



2020 OLYMPIC GAMES

NOMINATION CRITERIA

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1 Definitions and Interpretation

1.1 Definitions

Unless otherwise defined below, capitalised terms in this Nomination Criteria have the meaning given to them in the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law, certain of which have been reproduced below for the sake of convenience.

AOC means the Australian Olympic Committee Incorporated and any of its officers, employees or agents and any committee it convenes including the AOC Selection Committee.

AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law means the document adopted by the Executive which governs, among other things, the nomination and selection of Athletes to a team for an Olympic Games or Olympic Winter Games.

AOC Selection Committee means the committee established by the AOC to send athletes and appoint officials to the Australian Olympic team for the Games.

AOC Selection Criteria means the criteria adopted by the AOC in respect of the Games, which outlines the requirements for an athlete to be selected by the AOC to participate in the Games.

Athlete means a person who:

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

Executive means the Executive of the AOC.

Extenuating Circumstances means:

- (a) injury or illness;
- (b) equipment failure;
- (c) travel delays;
- (d) 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

(e) any other factors considered by the National Federation to constitute extenuating circumstances.

Factors has the meaning given in clause 10.2(i)(C).

Games means 2020 Olympic Games.

International Federation means International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF).

Men's and Women's Event (or Event) means each of the events in the table at clause 4.1.

Mixed Teams Event means each of the events listed in clause 4.2.

National Federation means Shooting Australia (SA).

Nomination Date means 27 March 2020.

Nomination Score means the score determined in accordance with clause 9.1.

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

SA Member Organisation means the Australian Clay Target Association, Pistol Australia and Target Rifle Australia.

Sport means Shooting.

Sport Entries Deadline means the date on which entries to a Games must be submitted by the AOC.

Team means the team of athletes and officials selected by the AOC to participate in the Sport at the Games.

World Ranking has the meaning given in the Qualification System.

1.2 Interpretation

- (a) Unless the context otherwise requires, reference to:
 - (i) a clause is to a clause of this Nomination Criteria;
 - (ii) the singular includes the plural and the converse also applies;
 - (iii) persons include incorporated and unincorporated bodies, partnerships, joint ventures and associations and vice versa and their legal personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes; and
 - (iv) a party includes the party's executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes.
- (b) If a person to whom this Nomination Criteria applies consists of more than one person, then this Nomination Criteria binds them jointly and severally.
- (c) A reference to time, day or date is to time, day or date of Sydney, Australia.
- (d) Headings are for convenience only and do not form part of this Nomination Criteria or affect its interpretation.

2 General

- 2.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the board of the National Federation. The National Federation must provide, or otherwise make available, this Nomination Criteria to all Athletes.
- 2.2 The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC in accordance with this Nomination Criteria.
- 2.3 This Nomination Criteria will take effect on and from 20 June 2019.
- 2.4 This Nomination Criteria applies to:
 - (a) all Athletes;
 - (b) the National Federation; and
 - (c) the AOC.

2.5 The terms of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law are incorporated by reference into this Nomination Criteria. The National Federation must provide, or otherwise make available, the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law to all Athletes.

3 Long List

3.1 For the purpose only of identifying prospective members of the Team, the National Federation or AOC may maintain a Long List of Athletes.

3.2 For the avoidance of doubt, membership of the National Federation's or the AOC'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 Team.

4 Events

4.1 Subject always to clause 5, the National Federation may nominate athletes to the AOC for selection to the Team for the following events at the Games:

Men's Events	Women's Events
10m Air Rifle	10m Air Rifle
50m Rifle 3 Positions	50m Rifle 3 Positions
10m Air Pistol	10m Air Pistol
25m Rapid Fire Pistol	25m Pistol
Trap	Trap
Skeet	Skeet

4.2 The National Federation may also, in its absolute discretion, nominate athletes to compete in any of the Mixed Team Events (being the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team, the 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team and/or the Trap Mixed Team).

5 Athlete Quota Positions

- 5.1 The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC for selection to the Team where, pursuant to the Qualification System, the International Federation has awarded the AOC or the National Federation athlete quota positions.
- 5.2 A National Federation may not nominate more Athletes than are permitted to be nominated by the AOC under the Qualification System.
- 5.3 The National Federation may nominate less Athletes than are permitted under the Qualification System, in its absolute discretion.
- 5.4 Once the number of quota places granted to the National Federation or the AOC is finalised, the National Federation has the right (at its sole discretion) to change a maximum of one (1) quota place in one event for one (1) quota place in any other event within the same gender, in accordance with the Qualification System. The National Federation may exercise this right, if in its opinion, the change is likely to increase the chances of Australia winning a medal at the 2020 Olympic Games. The National Federation will confirm whether it intends to change a maximum of one (1) quota place (and if so, what change will be made) before nominations are made in accordance with clause 10 below.

6 SA Nomination Panel

- 6.1 Except where quota places are obtained from the World Ranking in accordance with the Qualification System, the National Federation will nominate for selection to the Team those Athletes recommended by the SA Nomination Panel.
- 6.2 The SA Nomination Panel for each Event will be made up of four (4) members including:
 - (a) a Chairperson appointed by the SA Board (Voting member);
 - (b) the High Performance Committee Representative for the relevant SA Member Organisation (Voting member);
 - (c) the SA High Performance Director (Voting member); and
 - (d) the SA National Coach for the Event (Ex-officio member).

