

Branding on Competition Clothing & Equipment **Sport-by-Sport** **Guidelines**





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1. Introduction

This guide contains the general and sport specific rules for the different categories of clothing, accessories and equipment for the Commonwealth Games.

These guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the CGF Policy – Branding on Competition Clothing and Personal Equipment.

The Commonwealth Games Federation requires that there shall be no advertising or publicity on competition clothing and personal equipment used or worn at the Commonwealth Games or Commonwealth Youth Games. The purpose of these guidelines is to clarify how the Identification of the Manufacturer and other authorised identifications may be used in general and specific situations.

The CGF Executive Board shall be the sole authority to finally determine whether the use of a manufacturer name, designation, trademark, logo or other distinctive sign complies with the CGF Policy – Branding on Competition Clothing and Personal Equipment.



2. Definitions

Name	Definition
Identification of the Manufacturer	Means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark, or logo or any other distinctive sign of the manufacturer of an Item (excluding encrypted or encoded supports, such as barcodes or QR codes, as well as URLs, social media accounts and hashtags).
CGA Emblem	Means the emblem of a participating CGA, as approved by the CGF.
IF Identification	Means the official emblem of the IF and/or the official name of the IF.
Commonwealth Sport Emblem	Means the official Commonwealth Sport Emblem and/or the Commonwealth Games Celebration Mark.
Games Emblem	Means the official emblem of the relevant edition of the Commonwealth Games or Commonwealth Youth Games, as approved by the CGF.
Games Wordmark	Means the name of the relevant edition of the Commonwealth Games or Commonwealth Youth Games e.g. "Birmingham 2022".
Participant	Means any athlete and CGA official within Commonwealth Games venues, sites and press areas.
Product Technology Identification	Means the technical identification (which shall not include any Identification of the Manufacturer, or any part thereof) used on Clothing to identify any fabric technology (e.g. Dri-Fit® or Therma®).

Name	Definition
Accessory	Means any article that is of an accessory nature (e.g. bag, towel, eyewear, arm bands, gloves, socks, etc.), worn or used by a Participant. These articles are not essential to the participation in the event.
Clothing	Means any piece of attire (including, without limitation, competition clothing as prescribed within the rules of each sport) worn by a Participant, excluding Accessories and Footwear.
Footwear	Means shoes or boots worn by a Participant.
Sports Equipment	Means any sport specific and necessary equipment used during sports competition (such as rackets, bicycles, hockey sticks, etc.). These articles are essential to the participation in the event.
Mobility Equipment	Means any equipment used by a participant for mobility purposes (e.g. wheelchair, prosthetics).

“Authorised Identification” means any of the above identification in the context of these Guidelines.

“Item” means any piece of clothing, accessory or any other item used or worn by any person participating in the Commonwealth Games or Commonwealth Youth Games, appearing on the field of play or within other Games venues and sites, as listed in Section 3.

“Sport Brand” means an Identification of the Manufacturer principally used in the business of manufacturing, providing, distributing and selling sporting goods and which is (i) not principally used for non-sport products, (ii) not confusingly similar or identical to an identification used in another line of business, unrelated to sporting goods.

“Clothing Brand” means an Identification of the Manufacturer principally used in the business of manufacturing, providing, distributing and selling clothes and which is (i) not principally used for non-clothes products, (ii) not confusingly similar or identical to an identification used in another line of business, unrelated to clothes.

3. General Principles

Unless specifically mentioned otherwise (in particular in any published sport specific rules) or unless otherwise indicated in writing by the CGF Executive Board, the following rules and general principles shall apply:

- The competition clothing and uniforms of the athletes and officials must include either:
 - the official emblem of the CGA (and not an NOC/NPC), or
 - the official emblem of the CGA used in conjunction with the Games Wordmark.
- The use of the Commonwealth Sport Emblem (as supplied by the CGF), the Games Emblem (as supplied by the Organising Committee) in addition to the CGA Emblem is optional and subject to the OC's approval and guidelines.
- There shall be no advertising or publicity on personal equipment, mobility equipment and clothing used or worn at the Commonwealth Games or Commonwealth Youth Games.
- Identification of the Manufacturer (name and/or logo) of the equipment and/or clothing may appear, if not marked conspicuously or prominently for advertising purposes as set out in this document.

- No Identification other than an Authorised Identification may appear on any Item and no use of any Identification of the Manufacturer or Item may be used for advertising purposes.
- Participants must refrain from contributing to or participating in any conspicuous advertising within Commonwealth Games or Commonwealth Youth Games venues and sites, and in particular on the field of play.

