

GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATION & SELECTION TO 2018 Australian Youth Olympic Team

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This document contains the criteria for nomination and selection of athletes to the Australian Olympic Youth Team for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games (2018 YOG) in Buenos Aires, Argentina (AYOT). This document also contains general information about the nomination and selection process.
- 1.2 For ease of reference and simplicity, this document combines the Nomination Criteria set by the National Federation and the Selection Criteria set by the AOC.
- 1.3 Each National Federation is responsible for drafting its Nomination Criteria in conjunction with the AOC. All National Federations must submit their draft Nomination Criteria to the AOC for review and approval prior to the criteria being finalised.
- 1.4 Clauses 1 to 3 and clause 5 may not be amended by athletes or National Federations. National Federations may amend or adapt the contents of clause 4 in order to draft their Nomination Criteria.
- 1.5 This document is governed by the AOC Nomination and Selection By-Law (By-Law), a copy of which can be accessed on the AOC website. In the event of any inconsistency between this document (including the Nomination Criteria set out in clause 4 and the Selection Criteria set out in clause 5) and the By-Law, the By-Law will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

2. General Principles

- 2.1 In accordance with the requirements set by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) under the document governing the YOG nomination and selection process, the *Qualification System Principles and Allocation Procedure for NOC Universality Places*, the maximum number of quota places allocated to a National Olympic Committee (NOC) for the 2018 YOG:
 - a) for individual sports is **75**; and
 - b) for team sports (i.e. football, handball, hockey and rugby) is one men's team and one women's team. This means that the AOC will choose only two teams in total.

- 2.2 In respect of the individual sports, if the AOC qualifies more than 75 quota places, the AOC will be required to designate which quota places, among all quota places allocated to the AOC, will be utilised by the AOC and allocated to sports. For example, even though a National Federation qualifies 6 quota places for Australia in its sport, the AOC may designate that the National Federation is only able to utilise 2 of those 6 quota places.

3. Nominations and Selection Process for the 2018 Australian Youth Olympic Team

- 3.1 For information purposes only, the process for the nomination and selection of athletes for the AYOT is as follows:

- a) **Qualification:** the AOC, as Australia's NOC, maybe awarded athlete quota positions for a sport on the programme of the 2018 YOG by the International Federation governing the sport;
- b) **Designation of quota places:** Where the AOC is allocated more than 75 quota places, the AOC will designate which, among all quota places allocated to the AOC, will be utilised by the AOC and allocated to sports.
- c) **Nomination:** Where the AOC has been allocated quota places for a sport and the AOC has determined to utilise those quota places, the National Federation governing the sport in Australia must nominate athletes to the AOC for selection to the AYOT.
- d) **Selection:** From amongst the nominated Athletes, the AOC is responsible for determining which athletes should be selected to the AYOT.

4. Nomination By Equestrian Australia

4.1 DEFINITIONS

In addition to the capitalised terms used throughout this document, for the purposes of this clause 4 only, the following definitions apply:

Athletes means an athlete who:

- a) participates in the Sport; and
- b) is recognized by the National Federation as eligible for nomination to the AOC for selection to the AYOT pursuant to this Nomination Criteria.

AOC Selection Committee means the committee established by the AOC to send athletes and appoint officials to the AYOT.

AOC Selection Criteria means the criteria set out at clause 5 of this document.

International Federation means Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI).

National Federation means Equestrian Australia (EA).

Sport means Equestrian – Jumping.

Sport Entries Deadline means 31 August 2018.

Qualification System means the eligibility, participation and qualification criteria for the Sport in respect of the 2018 YOG issued by the International Federation.

Jumping Selection Panel means the panel of experienced people appointed by Equestrian Australia to select the athlete to be nominated to the AOC to fill Australia's quota place in the 2018 Australian Youth Olympic Team. The Jumping Selection Panel (JSP) is comprised of the Chair of Selectors, Graeme Watts, plus two members – Stephen Lamb and Peter Winton.

4.2 GENERAL

- a) The National Federation must provide a copy of this Nomination Criteria to all Athletes.
- b) The National Federation may only nominate athletes to the AOC for the AYOT in accordance with this Nomination Criteria.
- c) The terms of the By-Law are incorporated by reference into this Nomination Criteria. The National Federation must provide a copy of the AOC Selection By-Law to all Athletes.

4.3 LONG LIST

- d) The AOC and the National Federation may maintain a 'Long List' of Athletes who are prospective members of the AYOT for administrative purposes. The Long Lists maintained by the AOC and the National Federation need not include the same Athletes.
- e) Membership on the AOC or the National Federation's Long List does not increase, decrease or otherwise affect an Athlete's prospects of being nominated by the National Federation, or being selected by the AOC, to the AYOT.

4.4 ATHLETE QUOTA POSITIONS

- a) The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC for selection to the AYOT where the AOC has designated that one or more quota positions should be allocated to the National Federation.
- b) The National Federation may not nominate more Athletes than the National

Federation is permitted to nominate by the AOC.

