

Rowing Australia Limited 2008 Senior A Australian National Rowing Team and 2008 Australian Paralympic Team Nominations

NOTE: Irrespective of any references to Senior A selection in previous or other Rowing Australia Selection Policies, all Athletes who wish to be nominated for consideration for selection to the 2008 Senior A Australian National Rowing Team by the Australian Paralympic Committee as a member of the 2008 Australian Paralympic Team (***the 2008 Senior A National Team***) must undertake and agree to abide and be bound by this 2008 Paralympic Nomination Policy.

2008 Paralympic Nomination Policy

(incorporating amendments to 7 May 2008)

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RA Paralympic Nomination Policy

1 Introduction

1.1 The objective of this Nomination Policy is to identify and nominate to the Australian Paralympic Committee ("APC") for selection those athletes who will achieve the best possible medal result at the 2008 Paralympic Games.

1.2 This Rowing Australia ("RA") Paralympic Nomination Policy may be amended by RA with the approval of the APC. Any amendment to the RA Paralympic Nomination Policy will be notified to Athletes by posting on the RA website (www.rowingaustralia.com.au) and the APC website (www.paralympic.org.au), and RA will:

1.2.1 e-mail the amended Policy to all Shadow Squad members to the email address supplied to RA on the RA 2008 Nomination Form; and

1.2.2 RA will mail a copy of the amended Policy to any Athlete on request of that Athlete.

2 Process of nomination

2.1 "Shadow Squad"

2.1.1 RA will nominate Athletes from within its sport to be selected by the APC as members of the APC Paralympic Preparation Program Squad for Rowing ("Shadow Squad"). The APC, at its discretion (whether or not at the request of RA), may recognise other Athletes from within this sport to also be members of the Shadow Squad.

2.1.2 RA may only nominate members of the Shadow Squad to the APC for selection in the 2008 Australian Paralympic Team ("Team").

2.1.3 The Shadow Squad was announced on 2 February 2007. The Shadow Squad may be added to after this date based on subsequent performances of Athletes provided that they meet the performance and availability requirements of the RA 2006-2007 Event Supplement and the RA 2007-2008 Event Supplement (subject to Extenuating Circumstances). RA will advise the APC of additional Athletes who have met the requirements of paragraph 1.4 at such time as may be advised by the APC from time to time, but not later than 21 December 2007.

2.1.4 In order to be selected as a member of the Shadow Squad each athlete must, as a minimum, have satisfied the requirements of the 2005-2008 RA Selection Policy which includes without limitation:

- 2.1.4.1 having met the performance and availability requirements of the RA 2007-2008 Event Supplement (available on the RA website - www.rowingaustralia.com.au); and
 - 2.1.4.2 having met the requirements of and signed the RA 2008 Nomination Form.
 - 2.1.5 RA will provide all athletes chosen or recognised as members of the Shadow Squad with a copy of the APC General Selection Criteria.
- 2.2 Nomination of athletes
 - 2.2.1 RA will not make any nominations for selection to the Team to the APC unless it has adopted and implemented an anti-doping policy that conforms with the World Anti-Doping Code.
 - 2.2.2 Nominations will not be made to the APC after 13 June 2008. Any nominations made after this deadline will be invalid unless made pursuant to a direction or award in respect of an appeal against nomination or non-nomination to the RA Appeal Tribunal or the CAS.
 - 2.2.3 For the purposes of nomination to the APC of individual athletes for selection to the 2008 Australian Paralympic Team, RA will:
 - 2.2.3.1 only nominate Athletes who are, or are recognised by the APC as, members of the Shadow Squad;
 - 2.2.3.2 only nominate those Athletes it honestly believes have met the requirements described in the APC 2008 Selection Criteria;
 - 2.2.3.3 only nominate those Athletes who have signed the RA 2008 Nomination Form;
 - 2.2.3.4 not nominate more Athletes than allocated under to the APC by the International Paralympic Committee ("IPC") or the Beijing Organising Committee for the Olympic Games ("BOCOG") out of the total number of places in the Sports Quota for each sport. Refer to the IPC Qualification Guide for the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games (www.paralympic.org).
 - 2.2.3.5 not nominate Athletes who have breached the RA or APC Anti-Doping By-Law and have had a sanction imposed which has not been completed;
 - 2.2.3.6 only nominate those Athletes who, to the satisfaction of RA on the recommendation of the Nomination Panel, have met the requirements of the RA 2007-2008 Event Supplement for the 2008 National Adaptive Rowing Team in a boat for which Australia has qualified quota places for the 2008

Paralympic Games.

- 2.2.3.7 In accordance with FISA regulations, rowers who achieve qualification through the 2008 FISA Paralympic Qualification Regatta in May 2008 in Munich, Germany, will be required to row in the boat for which they have qualified quota places for the 2008 Olympic Games.
 - 2.2.3.8 Unless otherwise stated, RA may give such weight to any or all of the nomination criteria as it sees fit. For the avoidance of doubt, when determining which athletes are to be nominated, RA need not have regard to all the requirements of this clause 2.
- 2.3 Reserves or Alternates
 - 2.3.1 Reserves will not be nominated to be members of the Team until such time as they replace another selected athlete.
 - 2.3.2 Any reserves or alternates may be nominated in accordance with FISA regulations (refer to FISA website; www.worldrowing.com), BOCOG's policy relating to the substitution of athletes and are subject to selection by the APC.
- 3 Selection of the Team by the APC
 - 3.1 The fact that an athlete is nominated to the APC by RA does not guarantee the APC will select that person as a member of the Team. Athletes will be selected to the Team at the sole discretion of the APC.
 - 3.2 The APC will determine the date when it will announce the selection of athletes to the Team and this date will be advised.
- 4 Appeals
 - 4.1 All appeals concerning the nomination or non-nomination of athletes by RA to the APC will follow the process as detailed in Part 6 of the Selection Policy as if it was a decision by the Selectors under paragraph 3.1.2 of the RA Selection Policy, available on the RA website (www.rowingaustralia.com.au).
 - 4.2 All appeals concerning the selection or non-selection of athletes to the Team by the APC will follow the process as detailed in the APC Team Appeals Process available on the APC website (www.paralympic.org.au).
- 5 Interpretation
 - 5.1 Words used in this Nomination Policy has the same meaning ascribed to them in the APC's General Selection Criteria unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.
- 6 Applicable documents
 - 6.1 2007/2008 Rowing Australia National Plan – Event Supplement for: Adaptive Rowing Team: Paralympic Games, Beijing (available at

www.rowingaustralia.com.au).

- 6.2 RA Nomination Form – 2008 Paralympic Games (available at www.rowingaustralia.com.au)
- 6.3 RA Selection Policy; 2005-2008 (available at www.rowingaustralia.com.au).
- 6.4 APC General Selection Criteria (available at www.paralympic.org.au).