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THE WORLD'S BEST ARE GATHERING: GLASGOW 2026 STARS CONFIRMED AS GLOBAL ELITE SIGN UP TO BATTLE FOR 215 GOLDS AS ATHLETE ENTRY LISTS CONFIRMED

100 must see stars heading to Glasgow 2026

A GALAXY of global stars including new mile world record holder Josh Kerr have signed up to do battle for gold at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games.

The 10 sports being showcased at Glasgow 2026 are stacked with top global talent that is set to thrill fans.

Competitors are set to bring the Games alive as they gather in Glasgow for battle between 23 July and 2 August, with household names, multiple Olympic champions and reigning Commonwealth champs on display across the 11 day festival.

The Aussies topped the medal table four years ago at Birmingham as the Commonwealth came together, with 179 medals including 67 golds. Team England was three behind on 176. Team Scotland won 51 medals with 13 golds, with other big guns including Canada, India and New Zealand, all vying for success.

ATHLETICS AND PARA ATHLETICS

Spearheading the Scottish challenge is **Kerr**, who ran a stunning 3mins 42.66 world mile record at the Diamond League in London on Saturday. **Jake Wightman, Neil Gourley and Jemma Reekie**, also run as the historic "Commonwealth Mile" returns. **Eilish McColgan, Laura Muir** and Paralympic champions **Ben Sandilands, Owen Miller** and long jumper **Steven Stone** lead the way.

England's **Georgia Hunter-Bell** (800m) and **Amy Hunt** (100m) headline and Jamaican speedster **Shericka Jackson** is in the relay mix, where England versus Jamaica in the 4x100m will be world class.

Fast times are expected on the newly laid track at EDF Scotstoun Stadium, in a venue that will bring spectators up close to the speed and power.

Jonelle Smith (Jamaica) (PB for 100m 10:89) **Jodean Williams** (Jamaica) (PB for 100m 10:97) and **Daryll Neita** (England) (PB for 100m 10:90) will fight for medals.

Australia is sending a “formidable” team with 86 athletes across non-Para and Para events including **Matt Denny**, the reigning discus champion. **Aidan Murphy** will take his 19.88 200m PB from the Aussie Championship into the Games and 100m youngster **Eddie Osei-Nketia** has run a wind assisted 9.74 to get selected.

There’ll be fireworks in the Men’s 100m where London Diamond League winner **Kayinsola Ajayi** is entered after running a national record 9.84s on Saturday.

Another Glasgow-bound winner in London was Australian High jumper **Nicola Olyslagers** who leapt 2.01m.

Kenya’s 52 strong athletics team includes world champions **Lilian Odira**, **Faith Cherotich** and **Timothy Cheruiyot** with reigning Commonwealth 100m gold medallist **Ferdinand Omanyala**.

Canada’s most decorated male Olympian **Andre De Grasse** and decathlon Olympic champion **Damian Warner** have signed the entry sheet with Olympic hammer champions **Camryn Rogers** and **Ethan Katzberg**.

The men's javelin pits Indian superstar **Neeraj Chopra**, the Tokyo 2020 Olympic champion and Paris 2024 silver medallist against Pakistan's **Arshad Nadeem**, the reigning Olympic champion and defending Commonwealth Games gold medallist.

For New Zealand, **Hamish Kerr** is the reigning Olympic, World and Commonwealth high jump champion. **Geordie Beamish** is the reigning steeplechase world champion. **Anna Grimaldi** is the three-time Paralympic champion (across long jump and 200m) who will contest the T47 100m.

TRACK CYCLING and PARA TRACK CYCLING

Olympic gold medallists will take the start line in the Track Cycling at the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome. Team England’s **Mathew Richardson**, the first rider to go under 9 seconds for the flying 200m Time Trial, is down to ride the Sprint and Team Sprint, after switching allegiance from Australia after Paris 2024. He was born in Kent but grew up from the age of nine in Oz.

Welsh legend **Emma Finucane** is an Olympic gold medallist in the team sprint, a two-time world champion and one-time European champion in the sprint, and a world and European champion in the team sprint.

At the Paris 2024 Olympics, she became the first British woman to win three medals at a single Games since 1964.

Team Scotland's **Neil Fachie** rides both Para BVI events with **Aaron Pope** on the front of his tandem and already has 19 World Championships to his name. Para athlete **Kadeena Cox** won two medals in athletics at the Rio Olympics whilst also winning gold on the velodrome and also won TV's *Celebrity Master Chef* in 2021.

Scot **Mark Stewart** won a silver medal in the Team Pursuit at the Paris Olympics for Team GB.

NETBALL

Netball fans have the chance to see an array of the world's best players with the top shooters and defences on show during a host of huge match ups.

Scotland's encounters will undoubtedly spark the noisiest and most passionate atmosphere of the Games, especially when they take on world number two side New Zealand in their opening game.