4.5 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The National Federation may not nominate an Athlete unless the Athlete:

- a) satisfies the Qualification System
- b) is likely to satisfy the AOC Selection Criteria;
- c) does not suffer from any physical or mental impairment that would prevent the Athlete from competing at the 2018 YOG to the best of their ability
- d) meets the age eligibility requirements prescribed by the FEI Qualification system available at the following link, that is, born between 1 January 2000 and 21 December 2003 inclusive.
<http://inside.fei.org/system/files/Buenos%20Aires%202018%20-%20Qualification%20System%20-%20FINAL%20-%20Equestrian%20-%20EN%20updated%2029.03.2017.pdf>
- e) has obtained a Certificate of Capability (a score of not more than eight (8) penalties in the first round any at one of the following events between the dates of 1 April 2017 and 31 May 2018:
 - 2017 FEI European Junior Championships
 - 2017 FEI North American Junior Championships
 - 2017 FEI South American Junior Championships
 - The FEI World Jumping Challenge Category A (COC's may be earned in the first, second or third FEI World Jumping Challenge Category A competition in any Country
 - CS1* Grand Prix Competition; or
 - CS12* Grand Prix Competition

4.6 NOMINATION CRITERIA

4.6.1 *Objective criteria:*

On the basis that Australia is allocated one quota place, the athlete chosen by EA to be nominated to the AOC to represent Australia will be selected in accordance with the process set out in section 4.6.2 Subjective Criteria.

4.6.2 *Subjective criteria:*

The National Federation will nominate the Athlete who, in the opinion of the National Federation, in its absolute discretion, will be most likely to achieve the highest competitive results at the Games, based on the (but not limited to) following factors;

1. Have met the eligibility criteria in section 4.5
2. Submit via email to Equestrian Australia's Jumping High Performance Sport coordinator, Stefanie Maraun Stefanie.maraun@equestrian.org.au their performances in 1.20m – 1.30m competitions gained on multiple horses during the period 1 April 2017 – 30 March 2018, inclusive of the result by which a Certificate of Capability was achieved. These results must include: horse name, name of event, type of class, height of competition, penalties received and placing.
3. Upon receipt of applications, four (4) athletes will be selected by the EA National Jumping Selection Panel (JSP) based on their submitted performances to attend a selection camp to be held in May 2018, at a venue to be advised.
4. At the selection camp, athletes will be required to demonstrate their ability on four (4) borrowed horses provided by EA under the following conditions:
DAY ONE:
 - Each athlete is to ride each of the four (4) borrowed horses provided for a total of 20 minutes each, two (2) horses in the morning and (2) horses in the afternoon
 - Athletes are permitted to jump a total of six (6) fences, vertical and oxer in any combination, during the 20 minute period.
 - A cross rail will be supplied with no limit placed on the amount of jumps.DAY TWO:
 - Each athlete will ride each horse over a course of 8-10 fences with one combination, two (2) horses in the morning and (2) in the afternoon.
5. Selection will be based on the athlete's ability to ride a range of horse types at a high level based on but not limited to the following factors:
 - 80% riding ability, 20% presentation, manner, ability to receive instruction and communicate well
 - Selectors will also take into consideration the experience of the athlete and their demonstrated ability to compete successfully in classes at 1.20m-1.30m and above competitions held during an Equestrian Australia affiliated competition environment including International and National performances within the noted qualification period of 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2018 inclusive.
 - Each selector will be required to award each athlete a score of 1-10 for riding ability and presentation which will be calculated on a pro-rata basis to obtain a final overall score for each athlete.

6. The JSP will nominate to EA based upon the above Eligibility and Nomination Criteria, one (1) athlete (the highest ranked athlete) and two (2) reserve athletes as non-travelling reserves who will have been the second and third ranked athletes from the camp. Reserves will be nominated to become the selected athlete in their ranked order should the first selected athlete withdraw or require replacing due to injury and/or illness.
7. EA will nominate the athlete/s to the AOC for selection by 30 May 2018.

4.7 EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- a) In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in clause 4.6, the National Federation may, in its absolute discretion have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.
- b) For the purposes of this clause, Extenuating Circumstances means:
 - i. injury or illness;
 - ii. equipment failure;
 - iii. travel delays;
 - iv. bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member, which means a spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling; or
 - v. any other factors considered by the National Federation to constitute extenuating circumstances.

4.8 SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

- a) The National Federation must nominate Athletes to the AOC by 5pm on 1 August 2018 (Sydney time) (**Nomination Date**). The National Federation must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date prior to the Nomination Date.
- b) Subject to clause 4.8(c), the National Federation must inform Athletes of their nomination or non-nomination by no later than 48 hours prior to the Nomination Date.
- c) Where the National Federation is required to nominate an Athlete after the Nomination Date (where, for example, the AOC allocates an additional quota place to the National Federation after the Nomination Date), and the secondary date for nomination is within 14 days of the Sport Entries Deadline i.e. 17 August – 30 August 2018, the National Federation must inform Athletes of their nomination or non-nomination:
 - i. by no later than 24 hours prior to the Sport Entries Deadline; or
 - ii. where the Sport Entries Deadline is less than 24 hours from the time the National Federation is required to submit its nominations to the AOC, by a time

that affords non-nominated Athletes a reasonable opportunity to commence a nomination appeal in accordance with the By-Law.