The rules will be applied to all team uniform, clothing, accessories and equipment that the participant wears, and for the avoidance of doubt includes the following areas and activities at the Commonwealth Games and Commonwealth Youth Games:

- Back of House at a Competition Venue
- Medal/Victory Ceremonies
- On the Field of Play
- In Mixed Zones or other press areas in Venues
- Athletes' Village
- Opening & Closing Ceremonies, i.e., back of house and on the Field of Play
- Team Welcome Ceremonies.

4. Size and Frequency of Manufacturer's Identification

The requirements below outline the size and frequency of the Manufacturer's Identification, subject to any stricter International Federation (IF) rules which would prevail for each concerned sport, as indicated in the sport-by-sport section, any published sport specific rules and as long as such identifications are deemed not conspicuous or prominent by the CGF:

Item	Maximum size and frequency
Clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Identification of the Manufacturer (logo, name or combination) may appear on each article of clothing worn by athletes and team officials (vest, shorts, track-pants etc.), the maximum area of which shall be 30cm² (e.g. 5cm x 6cm or 3cm x 10cm). • One Identification of the Manufacturer will be permitted on zippers and buttons, and should appear in the same colour as the item concerned (i.e. tone on tone), as long as such identifications are deemed not conspicuous or prominent by the CGF. • One additional identification, strictly limited to Product Technology Identifications (e.g. DRI-FIT®), shall be permitted per clothing item and shall not exceed 10cm² (e.g. 5cm x 2cm). Where one-piece body suits are used in competition, such identifications shall be permitted once above and once below the waist, provided all other principles are respected.

In all instances where the item contains elastic material (such as LYCRA®), the Authorised Identification size shall be measured stretched (e.g. as worn by the athlete, or once the item is fully extended as used during competition).

Item	Maximum size and frequency
Accessories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armbands: One Identification of the Manufacturer permitted per item, with a maximum size of 6cm². • Bag: One Identification of the Manufacturer permitted per item, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum size of 60cm². • Eyewear (e.g. sunglasses): May carry the Identification of the Manufacturer as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of six (6) months or more prior to the Games, with the manufacturers identification permitted on the lenses so long as such identifications are engraved into the lens and are not deemed as conspicuous or prominent by the CGF. • Gloves: One Identification of the Manufacturer permitted per item and shall not exceed 8cm². • Headwear (e.g. caps): One Identification of the Manufacturer permitted per item and shall not exceed 10cm², or two identifications of the manufacturer permitted per accessory item, to a maximum size of 5cm² placed above each ear. • Socks: One Identification of the Manufacturer permitted per item and shall not exceed 10cm².
Footwear	<p>May carry the Identification of the Manufacturer as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of six (6) months or more prior to the Games, as long as such identifications are deemed not conspicuous or prominent by the CGF. In principle, athletes' names are not allowed on footwear unless listed as a technical requirement in the sport specific rules or found on shoes sold on the retail consumer market six (6) months prior to the Games.</p>
Sport equipment (provided by the CGA or Athlete, such as rackets, bicycles, hockey sticks, etc.)	<p>The size and frequency of the Identification of the Manufacturer may be as featured on sports equipment sold on the retail consumer market six (6) months prior to the Games, subject to any stricter IF rules which would prevail for each sport concerned, as long as such identification is deemed not conspicuous or prominent by the CGF. In principle, athletes' names are not allowed on sports equipment unless listed as a technical requirement by the IF or found on equipment sold on the retail consumer market six (6) months prior to the Games.</p>
Mobility equipment (provided by the CGA or Athlete)	<p>For any mobility equipment supplied by the CGA or athlete, the size and frequency of an Identification of the Manufacturer shall be as featured on mobility equipment sold on the retail consumer market six (6) months prior to the Games, subject to any stricter IF rules which would prevail for each concerned sport (as indicated within the sport-by-sport section or any published sport specific rules), as long as such identifications are deemed not conspicuous or prominent by the CGF.</p>

For any accessories not listed above, such as facemasks, the size of the Identification of the Manufacturer shall not exceed 6cm².

5. Guidance on Placement

No Identification of the Manufacturer may appear on the neck or the collar or on the body (e.g. tattoo) of any person participating in the Games. On upper body clothing items, the Manufacturer's Identification should as much as possible be placed on the chest or on the sleeve.

No Identification of the Manufacturer may appear in combination with any other Authorised Identification. No Identification of the Manufacturer may appear close or adjacent to other Authorised Identifications, in order to avoid a composite logo effect or a repetitive effect. This applies also in the case of several layers of items worn by the same person, or for one-piece body suits.

6. Items That Must Remain Unbranded

Certain items, due in particular to their potential for abuse in the context of product placement or advertising on the Field of Play, should at all times remain unbranded and/or not feature any Identification (by covering any existing identification) if brought by the Participant on the Field of Play or in camera view. Consequently, the following items may not feature any Manufacturer's Identification: headphones, water bottles, coolers, umbrellas, towels, bandages (e.g. kinesio tape), contact lenses, ear plugs, mouth guards and nose clips. This list is non-exhaustive and may be updated as necessary by the CGF Executive Board.