An electric atmosphere at the Hydro is guaranteed throughout the elite tournament, which will take place between 25 July and 2 August. Winners of the last two Commonwealth Games titles Australia (2022) and England (2018), will undoubtedly be one of the highlights in the pool-phase, as will the clash between Birmingham 2022 medal-winners New Zealand and Jamaica, in a repeat of their epic semi-final from four years ago.

Shooters **Grace Nweke, Mary Cholhok, Kiera Austin and Sophie Garbin** are among the biggest scoring threats in world netball. Defenders **Shamera Sterling, Fran Williams Courtney Bruce and Sarah Klau** are regarded as three of the best defensive players globally. Other star names and Netball legends competing include **Funmi Fadoju (England) Grace Nweke (New Zealand), Shanice Beckford (Jamaica), Kiera Austin (Australia), Cerys Finn (Scotland) and Leah Middleton (Wales) and Niamh Cooper (Northern Ireland).**

SWIMMING and PARA SWIMMING

In the pool, swimmers have admitted they are up against “stacked” fields. Treble Olympic gold medallist and world record holder **Adam Ramsay-Peaty** goes in the 50m and 100m breaststroke events.

South African icon Chad Le Clos needs one medal to become the outright most decorated male athlete in Commonwealth Games history. He currently has 18.

The Aussies are highly likely to make more than a minor splash with their Olympic champion swimming cohort of **Mollie O’Callaghan, Cameron McEvoy, Zac Stubblety-Cook, Kyle Chalmers** and **Lani Pallister**.

Matt Richards, James Guy, Tom Dean, Jack McMillan and **Duncan Scott** have won freestyle relay medals together, but now line up as rivals. “We’ve got England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Wales, so it’s kind of a battle of the Brits, but you have got to chuck the Aussies in there as well. It’s a pretty stacked field,” said the Welshman Richards. Guy and Dean race for England, McMillan Northern Ireland and Scott is the home grown Scottish hero. Another one-to-watch is teenage breaststroker **Filip Nowaki**, a World and European Junior champion, who is looking to become Jersey’s first Commonwealth Games medallist since Auckland 1990.

Paralympic, World, European and Commonwealth gold medallist **Alice Tai** is likely to be one of England’s leading Para Swimming medal contenders, along with fellow Paris 2024 gold medallists **Poppy Maskill** and **William Ellard**. Uganda’s team captain **Husnah Kukundakwe** is aiming to become her nation’s first-ever para swimming medallist at a Commonwealth Games.

PARA POWERLIFTING and WEIGHTLIFTING

Team England’s **Olivia Broome**, a double Paralympic bronze medallist, is looking to go one better than her silver medal in Birmingham 2022 in the Women’s Lightweight, and team-mate **Mark Swan** is a Paris 2024 silver medallist, current European Champion and can bench press 220kg.

Malaysia’s two-time Paralympic champion, **Bonnie Bunyau Gustin** is back to defend his title in the Men’s Lightweight and keep an eye out for his older brother Bryan Junency Gustin who will contest the Men’s Lightweight final. Team Nigeria’s Women’s Heavyweight reigning champion **Folashade Oluwafemiayo** is looking for another gold after her world record four years ago. Nigeria topped the medal table last time out with four, including gold and two silvers.

In Weightlifting, Team Scotland has named newly-crowned British champions **Madeline Rosher**, a rising superstar of the sport, **Alex Mackay, Angus Doig** and **Drew**

Burns. Former international Scottish gymnast turned weightlifter and local lifter, **Beth Ashbee** competes in her first Games.

England's **Emily Campbell** is the most successful British female weightlifter of all-time and a Birmingham 2022 champion. Emily is set to return to the stage to not only retain her title but cement her status as a leading super heavyweight and hungry to set new Commonwealth records.

Rising superstar and Samoan golden girl, teenager **Seine Stowers** (77kg) is a junior Commonwealth champion and ready to raise the roof with potential world record attempts- Australia also sees the return of their most successful lifter and reigning Commonwealth champion **Eileen Cikamatana**. Canada can boast Olympic champion, Birmingham 2022 title winner and World silver medallist **Maude Charron**, as well as rising star **Etta May Love**, among its ranks.

David Liti, of New Zealand, is looking to become the first New Zealand weightlifter to win medals at three successive Commonwealth Games.

ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS

Leading the mega-stars of Gymnastics on show is Cyprus legend **Marios Georgiou**, who is a European All-Around champion, a seven-time Commonwealth medallist (including gold on the Floor and Parallel Bars in 2018) and a three-time Olympian.

Northern Ireland's **Rhys McClenaghan** is the reigning Olympic, World, European, and Commonwealth champion on the pommel horse. He made history at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games by winning the gold medal in the men's pommel horse final, securing Ireland's first-ever Olympic gymnastics medal.