- d) The AOC may, in its absolute discretion, accept a nomination submitted after the Nomination Date or the Sport Entries Deadline.

4.9 AMENDMENTS

This Nomination Criteria may only be amended with the written consent of the AOC Selection Committee.

4.10 GOVERNING LAW

This Nomination Criteria is governed by the laws of the State of New South Wales.

5. SELECTION BY THE AOC

5.1 DEFINITIONS

In addition to the capitalised terms used throughout this document, for the purposes of this clause 5 only, the following definitions apply:

2018 Australian Youth Team Membership Agreement for Athletes means the AOC team membership agreement which governs athlete's participation in the 2018 YOG.

Nomination Athlete means an athlete who is nominated by their National Federation to the AOC for selection to the AYOT.

Organising Committee means the committee commissioned by the IOC which is charged with organising the 2018 YOG.

5.2 GENERAL

A Nominated Athlete must satisfy the following selection criteria in order to be selected by the AOC to the AYOT. A Nominated Athlete must:

- a) have met the requirements of the Qualification System applying to the Nominated Athlete's sport;
- b) have satisfied the Nomination Criteria adopted by their National Federation applying to the Nominated Athlete's sport;
- c) have been nominated to the AOC by their National Federation;

- d) have met and continue to meet the eligibility requirements for Australian competitors outlined in the Olympic Charter;
- e) meet the requirements of rules 40 and 41 of the Olympic Charter;
- f) have signed the 2018 Australian Youth Team Membership Agreement for Athletes applying to the 2018 YOG and agree to sign any entry form required by the IOC, AOC or the Organising Committee for the 2018 YOG;
- g) have signed a consent to consideration of nomination form or any equivalent document prescribed by the AOC;
- h) if a minor, have provided to the AOC a signed parent or guardian consent and acknowledgement form in respect of the Nomination Athlete's participation in the 2018 YOG;
- i) comply with the AOC Constitution and its by-laws, including the By-Law and the Code of Conduct;
- j) not have breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the Nominated Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;
- k) have been available for sample collection for the purpose of conducting anti-doping testing and have provided accurate and up to date whereabouts information;
- l) have, if required by the AOC, signed a statutory declaration regarding child protection, anti-doping matters and any other matter determined by the AOC to require declaration from time to time;
- m) not at any time have engaged in conduct (whether publicly known or not), which has brought, brings or would have the tendency to bring the Nominated Athlete or their sport into disrepute or censure, or which is or would have the tendency to be inconsistent with, contrary to or prejudicial to the best interests, image or values of the AOC or AYOT sponsors, or as a result of which, the Nominated Athlete's continued membership would not be or would not likely be in the best interests of the AYOT;
- n) not at any time be convicted of, or charged with, any offence involving violence, child abuse, drugs, or any sex offence, or any offence relating to any betting or gambling activities on sport, or any offence which is punishable by imprisonment;
- o) have disclosed any criminal offence of whatever nature, with which the Nominated Athlete has been charged, or of which the Nominated Athlete has been convicted, and has consented to the Nominated Athlete's National Federation and the AOC making enquiries to relevant authorities for any details of the Nominated Athlete's criminal record (if any), including details of any charges pending or any spent convictions disclosable by law, and consents to those authorities providing that information in answer to those enquiries;
- p) have and must continue to honestly and fully disclose information pertaining to clauses 5.1(A) - (O), to their National Federation and the AOC, and consent to:

- i. their National Federation and the AOC making enquiries with relevant authorities regarding any disclosures; and
 - ii. consent to relevant authorities providing information to their National Federation and the AOC in relation to those enquiries; and
 - iii. undergo medical assessments and testing, as required by the AOC.
- q) A breach of, or a failure by a Nominated Athlete to comply with clauses 1(A) – (O) may render that Nominated Athlete ineligible for selection to the AYOT, at the complete and absolute discretion of the AOC.

5.3 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Except where the AOC has otherwise agreed in writing, the AOC will not select a Nominated Athlete unless the Nominated Athlete has provided an undertaking that he or she will attend:

- a) the 2018 YOG for the entire games period, being 6 October – 18 October 2018 (inclusive);
- b) the 'Learn & Share' education sessions organized by the Organising Committee for the 2018 YOG; and
- c) a training and preparation camp convened and facilitated by the AOC to be held in October 2018 in Sydney, Australia.

5.4 DISCRETION

The AOC has the sole and absolute discretion to determine:

- a) whether a Nominated Athlete has met the requirements of this Selection Criteria;
- b) that a Nominated Athlete is ineligible for selection to the AYOT for any reason (irrespective of whether the Nominated Athlete has met some or all of the requirements of this Selection Criteria); and
- c) whether it will select the maximum number of athletes (or teams, where applicable) permitted for selection by the AOC, regardless of how many Nominated Athletes meet the standards required under a Qualification System.

5.5 EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

- d) In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in this clause 5, the AOC will not have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.
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