7. Third Party Identifications

No Third Party reference or name, including the names or nicknames of participants or any other persons (unless listed as a technical requirement in any published sport specific rules), designation, trademark, logo, corporate design or colour scheme or any other distinctive sign (whether direct or indirect, such as QR codes or barcodes) may appear on any Item, unless agreed through the Birmingham 2022 Sponsorship programme.

The use of URL, social media accounts, and hashtags is not permitted on any items worn during the Commonwealth Games and Commonwealth Youth Games.

The use of certain Authorised Identifications (such as the Games Emblem or the Games Wordmark) is only permitted as per the relevant OC brand guidelines or any published sport specific rules.

8. Designs

Designs of items must comply with the specifications of these guidelines and the CGF Policy - Branding on Competition Clothing and Personal Equipment. Authorised Identifications or any portions or variations thereof cannot be used in designs (e.g. repetitions, extensions, distortions, watermarks, patterns etc.).

For the avoidance of doubt, drawings, colour schemes, combinations, patterns, prints, letters, numerals, geometric elements, slogans, taglines, words or designs that derive or refer or otherwise create the impression that they are identical or similar to a Manufacturers Identification may not be used.

9. CGA Emblems and National Identity

Subject to Section 8, CGAs are encouraged to use their national colours, name, flag and emblems, as well as CGA Emblems (hereinafter “National Identifications”), in order to visually enhance the National Identity of their Items. CGAs have the right to choose the National Identification(s) which will be used by their delegations on Clothing (for instance, CGA Emblem or national flag).

No maximum frequency or sizes are applied to National Identifications, unless limitations are imposed within a specific sport’s technical regulations (as published in the sport-by-sport section and any sport specific rules).

No Item may feature the wording or lyrics from national anthems, motivational words, public/political messaging or slogans related to National Identity.

CGAs, in particular the host CGA of a particular Games, may not use the “Look of the Games” in any way which creates confusion between the Games Workforce and the athletes and delegation officials of their national team.

10. Use of Commonwealth Sport Emblem, Games Emblem and Games Wordmark

CGAs are encouraged to enhance the identity of their uniforms (Clothing only) by using the Commonwealth Sport Emblem and/or the OC's Games Emblem or Wordmark on a limited basis, provided the following conditions are observed. This supports and reinforces mutually-beneficial awareness of the Commonwealth Sport Movement, helping the Games and the Movement reach a wider global audience. In general, the Commonwealth Sport Emblem, Games Emblem and the Games Wordmark must:

- be sourced directly from the Organising Committee or Commonwealth Games Federation and used in accordance with their Brand Guidelines;
- not be used for any commercial purposes including, but not limited to, licensed and replica merchandise, unless by separate agreement with CGF Partnerships;
- only be used once per item of Clothing, with a maximum size of 30cm²;

In particular,

- It is forbidden to associate the Commonwealth Sport Emblem, Games Emblem or Wordmark with an Identification of the Manufacturer.
- When used in conjunction with the CGA Emblem or IF Identification, the Games Wordmark should be positioned under the CGA Emblem or IF Identification. The Games Wordmark can only be reproduced in its entirety as defined in the Brand Guidelines or in a generic font (i.e. Arial, Helvetica, etc.).
- The Games Emblem may be used on both competition (Field of Play), village/leisurewear and CGA clothing and must absolutely appear alone. It is forbidden to associate the Games Emblem with any other Authorised Identification (such as an Identification of the Manufacturer or a CGA Emblem). The Games Emblem can only be reproduced in its entirety as defined in the Organising Committee's Brand Guidelines.



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11. Homologation Marks

Homologation Marks are safety-related “CE” or a similar non-commercial certification logo. If any identification is necessary for safety reasons and is prescribed within IF rules and regulations and included within the sport-by-sport section of these guidelines and/or any published sport specific rules, such identification will be permitted on the Item, in a location that allows technical verification by officials.

12. Medal Ceremonies

No Sport Equipment or Accessories may be brought to the medal ceremony. This applies also to interviews, with the exception of the mixed zone when used as an exit from the competition area, or if the Sport Equipment is worn by the athlete (e.g. helmet).

No personal accessories, including but not limited to mobile phones, watches, water bottles, national flags and Point Of View (POV) camera devices, are permitted on podiums.

13. Media Interviews

No Sport Equipment or Accessories may be brought to interviews, with the exception of the mixed zone when used as an exit from the competition area, or if the Sport Equipment is worn by the athlete (e.g. helmet).