6.3 The SA Nomination Panel will determine, in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, the Athletes to recommend to the National Federation to nominate to the AOC for selection to the Team for the Games.

6.4 The AOC will select the Team for the Games.

7 Athlete Eligibility

7.1 The National Federation will not nominate an Athlete unless, as at the Nomination Date, the National Federation is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the Athlete:

- (a) is an Australian citizen;
- (b) is a member of the National Federation;
- (c) satisfies the Qualification System;
- (d) has attained a Minimum Qualification Score (MQS) for the applicable Event between 1 September 2018 and the completion of the final Nomination Event;
- (e) is likely to satisfy the AOC Selection Criteria;
- (f) has not breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed; and
- (g) does not, and is not likely to in the foreseeable future, suffer from any physical or mental impairment that would prevent the Athlete from competing at the Games to the highest possible standard for that Athlete;

8 SA Nomination Events

8.1 There will be four (4) nomination competitions for each Event (***Nomination Events***) conducted in Australia between 1 January and 30 April 2020. Specific dates and locations will be confirmed by the National Federation by 31 October 2019 and announced on its website (<https://shootingaustralia.org>).

9 Process for obtaining Nomination Score for the Men's Events and Women's Events

9.1 The following process will be used to determine an Athlete's Nomination Score for each of the Men's and Women's Events listed in clause 4.1:

- (i) Athletes will have an opportunity to participate in the four (4) Nomination Events referred to in clause 8.1, in order to accumulate points;

- (ii) At each Nomination Event, Athletes will be awarded points based on:
 - A. their finishing position after the finals at that event (**Finishing Points**) (see clause 9.1(iii)); and
 - B. their qualifying score at that event (**Qualifying Points**) (see clause 9.1(iv)).
- (iii) Finishing Points will be calculated and awarded in the following manner:
 - A. In an event which allows for a maximum of 8-person finals: first place is awarded 8 points, second place is awarded 7 points, third place is awarded 6 points and so on until all finalists have received points, regardless of the number of starters in the final.
 - B. In an event which allows for a maximum of 6-person finals: first place is awarded 6 points, second place is awarded 5 points, third place is awarded 4 points and so on until all finalists have received points, regardless of the number of starters in the final.
 - C. An Athlete who does not make the final will receive no Finishing Points.
- (iv) Qualifying Points will be calculated and awarded in the following manner:
 - A. The Qualifying Points that each Athlete is to receive for each Nomination Event is equal to their qualifying score for that event.
 - B. For example, an Athlete winning a Shotgun event with a qualifying score of 120 will achieve 120 Qualifying Points.
- (v) The process for accumulating points is the same for each of the Nomination Events.
- (vi) At the end of the Nomination Events, each Athlete will obtain a Nomination Score, which will be equal to the combined total of the Finishing Points and Qualifying Points achieved throughout the three (3) Nomination Events where the Athlete achieved their highest Qualifying Points scores (regardless of Finishing Points scores). For the avoidance of any doubt, where an Athlete:
 - A. **Participates in all four Nomination Events:** their lowest Qualifying Points score (and any Finishing Points obtained at the Nomination Event where that Qualifying Points score was achieved) obtained across the four (4) Nomination Events is disregarded, and their Nomination Score is equal to the combined total of the Finishing Points and Qualifying Points achieved in the other three (3) Nomination Events.

- B. **Participates in three or less of the Nomination Events:** their Nomination Score is equal to the combined total of the Finishing Points and Qualifying Points achieved in all of the three (3) or less Nomination Events they participated in.
- (vii) At the completion of the Nomination Events, the Athletes for each Event will be ranked by their Nomination Score (with a higher score outranking a lower score).

10 Nomination Process for Men's Events and Women's Events

- 10.1 Subject to clause 5, where an Athlete obtains a quota place from the World Ranking in accordance with the Qualification System, the National Federation will nominate that Athlete to the AOC for selection to the Team for the Games.
- 10.2 Except where quota places are obtained from the World Ranking in accordance with the Qualification System and subject always to clause 5, the National Federation will nominate to the AOC for selection to the Team to compete in the Men's Events and Women's Events listed in clause 4.1 those Athletes who are recommended by the SA Nomination Panel, in accordance with the following process:
- (i) In relation to the first position in each Event that the National Federation has been allocated a quota place at the Games, the Athlete to be nominated will be determined in accordance with the following process:
 - A. The Athlete who finishes with the highest Nomination Score for that Event at the conclusion of the Nomination Events will be nominated;
 - B. In the case of a tie between athletes with the highest Nomination Score in that Event at the conclusion of the Nomination Events, the Athlete (from amongst the tied athletes) with the superior head-to-head Qualifying Points results across all four (4) Nomination Events will be nominated.
 - C. If the tie still cannot be broken after the application of clause 10.2(i)(B), the SA Nomination Panel, at its sole and absolute discretion, will recommend to the National Federation the Athlete to be nominated (from amongst the still-tied Athletes). Without in any way limiting the discretion of SA Nomination Panel, in making a determination as to which of the still-tied athletes to recommend under this clause, the SA Nomination Panel may consider the following factors (the **Factors**):
 - I. international podium performances between 1 September 2018 and the completion of the final Nomination Event;

