

## 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.
- 1.4 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 or by contacting the AOC.. 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 / Nomination 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, may be 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.
- 3.2 The AOC confirms the quota places allocated to Rowing is 2. The AOC encourages each sport to consider gender balance when prioritising the distribution of quota places.
- 3.3 The National Federation has qualified a quota place for the Men's Single Scull through the 2017 World Rowing Junior Championships.
- 3.4 The National Federation may seek to qualify an additional quota place for the Women's Single Scull through the Oceania Continental Qualification Regatta (**Qualification Regatta**), in accordance with this clause 3.4:
- (a) Athletes that meet the eligibility criteria set out from clause 4.5(a) to clause 4.5(f) (inclusive), and who have confirmed their availability to attend the Qualification Regatta, will be considered eligible for selection by the National Federation to compete at the Qualification Regatta (each an **Eligible Qualification Regatta Athlete**);
  - (b) The National Federation will select the Eligible Qualification Regatta Athlete that was highest ranked in the Women's Single Scull at the 2017 Underage Selection Regatta to represent Australia at the Qualification Regatta.
- 3.5 The National Federation will make recommendations to the AOC for the qualification places in accordance with these Guidelines for Nomination & Selection to 2018 Australian Youth Olympic Team.
- 3.6 Athletes that are also seeking selection to the 2018 Australian Junior Rowing Team should comply with both these Guidelines and the Rowing Australia Underage National Team Selection Policy (including the Junior National Team Event Requirements) which are available at <https://www.rowingaustralia.com.au/national-team-selection-information/>

## 4 / NOMINATION BY ROWING 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 recognised 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 the Fédération Internationale des Sociétés d'Aviron, the International Rowing Federation.

**National Federation** means Rowing Australia.

**Sport** means Rowing.

**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.

#### 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

- (a) 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.
- (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 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) was born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2001;
- (e) complies with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors);
- (f) satisfies and continues to satisfy the Nomination and Eligibility Requirements for 2018 Australian Rowing Team Selection, available at <http://www.rowingaustralia.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/2018-Eligibility-Requirements-Final.pdf>;
- (g) completes all activities stipulated below:

Activity	Note
State Championships/ Regattas ( <b>participation encouraged</b> )	Athletes are strongly encouraged to participate in domestic regattas, including the Athlete's State Championships.
2km Ergometer Test	All Athletes must complete at least one 2km Ergometer Test between 1 January and 18 March 2018, to be conducted in line with Australian Rowing Team Ergometer Testing protocols, available at <a href="http://www.rowingaustralia.com.au/sports-">http://www.rowingaustralia.com.au/sports-</a>

	<a href="#">science/rowing-testing-protocols/</a> , and must submit their results to the Athlete's State Pathway Head Coach.
National Championships <b>(participation encouraged)</b>	Athletes are strongly encouraged to participate in the National Championships, which are conducted at SIRC from 19 to 25 March 2018.
Close of nominations	Athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to the AOC must complete the online nomination form found on the Rowing Australia website <a href="http://www.rowingaustralia.com.au/national-team-selection-information/">http://www.rowingaustralia.com.au/national-team-selection-information/</a> ) by 5:00pm AEDT on 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018.
Submission of entries for Underage Selection Trials	All Athletes must submit an entry in the single scull at the National Junior Selection Trials through the Athlete's State Pathway Head Coach to <a href="mailto:nwagstaff@rowingaustralia.com.au">nwagstaff@rowingaustralia.com.au</a> by 5:00pm AEST on 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
Underage Selection Trials	All Athletes must compete in the single scull at the Underage Selection Trials, conducted at SIRC from 15 to 22 April 2018.

#### 4.6 Nomination Criteria

The National Federation will nominate to the AOC the Athlete who satisfies the Eligibility Criteria set out in clause 4.5 and:

- (a) In the case of the Men's Single Scull, is the highest ranked eligible athlete in the Men's Single Scull at the 2018 Underage Selection Regatta
- (b) In the case of the Women's Single Scull (and subject to a qualification place being secured, is the highest ranked eligible athlete in the Women's Single Scull at the 2018 Underage Selection Regatta

#### 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***)..

- (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 organised 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**

- (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.
- (b) For the purposes of this clause, ***Extenuating Circumstances*** means:
  - i. injury or illness;
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