14. Responsibility for Compliance

CGAs shall be primarily responsible for ensuring that all Items worn or used by the members of their delegation comply with these guidelines and CGF Policy - Branding on Competition Clothing and Personal Equipment.

Under the supervision of the CGF, and with the support of OC personnel, the IFs shall implement a system of enforcing the compliance of Items (such as Sports Equipment) in relation to their respective sport.

15. Consequences of Infringement to this Policy

Without prejudice to any other sanctions that the CGF may consider to impose, any Authorised Identification or Item used in violation of the terms of these guidelines and the CGF Policy - Branding on Competition Clothing and Personal Equipment, shall be removed or covered (as applicable) in accordance with the instructions given by representatives of the CGF, Organising Committee or the relevant IF.

Any breach of the terms of this Policy or instructions given by authorised representatives in relation to compliance with these guidelines, may lead to disqualification of the athlete and/or withdrawal of the accreditation of the Participant concerned, as well as other possible sanctions, in accordance with the decision of the CGF, or in accordance with the technical rules of the respective sport.

16. Submission Process

The CGF has set up a procedure for Items to be reviewed and offer assistance to the CGAs and IFs. For the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games submissions should be sent to **B2022 Regional CGA Relations Managers in the first instance:**

lyndsey.tetlow@birmingham2022.com	Americas and Caribbean
carli.bill@birmingham2022.com	Europe and Oceania
gina.dawson@birmingham2022.com	Africa and Asia

Once a submission has been made via email, CGAs will be notified of the “reviewed” or “non-compliant” status of their submitted Items. Several International Federations impose an obligatory submission process and review of uniforms worn by athletes and/or teams for technical and/or homologation reasons. For further information regarding the process followed by each sport, please refer to the sport-by-sport section and the published sport specific rules.

17. Questions

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact: l.crickmore@thecgf.com

18. Measuring the Authorised Identifications

Regular shapes

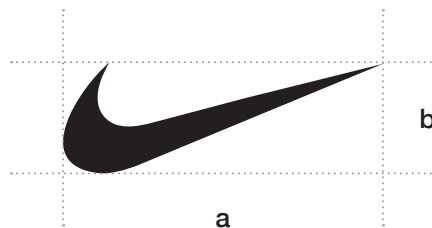
Where the Identification of the Manufacturer appears as a rectangle or square, the mathematical rules used to calculate the surface area of the shape will be applied.



Area = $a \times b$

Irregular shapes

Where the Identification of the Manufacturer appears as an irregular shape, a rectangle or square will be traced around the identification, and the mathematical rules used to calculate the surface area of the rectangle or square shall be applied.



Area = $a \times b$

Combined shapes

Where the Identification of the Manufacturer combines the manufacturer name with the manufacturer logo, a rectangle or square will be traced around the combined identification and the surface area of the rectangle or square shall be calculated in its entirety.



Area = $a \times b$

19. Common Items

This section provides illustrations regarding the placement and size of the Identification of the Manufacturer on items of Clothing and Accessories that are common across all sports. Please refer to the sport-by-sport section for items not illustrated below and specifications regarding Sport Equipment.

The different types of identification mark is represented as outlined below:

Floating Precise



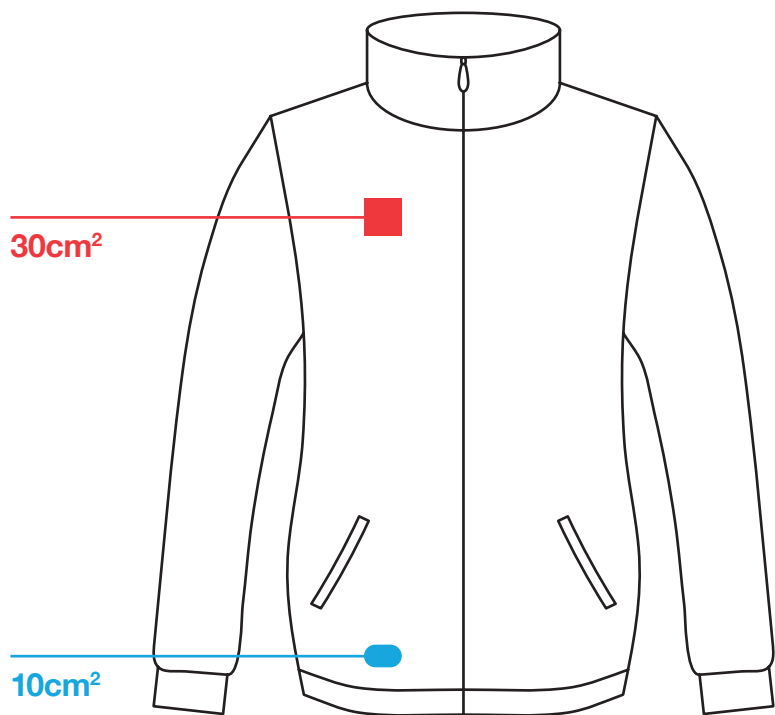
It is also specified if the identification must be placed in the precise location indicated on the illustration (**Precise**) or if the placement is not specified in the guidelines (**Floating**).

