



Guidelines for Nomination & Selection to 2020 Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team - Biathlon

1 / INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This document contains the criteria for nomination and selection of athletes to the Australian Winter Olympic Youth Team (**AWYOT**) for the 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games (**2020 WYOG**) in Lausanne, Switzerland. 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

In accordance with the requirements set by the International Olympic Committee (**IOC**) under the document governing the WYOG nomination and selection process, the *Qualification System Principles and Allocation Procedure for NOC Universality Places*, will stipulate the maximum number of quota places allocated to a National Olympic Committee (**NOC**) for the 2020 WYOG.

3 / NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE 2020 AUSTRALIAN WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC TEAM

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

- (a) **Qualification:** the AOC, as Australia's NOC, may be awarded athlete quota positions for a sport on the programme of the 2020 WYOG by the International Federation governing the sport;
- (b) **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 AWYOT.
- (c) **Selection:** From amongst the nominated Athletes, the AOC is responsible for determining which athletes should be selected to the AWYOT.

4 / **NOMINATION BY THE AUSTRALIAN BIATHLON ASSOCIATION**

Refer to clause 4.6 of this document.

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 recognised by the National Federation as eligible for nomination to the AOC for selection to the AWYOT pursuant to this Nomination Criteria.

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

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

Eligible Athlete means an Eligible Athlete as described in clause 4.5 of this document.

International Federation International Biathlon Union (IBU).

National Federation means Australian Biathlon Association (AB)

Percentage Result means, in these Nomination and Selection Criteria, the calculation specified below carried out by the National Federation specifically for the purpose of applying the Nomination Criteria and using only the results of Eligible Athletes who completed the Selection Race in the U19 age class:

Percentage Result for Athlete n = $(T_n - T_1) / T_1$ where

- i. T_n is the race time of Athlete n;
- ii. Race time is total time, inclusive of any shooting penalty, time penalty or time adjustment awarded by the Race Committee, as published by the AB National Race Secretary as the Final Results for that race.
- iii. T_1 is the race time of the first placed Athlete in that race; and
- iv. The Percent Result is expressed as a percentage.

For the avoidance of doubt:

- (a) an Athlete's result achieved in a Selection Race of DQ (disqualified), DNS (did not start) or DNF (did not finish) is not an eligible result for the purposes of this calculation and no Percentage Result shall be calculated in respect of that result;

- (b) an Athlete's result achieved in other than the U19 age class is not an eligible result for the purposes of this calculation and no Percentage Result shall be calculated in respect of that result; and
- (c) a Percentage Result shall only be calculated for an Eligible Athlete.

Ranking Result means in these Nomination and Selection Criteria, for each Eligible Athlete, the average of that athlete's best Percentage Result for an Individual/Short Individual format Selection Race and the athlete's best Percentage Result for a Sprint format Selection Race, with the following exception:

If only a single Selection Race is conducted by the National Federation then the Ranking Result will be deemed to be the Percentage Result achieved by the athlete at that single Selection Race.

Selection Races means, in these Nomination and Selection Guidelines, only those biathlon races that the National Federation nominates as Selection Races as follows:

1. Victorian Individual/Short Individual Championships 27/28 July 2019;
 2. Victorian Sprint Championships 27/28 July 2019;
 3. Australian Individual/Short Individual Championships 17/18 August 2019;
 4. Australian Sprint Championships 17/18 August 2019; where
- (a) the National Federation reserves the right, in accordance with its Competition Rules, to change the format or length of any Selection race or to cancel a Selection Race;
 - (b) if all Australian 2019 Winter Selection Races are cancelled then the National Federation shall organize a single replacement Selection Race. If no replacement Selection Race is held within the Australian 2019 winter season then the National Federation may nominate a Summer Biathlon event as the replacement Selection Race;
 - (c) the details and format of a replacement Selection Race shall be determined at the sole discretion of the National Federation following consultation with the AOC; and
 - (d) Selection Races must be conducted in Australia and conducted in accordance with the AB Competition Rules in force on the date of the race;
 - (e) Athletes who compete in other than the U19 age class are deemed to have not competed in a WYOG 2020 Selection Race.

Sport means Biathlon

Sport Entries Deadline means 16 December 2019.

Qualification System means the eligibility, participation and qualification criteria for the Sport in respect of the 2020 WYOG issued by the International Federation.

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 AWYOT 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

- (a) The AOC and the National Federation may maintain a 'Long List' of Athletes who are prospective members of the AWYOT for administrative purposes. The Long Lists maintained by the AOC and the National Federation need not include the same Athletes.
- (b) 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 AWYOT.

4.4 Athlete quota positions

- (a) The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC for selection to the AWYOT 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 2020 WYOG to the best of their ability;
- (d) meets the age eligibility requirements as prescribed by the Qualification System (born between 1 January 2002 and 31 December 2003);
- (e) who are Australian citizens;
- (f) who are financial members of the National Federation;
- (g) who have signed the 2019-2020 AB Athlete's Agreement; and
- (h) who have competed in and obtained results in Selection Races.

4.6 Nomination Criteria

The National Federation, will nominate Eligible Athletes, up to the number of quota positions made available to the AOC pursuant to the Qualification System, with the best ranking, calculated in accordance with the paragraphs below:

- (a) Athlete rankings for each gender will be determined by each Athlete's Ranking Result, as determined in these Nomination and Selection Criteria;
- (b) the Athlete with the lowest Ranking Result will be ranked first, the next lowest Ranking Result will be ranked second and so on until all Eligible Athletes are ranked;
- (c) in the event that two or more Athletes have an equal Ranking Result, the Athlete with the with the best shooting average (expressed as a percentage) in the Selection Races used to determine his Ranking Result will be ranked higher than the other Athlete;
- (d) in the event of a tie on the basis of 4.6(b)(i)-(iii) above then the shooting average (expressed as a percentage) at all Selection Races completed by the Athletes shall be used to rank the tied Athletes; and

- (e) An Athlete will not receive a ranking under clause 4.6, or be considered for nomination to the AOC, unless they have completed a minimum of one individual or short individual format Selection Race and one sprint format Selection Race with the exception that if only a single Selection Race is conducted by the National Federation then the Athlete must have completed that single Selection Race.

4.7 Extenuating Circumstances

In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in clause 4.6, the National Federation will not have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.

4.8 Submission of Nominations

- (a) The National Federation must nominate Athletes to the AOC by 5pm on 30 November 2019 (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, 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:

2020 Australian Youth Team Membership Agreement for Athletes means the AOC team membership agreement which governs athlete's participation in the 2020 WYOG.

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

Organising Committee means the committee commissioned by the IOC which is charged with organising the 2020 WYOG.

5.2 General

A Nominated Athlete must satisfy the following selection criteria in order to be selected by the AOC to the AWYOT. 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 2020 Australian Youth Team Membership Agreement for Athletes applying to the 2020 WYOG and agree to sign any entry form required by the IOC, AOC or the Organising Committee for the 2020 WYOG;
- (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 2020 WYOG;
- (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 AWYOT 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 AWYOT;
- (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 AWYOT, 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 2020 WYOG for the entire games period, being 9 January – 22 January 2020 (inclusive);
- (b) provided an undertaking that he or she will attend the 'Learn & Share' education sessions organised by the Organising Committee for the 2020 WYOG; and
- (c) if required, any training and preparation camp convened and facilitated by the AOC to be held in January 2020 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 AWYOT 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

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

5.6 Amendments

This Selection Criteria may be amended by the AOC from time to time.

5.7 Governing law

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