- II. international qualifying and finals performances between 1 September 2018 and the completion of the final Nomination Event;
 - III. international head-to-head performances between 1 September 2018 and the completion of the final Nomination Event;
 - IV. all domestic performances between 1 September 2018 and the completion of the final Nomination Event, including qualifying and finals as well as head to head performances; or
 - V. any other factors the SA Nomination Panel considers relevant.
- D. The discretion granted to the SA Nomination Panel in clause 10.2(i)(C) above is absolute. In exercising its discretion, the SA Nomination Panel may consider any Factor, or combination of Factors that is, in the opinion of the SA Nomination Panel, relevant for consideration when nominating Athletes to the AOC and may attribute whatever weight it deems appropriate to any particular Factor when making its decision. For the avoidance of doubt, the SA Nomination Panel is not required to consider, turn their mind to or rely on all the Factors in the exercise of their discretion to make a Nomination Decision (for example, the SA Nomination Panel is therefore entitled to rely on one Factor, two Factors, three Factors, etc. or a combination of a number of Factors in the exercise of discretion to make a nomination decision).
- (ii) In relation to the second position in each Event in which the National Federation has been allocated a quota place at the Games (where applicable and subject always to clause 5), the National Federation may nominate an Athlete in accordance with the following process:
- A. The SA Nomination Panel will recommend to the National Federation to nominate the Athlete that the SA Nomination Panel determines, at its sole and absolute discretion. Without in any way limiting the discretion of SA Nomination Panel, in making a determination as to which Athlete to nominate under this clause, the SA Nomination Panel may consider the Factors.

- B. The discretion granted to the SA Nomination Panel in clause 10.2(ii)(A) above is absolute. In exercising its discretion, the SA Nomination Panel may consider any Factor, or combination of Factors that is, in the opinion of the SA Nomination Panel, relevant for consideration when nominating athletes to the AOC and may attribute whatever weight it deems appropriate to any particular Factor when making its decision. For the avoidance of doubt, the SA Nomination Panel is not required to consider, turn their mind to or rely on all the Factors in the exercise of their discretion to make a Nomination Decision (for example, the SA Nomination Panel is therefore entitled to rely on one Factor, two Factors, three Factors, etc. or a combination of a number of Factors in the exercise of discretion to make a nomination decision).
- (iii) If an Athlete achieves the highest Nomination Score in more than one Event at the conclusion of the Nomination Events, the SA Nomination Panel, at its sole and absolute discretion, will determine for which one of these Events the Athlete will be nominated to the AOC.
- 10.3 The SA Nomination Panel, in its absolute discretion, may recommend to the National Federation the Athletes to compete in any Mixed Team Event, provided that any such Athletes must be drawn from the pool of Athletes recommended to the National Federation to be nominated the AOC in accordance with clauses 10.1 and 10.2.

11 Extenuating Circumstances

- 11.1 In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in clauses 9 and 10, the SA Nomination Panel at its absolute discretion may take into account any Extenuating Circumstances which prevents an Athlete(s) from achieving the Nomination Score which would otherwise be required to obtain nomination to the AOC. For the avoidance of doubt, the exercise of this discretion by the SA Nomination Panel may result in a different Athlete being nominated to the AOC for selection to the Team.
- 11.2 Without limitation, the SA Nomination Panel may consider an Athlete's non-attendance at a Nomination Event to be an Extenuating Circumstance in its absolute discretion.
- 11.3 In the event that an Athlete determines that he or she is unable to attend a Nomination Event, that Athlete must notify the National Federation of his or her non-attendance in writing as soon as practicable. The National Federation may require an Athlete to undergo a medical examination as a condition of the Athlete's non-attendance at a Nomination Event being treated as an Extenuating Circumstance by the SA Nomination Panel.

12 Submission of Nominations

- 12.1 The National Federation must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date in writing.
- 12.2 The AOC may, in its absolute discretion extend the Nomination Date for the National Federation for any reason.
- 12.3 The National Federation must nominate Athletes to the AOC by the Nomination Date. The National Federation must inform Athletes of their nomination or non-nomination by no later than:
- (a) 48 hours prior to the Nomination Date, where such written notice would be received by the Athlete 14 days prior to the Sport Entries Deadline; or
 - (b) 24 hours prior to the Nomination Date, where such written notice would be received by the Athlete within 14 days of the Sport Entries Deadline,
- or such later date as the AOC advises the National Federation.
- 12.4 Nominations submitted to the AOC must be in the form prescribed by the AOC or in a form that is otherwise acceptable to the AOC and include any such information that is required pursuant to the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.
- 12.5 The AOC may, in its absolute discretion, accept a nomination submitted after the Nomination Date where it is submitted by the National Federation as a result of an appeal brought in accordance with the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.

13 Amendments

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

14 Governing Law

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