Please find below examples of Product Technology Identifications (non-exhaustive):

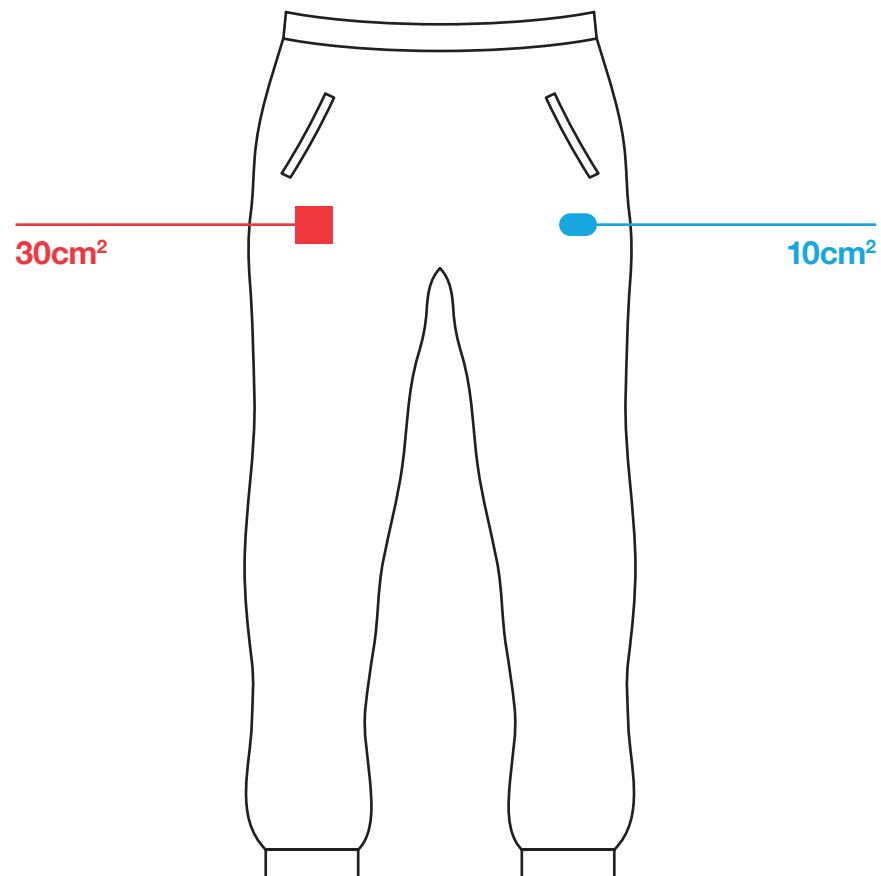


19.1 Clothing

Tracksuit Top



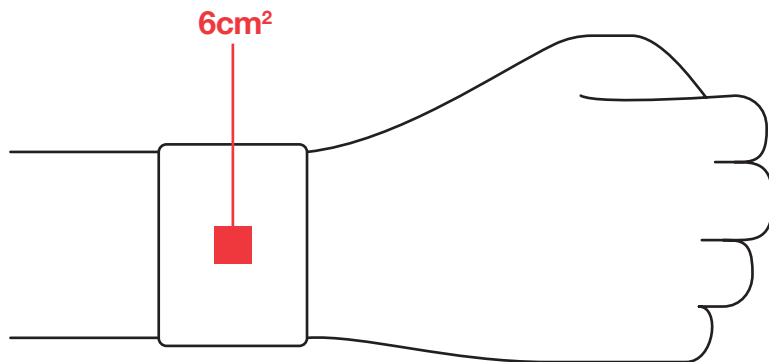
Tracksuit Bottoms



19.2 Accessories

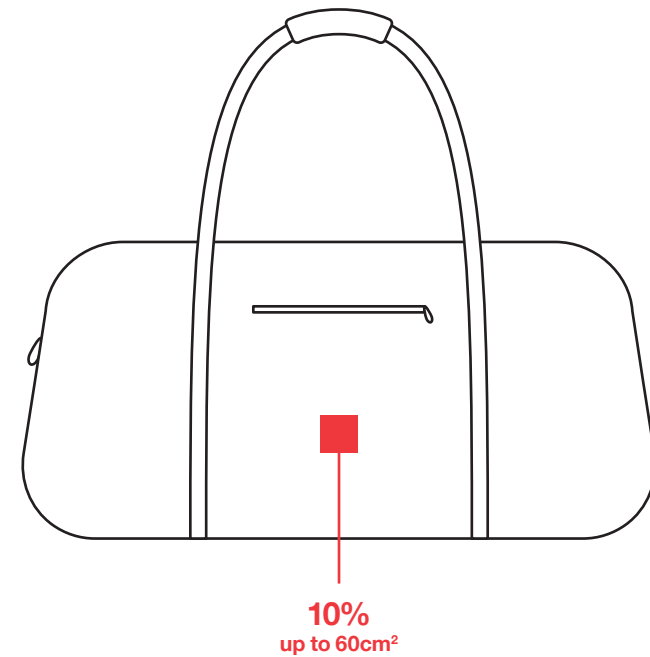
Armbands

One Identification of the Manufacturer will be permitted per item, with a maximum size of 6cm².



Bag

One Identification of the Manufacturer will be permitted per item, not greater than 10% of the surface area of the item, to a maximum of 60cm².

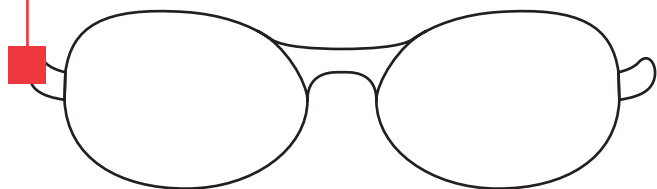


19.2 Accessories

Eyewear

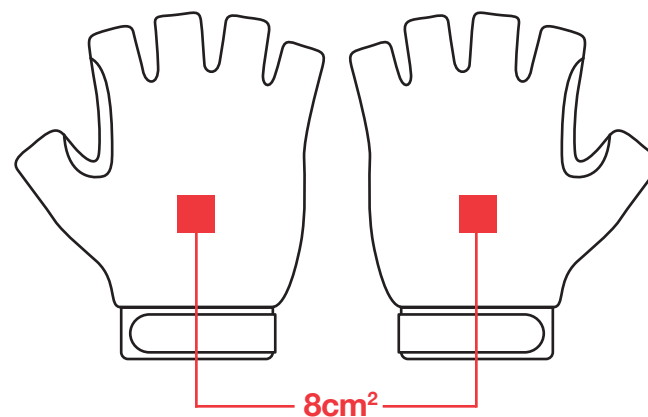
