



Australian Taekwondo

Criteria for the Nomination & Selection to the 2023 Australian Pacific Games Team

Taekwondo

1 / INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This document contains the criteria for nomination and selection of athletes to the Australian Pacific Games Team for the 2023 Pacific Games (**2023 Pacific Games**) in Honiara, Solomon Islands. 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 (at Appendix 1).

2 / DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to this Nomination and Selection Criteria.

2023 National Championships means the National Federation's national championships to be held at the Gold Netball Centre in Jolimont, Western Australia between Friday 13 October 2023 and Sunday 15 October 2023.

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

AOC Selection Criteria means the criteria adopted by the AOC in respect of the 2023 Pacific Games which outlines the requirements for an athlete to be selected by the AOC to participate in the 2023 Pacific Games and which appears at Appendix 1 of this Nomination Criteria.

Athlete 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 Team pursuant to this Nomination Criteria.

Games Period means 19 November 2023 to 2 December 2023 (inclusive).

International Federation means World Taekwondo

National Federation means Australian Taekwondo

Nomination Date means 16 October 2023

Nominated Athlete(s) means an athlete who is nominated by their National Federation to the AOC for selection to the Team.

NOC means National Olympic Committee.

Olympic Weight Category means World Taekwondo's Olympic Divisions as defined in the World Taekwondo Paris 2024 Qualification System, which is located at <https://stillmed.olympics.com/media/Documents/Olympic-Games/Paris-2024/Paris2024-QS-Taekwondo.pdf>.

Organising Committee means the committee commissioned by the Pacific Council which is charged with organising the 2023 Pacific Games.

Sport means Taekwondo.

Sport Entries Deadline means 5 October 2023.

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

3 / INTERPRETATION

In this Nomination Criteria (and Appendix 1):

- (a) The singular includes the plural and the converse also applies.
- (b) A reference to an agreement or document (including a reference to this document) is to the agreement or document as amended, supplemented, novated or replaced, except to the extent prohibited by this document or that other agreement or document, and includes the recitals and schedules to that agreement or document.
- (c) A reference to a party to an agreement includes the party's successors, permitted substitutes and permitted assigns (and, where applicable, the party's legal personal representatives).
- (d) A reference to conduct includes an omission, statement or undertaking, whether or not in writing.
- (e) A reference to time is to Sydney time, unless otherwise stated.

4 / NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE 2023 PACIFIC GAMES TEAM

4.1 The process for the nomination and selection of athletes for the Team is as follows:

- (a) **No qualification system:** For the avoidance of doubt, neither the International Federation for the Sport nor the Organising Committee will issue a qualification system, for the 2023 Pacific Games.
- (b) **Nomination:**
 - (i) Where the Organising Committee has decided to include the Sport on the programme for the 2023 Pacific Games, the National Federation must nominate athletes to the AOC for selection to the Team, respecting the maximum number of entries for the Sport as set out in the Pacific Games Council Charter and below at clause 4.1(b)(ii); and
 - (ii) The Australian quota for the Sport is limited to 4 Male Athletes and 4 Female Athletes.
- (c) **Selection:** From amongst the Nominated Athletes, the AOC is responsible for determining which athletes should be selected to the Team, respecting the maximum number of entries for the Sport as set out in the in Pacific Games Council Charter and above at clause 4.1(b)(ii).

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5.1 General

- (a) This Nomination Criteria is issued by the board of the National Federation. The National Federation must make available to all athletes participating in the Sport, this Nomination Criteria, the AOC's Anti-Doping By-Law and the AOC's Ethical Behaviour By-Law, by publishing those documents on the National Federation's website.
- (b) The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC in accordance with this Nomination Criteria.
- (c) This Nomination Criteria will take effect on and from the date of approval by the AOC and will cease to have effect at the conclusion of the 2023 Pacific Games.
- (d) This Nomination Criteria applies to:
 - (i) all Athletes;
 - (ii) the National Federation; and
 - (iii) the AOC.

