



## **Athletes Commission Chair Report – AGM 2025**

As we are approaching the 2025 AGM, I'd like to highlight what another amazing year of competitions we've had, with standards continuing to rise on all fronts. Both the standard of competitions held within BP and the level of talent amongst us are continuing to rise, and the level of performances we are seeing from GB on the international stage are just getting better and better. It is truly special to witness the growth of our sport and federation, and it has also been apparent to me that the feeling of "team spirit" has still been very much alive and I hope we continue to see this get even stronger, pushing us all to be the best we can be in the most supportive of environments.

I'd also like to do a special shoutout and congratulations to Jurins Kengamu, Bobbie Butters and Ade Omisakin who all competed at the most recent Sheffield, setting a fantastic example for us all and doing GB very proud.

I'd also like to once again congratulate and celebrate the following athletes on their incredible 2024 achievements.

### Top 3 Overall Classic Powerlifting (full power)

- 1) Joy Nnamani
- 2) Ade Omisakin
- 3) Jurins Kengamu

### Top 3 Overall Equipped Powerlifting (full power)

- 1) Ellie Steel
- 2) Holly Bryans
- 3) Ray Bowring

### Top 3 Classic Bench Press

- 1) Tony Cliffe
- 2) Matthew Pond
- 3) Maxwell Gyamfi

### Top 3 Equipped Bench Press

- 1) Kate Sweatman
- 2) Keelum Walton
- 3) Ellie Steel

A couple of other things I wanted to note, were that the distribution of Team GB kit (for weigh-ins and medal ceremonies) starting last year has rolled out really well to everyone, making our federation and sport have that bit more of a professional flair with a team uniform. I have also personally had a huge insight into just how hard the social team works behind the scenes to cover, celebrate and promote everything within BP and just wanted to mention how much of a fantastic job these guys are doing - it really does add massively to the athlete experience and doesn't go unnoticed.

As you will all be aware, I am stepping down from my board position after this AGM. It has certainly not been an easy decision to make and I'm sad to be leaving, but I've had to prioritise a big competition year both for myself and for my own athletes that I coach. I have loved being a part of this and want to highlight how thankful I am of all other board members' support. I have seen how hard you all work and have appreciated being a small part of that. I am confident someone will do really well filling my role and board duties.

Once again, thank you all very much for your support and really looking forward to seeing what another year brings!

Annie Nelson  
Athletes Commission Chairperson