May carry the Identification of the Manufacturer as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of six (6) months or more prior to the Games, with the manufacturers identification permitted on the lenses so long as such identifications are engraved into the lens and are not deemed as conspicuous or prominent by the CGF.

As retail trade



Gloves

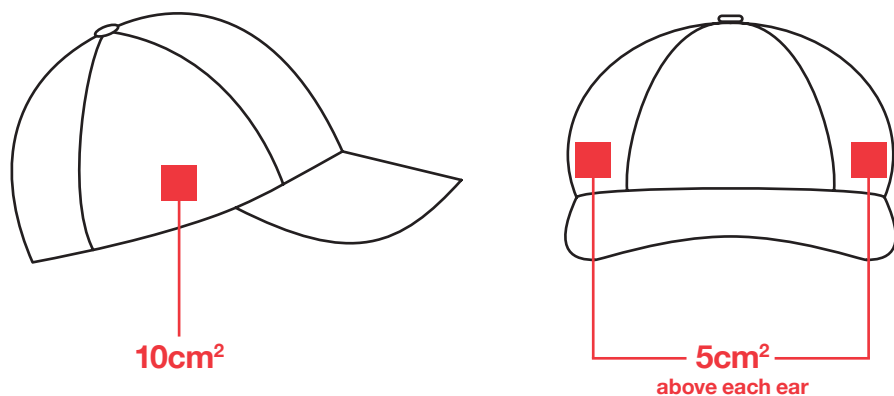
One Identification of the Manufacturer permitted per item and shall not exceed 8cm².



19.2 Accessories

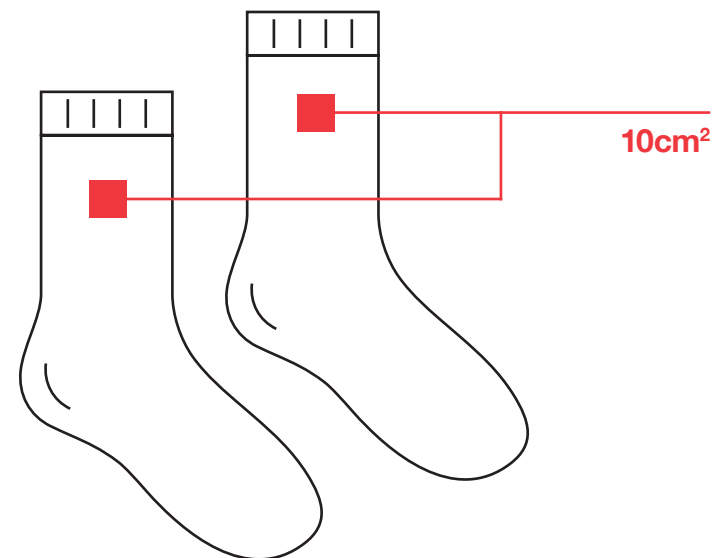
Headwear

One Identification of the Manufacturer permitted per item and shall not exceed 10cm², or two identifications of the manufacturer permitted per accessory item, to a maximum size of 5cm² placed above each ear.