5.2 Athlete nominations

- (a) The National Federation may not nominate more Athletes than the maximum number of athlete entries permitted for the Sport under the Pacific Games Council Charter.

5.3 Eligibility criteria

The National Federation may 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 and holds a current National Athlete Licence;
- (c) holds a current World Taekwondo Global Athlete Licence;
- (d) holds a current Kukkiwon Dan Certificate;
- (e) complies with the eligibility requirements for the Games as set out in Article 25 of the Pacific Games Council Charter, a copy of which is available at: https://websites.mygameday.app/get_file.cgi?id=3413959.
- (f) will satisfy the AOC Selection Criteria set out at Appendix 1.
- (g) has not breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;
- (h) 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 2023 Pacific Games to the highest possible standard for that Athlete; and
- (i) is, or will be, seventeen (17) years or older as of 31 December 2023.

5.4 Nomination Criteria

- (a) the National Federation will nominate eligible Athletes to the AOC for selection to the Team who achieve a result of first place at the 2023 National Championships in their nominated Olympic Weight Category.

- (b) in the event that an Athlete who satisfied clause 5.4 (a) requests that the National Federation not nominate that Athlete to the AOC or the National Federation deems that Athlete is ineligible for nomination pursuant to clause 5.3, the Athlete with the next highest result in that Olympic Weight Category at the 2023 National Championships will be nominated.
- (c) eligible Athletes that satisfy clause 5.4 (a) or 5.4 (b) in their nominated Olympic Weight Category will be nominated by the National Federation to the AOC according to the following classification:
 - (i) where an Athlete nominates in the Male minus 58Kg Olympic Weight Category, the National Federation will nominate that Athlete in either of the minus 58Kg or minus 54kg Olympic Weight Categories.
 - (ii) where an Athlete nominates in the Male minus 68Kg Olympic Weight Category, the National Federation will nominate that Athlete in either of the minus 68Kg or minus 63kg Olympic Weight Categories.
 - (iii) where an Athlete nominates in the Male minus 80Kg Olympic Weight Category, the National Federation will nominate that Athlete in either of the minus 74Kg or minus 80kg Olympic Weight Categories.
 - (iv) where an Athlete nominates in the Male plus 80Kg Olympic Weight Category, the National Federation will nominate that Athlete in either of the minus 87Kg or plus 87kg Olympic Weight Categories.
 - (v) where an Athlete nominates in the Female minus 49Kg Olympic Weight Category, the National Federation will nominate that Athlete in either of the minus 46Kg or minus 49kg Olympic Weight Categories.
 - (vi) where an Athlete nominates in the Male minus 57Kg Olympic Weight Category, the National Federation will nominate that Athlete in either of the minus 57Kg or minus 53kg Olympic Weight Categories.
 - (vii) where an Athlete nominates in the Male minus 67Kg Olympic Weight Category, the National Federation will nominate that Athlete in either of the minus 67Kg or minus 62kg Olympic Weight Categories.
 - (viii) where an Athlete nominates has satisfied the criteria through results in the Male plus 80Kg Olympic Weight Category, the National Federation will nominate that Athlete in either of the Minus 73Kg or plus 73kg Olympic Weight Categories.

5.5 Extenuating Circumstances

- (a) In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in clause 5.4, the National Federation will not 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.

5.6 Submission of Nominations

- (a) The National Federation must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date in writing.
- (b) The National Federation must nominate Athletes to the AOC by the Nomination Date.
- (c) The AOC may, in its absolute discretion extend the Nomination Date for the National Federation for any reason.
- (d) The AOC may, in its absolute discretion, accept a nomination submitted after the Nomination Date or the Sport Entries Deadline.

5.7 Non-Compliance

If an Athlete breach any of the requirements of this Nomination and Selection criteria, the AOC may suspend or terminate the Athlete's selection to the Team or otherwise impose a sanction prescribed by the disciplinary procedures set out in the 2023 Pacific Games Team Membership Agreement.