Canada's **Ellie Black** is a four-time Olympic artistic gymnast and the most decorated female gymnast in Canadian history. She debuted a unique release move on the uneven bars in 2022 (a piked clear-hip Tkatchev with a ½ turn), which is now officially named "The Black" in the gymnastics Code of Points.

Georgia Godwin of Australia has won eight Commonwealth Games medals including two golds at 2022 Birmingham. She has an original uneven bars skill officially named after her - The Godwin – in the International Gymnastics Federation (World Gymnastics) Code of Points.

At just 17, **Ruby Evans** was the youngest Welsh athlete selected for Team GB. She was the first female Welsh artistic gymnast to compete at an Olympic Games in 28 years (since 1996), helping the British team secure a 4th-place finish. Named the Artistic Gymnastics Women's Athlete of the Year at the British Gymnastics Awards.

Scotland's **Reuben Ward** will thrill the home crowd and could be the breakout star. Ward has established himself as a dominant force at both the junior and senior national levels, notably excelling in the all-around disciplines and specialized apparatus finals.

BOWLS AND PARA BOWLS

Multiple world champions will compete in the exciting new Bowls and Para Bowls format, where four rinks will operate, and music and DJs will play in a fun atmosphere. Team England's **Nick Brett** who has seven world indoor titles.

Scotland's seven-time medallist **Alex 'Tattie' Marshall** will join forces with **Paul Foster**, who is heading to his sixth Games with six medals in hand, in the Men's Pairs. Aussie **Aaron Wilson** has won the Commonwealth Games Gold Medal in the Singles in the previous two events and is nicknamed "Disco".

Ryan Bester of Canada is the current World Singles Champion. He has won 5 Commonwealth Games medals but has yet to claim a gold.

Gary Kelly of Northern Ireland is the current World Pairs champion. Wales' Daniel Salmon will also be a gold contender.

Female bowling elites include **Ellen Fife** from Australia defending her title in the singles. A win in this event will see Ellen tie for the most number of golds at a Commonwealth Games by a women bowler.

Katherine Rednall of England is a six times indoor World Champion and widely regarded as the best indoor singles player in the World. **Alison Merrien** is looking to claim Guernsey's first gold in bowls. Norfolk Islander **Shae Wilson** is the current title holder of the World Bowls Champion of Champions title.

Leading the charge in the Para Bowls team is Birmingham 2022 gold medallist **Pauline Wilson** with **Mary Wilson** in the Para Women's Pairs. Other Para Bowlers to watch are England's **Kieran Rollings** and **James Reynolds**. Scotland's breakout star is **Sophie McGrouther** who won the World Bowls Indoor singles title at Aberdeen in 2025.

JUDO

Scottish legend **Sarah Adlington** became the first-ever judoka to become a two-time Commonwealth Games gold medallist at Birmingham 2022, following her victory back at Glasgow 2014 and now returns for her third and final Games.

Emma Reid is England's reigning 78kg Commonwealth champion and a World bronze medallist, while countryman **Jamal Petgrave** is the dominant force in the men's 90kg. Australia's **Aoife Coughlan** is another defending a title, at 70kg.

3x3 BASKETBALL and 3x3 WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

Stars to watch in the 3x3 are **Jamell Anderson**, England Men and **Amy Atwell** - Australia Women. In the 3x3 Wheelchair Basketball, **Kady Dandeneau** leads Canada Women and **Finlay Erskine** is Scotland Men stand-out. Australia will be gold contenders led by **Tom O'Neill-Thorne**. **Robyn Love** is Scotland's leading light in the 3x3 Wheelchair women's.

BOXING

Triple World champion boxer **Lovlina Borgohain** (75kg) of India goes for her first Commonwealth Games podium after winning Olympic bronze and global titles.

“That is one medal missing from my cabinet. Without doubt, the Commonwealth Games will be my biggest target this year,” Borgohain said. Teammates **Jaismine Lamboria** (57kg) and world gold medallist also fights.

World Championship medallists **Emma-Sue Greentree** and **Lekeisha Pergoliti**, will spreadhead the Aussie challenge after claiming their maiden landmark global honours in Liverpool last year, contesting the women’s 75kg and 70kg divisions respectively. Chantelle Reid of England is a contender after World bronze in the 70kg. Michaela Walsh was a gold medallist for Northern Ireland in 2022 and like fellow defending champion Sophie Eccles of Wales, she has already announced Glasgow 2026 will mark her final Commonwealth Games appearance.

Glasgow 2026 is the largest sporting event in the UK this year, approximately 3,000 athletes from 74 nations and territories set to compete in 10 sports and six Para sports, in four iconic venues across the city.

The final ticket drop is on sale now. Fans are encouraged not to miss out on the world class action and get their hands on their tickets today, available at glasgow2026.com/tickets.

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