Socks

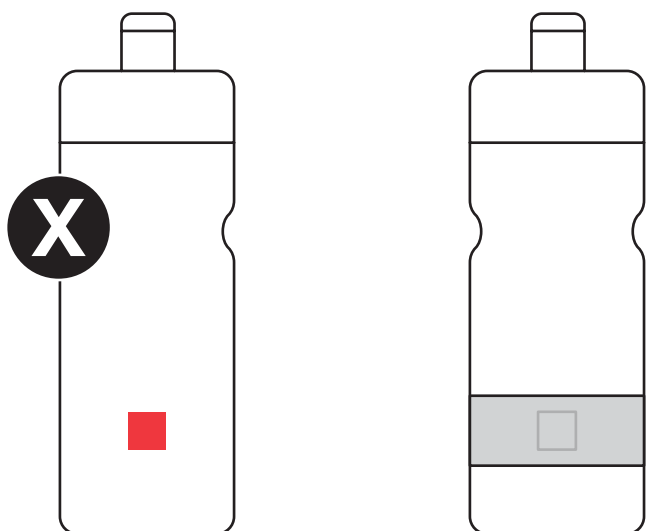
One Identification of the Manufacturer permitted per item and shall not exceed 10cm².



19.3 Items That Must Remain Unbranded

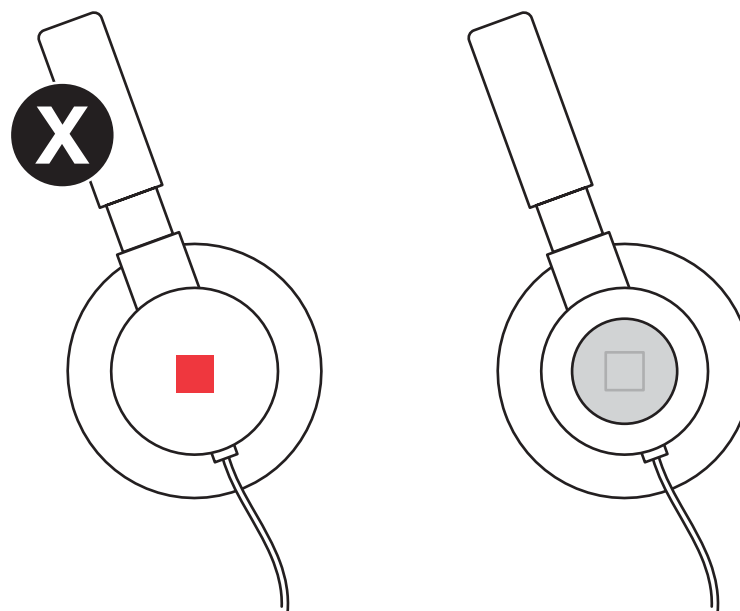
Certain items must not feature any Identification of the Manufacturer and should remain unbranded: headphones, water bottles, coolers, umbrellas, towels, bandages (e.g. kinesio tape), contact lenses, ear plugs, mouth guards and nose clips.

