist in senior bodyweight categories, but the team may comprise of both senior and junior athletes, if such athletes compete in the same bodyweight category. To ensure the viability of team events, these athletes entered in the team event will not be permitted to change bodyweight categories during the Technical Meeting.

Mixed Team Event

NPCs that wish to enter the mixed team event are permitted to enter a maximum of three (3) teams. Teams must consist of three (3) athletes from the same nation, and there must be a minimum of one (1) female athlete, all three (3) athletes that comprise the team may be from different bodyweight categories.

Viability of the Events

An individual event can be considered viable when the below minimum athlete numbers apply per bodyweight category:

- 1 Athlete: MQS rule when there is one (1) athlete in a single bodyweight category and they lift equal to or more than the respective Regional Championship MQS for that bodyweight category, as detailed in Appendix 7 of the WPPO rules and regulations (Gold).
- Minus one rule (-1) when there are two athletes in a single bodyweight category (Gold)
- 3 or more Athletes: All medals will be awarded (Gold, Silver, Bronze)

An individual team event can be considered viable when two (2) complete teams entered within that individual bodyweight category. A team must consist of three (3) competing athletes from the same nation within that individual bodyweight category in that competition.

A mixed team event can be considered viable when there is a minimum of two (2) competing teams, both of which may be from the same nation. Teams must consist of three (3) athletes from the same nation, and there must be a minimum of one (1) female athlete. Each of the three (3) athletes that comprise a team may be from different bodyweight categories and nations are permitted to enter a maximum of three (3) teams in a mixed team event.

Medal Awards

Medals will be awarded to the top three (3) placed junior and senior athletes per bodyweight category in accordance with the above viability of events. Medals in the Team event will be awarded to the top three (3) placed teams.

Team Trophies

At this competition One (1) team trophy only will be awarded to just the highest placed team from all competing nations, using points from the top six (6) ranked athletes from the individual event in accordance with 16.6.4 of the Rules and Regulations from one (1) or both genders, and junior and senior athletes will both be considered.

Body Weight Category change

Bodyweight category changes will be permitted following the final entry deadline only during the technical meeting in line with article 11.3.9 of the WPPO rules and regulations. The bodyweight category that is signed off at the technical meeting is considered final, and no further changes will be allowed. Please note that to ensure the viability of teams, athletes that have entered a team event will not be permitted to change bodyweight categories after the final entry deadline.

Entries and Registration Process

In order to enter this competition all athletes must be registered and licensed for the 2021 competition season via the [SDMS Athlete Data Management System](#) by no later than the final entry deadline. Athletes do not require a Minimum Qualifying Standard (MQS) to enter the competition.

All athletes must be entered by their respective NPC/NF via the IPC Online Entry System by the final entry deadline in order to be accepted by World Para Powerlifting. Should you require assistance with entries please contact World Para Powerlifting: info@WorldParaPowerlifting.org.

Late entries

Teams must contact the WPPO office if there is a late entry request. All respective information provided by the NPC/NF will be reviewed in consultation with the LOC on a 'case by case' basis and the entry may be accepted or rejected accordingly by WPPO only.

Replacements

The WPPO Office must be informed if any NPC/NF needs to make an athlete replacement. The replacement of athletes may be accepted due to injury or medical reasons. All respective supporting information regarding the replacement must be sent to the WPPO office and it will be reviewed on a 'case by case' basis and accepted or rejected accordingly by WPPO only.

Declaration of Participation

By completing and submitting your final sport entries via the IPC Online Entry System, NPCs are considered to have declared the participation of their athletes in the specified event/categories.

Results and Rankings

Only results of athletes who are licensed for 2021 within the given timelines for results recognition and have a Confirmed, Review or Review fixed date sport class status will be taken into consideration for inclusion in the official World and Regional ranking lists. **The results will also be recognised on the Paralympic ranking list for only those athletes that have met all the published pre-requisites to be on the Paralympic rankings.**

Records

At this competition athletes are permitted to break records. Please refer to article 16.5 of the WPPPO rules and regulations to see the eligibility requirements for an athlete to break a record.

General Information

IPC Membership

The LOC will only accept entry forms submitted by the NPC / NPF in good standing with the IPC. Furthermore, only those entry forms submitted by the NPC President, Secretary General or authorized person will be processed. For further information on the IPC's membership policies or to address general membership issues, please contact the World Para Powerlifting office.

World Para Powerlifting Rules & Regulations

The current World Para Powerlifting Technical Rules & Regulations will apply for this competition <https://www.paralympic.org/powerlifting/rules>

Anti-Doping

The Anti-Doping control / processes will be carried out in full accordance with the IPC Anti-Doping Code and the IPC Doping Control Agreement.

International Classification

Athletes who have never been classified and or have a designated sport class status of Review or Review 2021 or earlier will be required to undergo International Classification prior to the start of the competition. A detailed classification schedule will follow after the revision of the final entries by World Para Powerlifting. Athletes that are required to attend international classification must arrive no later than **Tuesday 23 March 2021**.

Medical Information

The LOC will ensure the implementation of all necessary and appropriate on-site medical, emergency ambulance and first aid services during training days and the competition. For medical treatment no medical insurance will be provided to any participants. **All participants are responsible for obtaining their own medical insurance (including Repatriation Coverage)** and will be responsible for any medical expenses resulting from participation in the event. Each NPC must ensure that all members of their delegation are appropriately insured, including coverage for travel, liability, accidents and repatriation.

The UK is currently negotiating its European Union (EU) exit deal. This may affect the healthcare provision for attending teams. From 1 January 2021 athletes from within the European Economic Area (EEA) will be treated the same as athletes from outside the EEA which means using the National Health Service (NHS) will be chargeable. Click here to view the current rules for non-EEA visitors: [here](#)

At this stage (2 December 2020) reciprocal healthcare arrangements between the UK and the EU and/or its member states is a possible point to be included in the UK exit 'deal'.

Extra Days

In case of early arrivals or late departures outside of the official arrival and departure dates, any additional needs for accommodation, transportation, meals and any other services must be organised and paid for by the respective NPC/NF for these additional dates.

Contact Details

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Host City Information – Why Manchester?

A city thanks makes things happen

Manchester is a globally recognised sports capital that has secured its place as an international destination for sport, tourism and business and has rightfully gained a reputation as a place that makes things happen.

A city with a strong history in hosting para-sports events

Manchester boasts world-class sporting facilities, a diverse major sports events portfolio and, crucially, a network of partners whom we cooperate with on a number of levels. Manchester has hosted many disability sports events over recent years including all para sport competitions of the 2002 Commonwealth Games, the Paralympic World Cup (2005 to 2012) and the 2019 Manchester Para cycling International.

A fully committed venue

Wythenshawe Forum has hosted weightlifting, boxing, snooker and wrestling events in recent years. The venue and venue staff are fully committed to ensuring that all accessibility requirements of the power lifters are met to ensure the success of the event.

Quality and compact accommodation and transport

We will offer accommodation which is of a good quality, transport which is efficient and reliable and packages which offer good value for money for competing nations. With the venue, Manchester Airport and all official hotels within a 10-minute drive of each other, competing athletes will experience a compact event which will minimise travel time and maximise training and relaxation time.

A media powerhouse

The digital connectivity of Manchester ranks amongst the best in the world with Media City UK in nearby Salford (home to the BBC) and the Manchester Digital Hub boasting Europe's second largest creative, digital and media hub.