5.8 Appeal Grounds

An Athlete's right of appeal against his or her non-nomination by the National Federation under this Nomination Criteria is strictly governed by clause 9.11(c) of the AOC's Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law. A copy of the AOC's Nomination and Selection By-Law is available at: https://content.olympics.com.au/public/2023-03/Olympic%20Team%20Nomination%20and%20Selection%20By-Law%20-%20APPROVED%2023.3.23_1.pdf

5.9 Amendments

- (a) This document may only be amended with the written consent of the AOC.
- (b) The AOC may amend the Selection Criteria set out at Appendix 1 from time to time in its absolute discretion. If advised by the AOC of such an amendment, the National Federation must update Appendix 1 and re-upload an updated version of this document to the National Federation's website and advise Athletes of the amendments
- (c) Where the AOC forms a reasonable opinion that this document (other than the Selection Criteria set out at Appendix 1), requires amendment, the AOC must notify the National Federation of the required amendments. The National Federation must work collaboratively with the AOC in good faith to amend this document to the satisfaction of the AOC.

5.10 Governing law

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

APPENDIX 1

AOC SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Eligibility for Selection

In order to be selected by the AOC to the Team, a Nominated Athlete must satisfy the following selection criteria:

- (a) have satisfied the Nomination Criteria adopted by the National Federation;
- (b) have satisfied the eligibility requirements for the Games as set out in Article 25 of the Pacific Games Council Charter;
- (c) have been nominated to the AOC by the National Federation;
- (d) have signed and will comply with the 2023 Pacific Games Team Membership Agreement for Athletes and agree to sign any entry form required by the IOC, AOC or the Organising Committee;
- (e) have signed a consent to consideration of nomination form or any equivalent document prescribed by the AOC;
- (f) if a minor, have provided to the AOC a signed parent or guardian consent and acknowledgement form in respect of the Nominated Athlete's participation in the 2023 Pacific Games;
- (g) comply with the AOC Constitution and its by-laws, including the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law and the AOC Ethical Behaviour By-Law;
- (h) 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;
- (i) have been available for sample collection for the purpose of conducting anti-doping testing and have provided accurate and up to date whereabouts information within the 3-strike policy allowed for athletes under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- (j) not at any time have engaged in conduct (whether publicly known or not), which:
 - ii. has brought, brings or would have the tendency to bring the Nominated Athlete or their sport into disrepute or censure; or
 - iii. 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 Team 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 Team;
- (k) not at any time been charged with any offence involving violence, child abuse, alcohol or 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 (unless such charges have subsequently been withdrawn or the offences have been found to be not proven);
- (l) not at any time be convicted of any offence involving violence, child abuse, alcohol or 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;
- (m) 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 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;
- (n) have and must continue to honestly and fully disclose until the end of the Games Period information concerning any conduct that would cause an actual or potential breach of clauses 1 (a) - (m) above, to the National Federation and the AOC, and consent to:

- (i) the National Federation and the AOC making enquiries with relevant authorities regarding any disclosures; and
 - (ii) consent to relevant authorities providing information to the National Federation and the AOC in relation to those enquiries;
- (o) undergo medical assessments and testing, as required by the AOC.

A breach of, or a failure by a Nominated Athlete to comply with clauses 1(a) – (o) above may render that Nominated Athlete ineligible for selection to the Team, at the complete and absolute discretion of the AOC.

3. Selection

The AOC has the sole and absolute discretion to determine:

- (a) whether a Nominated Athlete has met the requirements of this Selection Criteria;
- (b) whether a Nominated Athlete is eligible for selection to the Team, having regard to the requirements of this Selection Criteria and any other circumstances or criteria the AOC considers appropriate;
- (c) that a Nominated Athlete is ineligible for selection to the Team for any reason (irrespective of whether the Nominated Athlete has met some or all of the requirements of this Selection Criteria); and
- (d) whether it will select the maximum number of athletes (or teams, where applicable) permitted for selection by the AOC.

4. No Extenuating Circumstances

- (a) In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in clause 1 of this Selection Criteria, 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.

5. Amendments

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