Water Bottles



Hide identification e.g. using tape

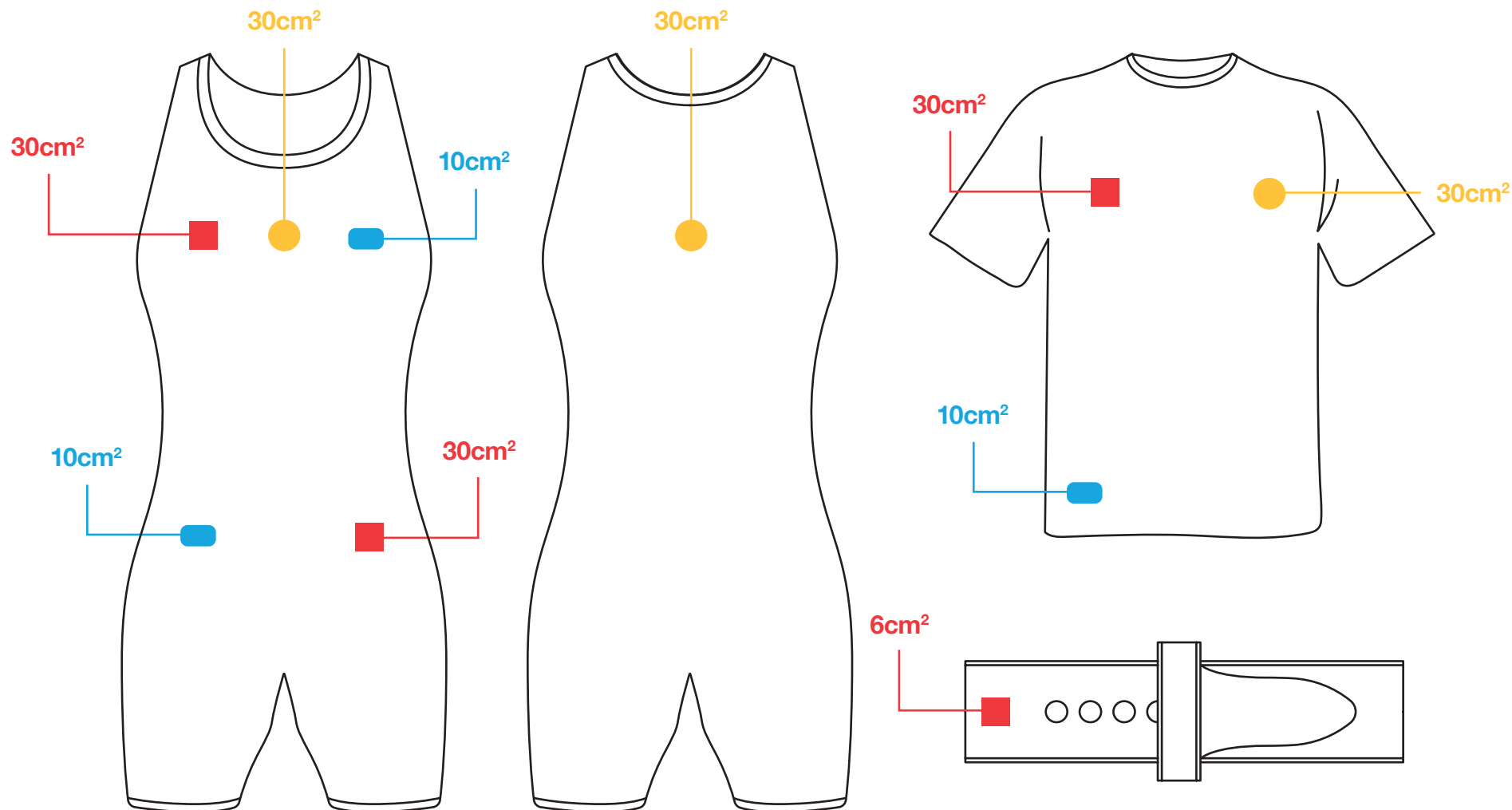
Headphones



Hide identification e.g. using tape

20.14 Para Powerlifting





Clothing

T-shirt	One (1) Identification of the Manufacturer of a maximum size of 30cm ² when worn. One additional Product Technology Identification will be permitted per clothing item, to a maximum size of 10cm ² .
Lifting suit	Where one-piece body suits are used in competition, one Identification of the Manufacturer and one Product Technology Identification shall be permitted above the waist and below the waist, in accordance with the maximum size noted above, however these identifications shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other.
Other outfit (unitard or sleeves)	One (1) Identification of the Manufacturer is permitted to a maximum size of 30cm ² .

Sport Equipment

Belt	One (1) Identification of the Manufacturer per item will be permitted to a maximum size of 6cm ² .
Kneecaps	
Bench straps	
Wrist straps	

Mobility Equipment

Wheelchair/ Prosthetics	May carry the Identification of the Manufacturer as generally used on products sold through the retail trade during the period of six (6) months or more prior to the Games.
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Additional IF Specifications

The following IF technical requirements apply in relation to the General Guidelines.

Third Party Identification (athlete name)

No names of athletes allowed on items.

CGA Emblems/Flags and National Identity

T-Shirt

One official emblem of the CGA or national flag permitted to a maximum size of 30cm².

Lifting suit

One official emblem of the CGA or national flag permitted on the front and on the back permitted to a maximum size of 30cm².

Homologation Marks

All athletes must wear items exclusively from WPPO Approved Suppliers at recognised competitions. If WPPO has recognised an approved supplier, all items produced by that manufacturer must include the Approved Supplier Mark (as set out in Appendix 4 of the [WPPO Uniform Advertising Guidelines](#)) to a maximum size of 30cm² on the inside of the item as a homologation mark for the kit check process and technical officials.

Submission Process

No additional obligatory submission process required by the IF, section 16 of the General Guidelines applies.