



Boxing Australia

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

Boxing

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.

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.

Australian Squad means the squad of Athletes selected by the National Federation following the Nomination Event to be considered for nomination by the National Federation to the AOC for selection to the Team.

CombatAUS means the Combat Institute of Australia.

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.

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

International Federation means the International Boxing Association.

National Federation means Boxing Australia.

National Program Activities means the activities that Athletes selected on the Australian Squad must complete in order remain eligible for nomination to the AOC for selection to the Australian Team. The exact dates and locations of such activities will be published on the National Federation's website and communicated to athletes once the international competitions calendar is published.

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

Nomination Date means 27 September 2023.

NOC means National Olympic Committee.

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

Performance Period means 4 August 2023 through to 24 September 2023.

Selection Event means the 2023 Australian Elite Championships to be held in Perth from 8 August 2023 to 12 August 2023.

Sport means Boxing.

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.

Team Selection Panel means the National Federation National Selection Panel as defined on the National Federation website at <https://www.boxing.org.au/about/structure/> .

Weight Categories means the Olympic weight categories set out in the Paris 2024 Olympic Qualification System for the Sport, which is available at <https://stillmed.olympics.com/media/Documents/Olympic-Games/Paris-2024/Paris2024-QS-Boxing.pdf>.

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 thirteen with a maximum of one athlete in each of the thirteen Weight Categories.
- (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).

5 / **NOMINATION BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION**

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 and holds a current Australian passport;
- (b) is a member of the National Federation;
- (c) 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.
- (d) will satisfy the AOC Selection Criteria set out at Appendix 1;
- (e) has not breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;
- (f) 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;
- (g) was born between the years from 1984 to 2004 inclusive;
- (h) has nominated for the Selection Event by no later than 19 July 2023;
- (i) has competed at the Selection Event;
- (j) must abide by the clauses in the 'Athlete for Australian Nomination Declaration' and any other National Federation or CombatAUS contracts and/or agreements that they sign, which are available on the National Federations website or otherwise as provided directly to an Athlete; and
- (k) continues to fully engage in National Program Activities as required and agreed by the CombatAUS National Technical Lead.

5.4 Nomination Criteria

Phase 1 – Selection to the Australian Squad

- (a) Athletes will be evaluated by the Team Selection Panel (**TSP**) on behalf of the National Federation and selected to an Australian Squad following the Selection Event. The National Federation will select eligible athletes to the Australian Squad according to the following criteria:
 - (i) Athletes that finish first at the Selection Event in any Weight Category will be selected to the Australian Squad. For the avoidance of doubt, eligible Athletes that nominate for the Selection Event, but are informed by the National Federation that there will be no opponent for that Athlete in their Weight Category, will, subject to meeting the requirement in clause 5.4(c), be deemed to have competed and placed first at the Selection Event in their Weight Category for the purposes of this Nomination Criteria.
 - (ii) Remaining athletes that do not achieve selection under 5.4(a)(i), may be selected by the National Federation to the Australian Squad based on the following factors, listed in no particular order or weighting:
 - A. an Athlete's skill and performance demonstrated at the Selection Event; and
 - B. an Athlete's potential to qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

The assessments under clause 5.4(a)(ii) will be made in the sole and absolute discretion of the TSP.

- (b) The National Federation will request Athletes to nominate for the Selection Event. Athletes must submit their nominations to the National Federation by no later than 19 July 2023.
- (c) Athletes that are informed by the National Federation that there will be no opponent in their Weight Category at the Selection Event must be weighed by a referee or judge appointed by the National Federation. The weigh in will take place in the city in which the Athlete is located.
- (d) For the avoidance of doubt, athletes who finish first in any Weight Category at the Selection Event are NOT automatically selected to the Australian Team to the 2023 Pacific Games. Phase 1 is solely for the purposes of selecting athletes to the Australian Squad.

Phase 2 – Nomination to the AOC

- (a) To remain eligible for nomination by the National Federation to the AOC for selection to the Team, Athletes selected to the Australian Squad in accordance with clause 5.4 will, in addition to the eligibility requirements in clause 5.3, be required to engage in National Program Activities, which will involve a range of national domestic camps and/or international camps, competitions and/or sparring bouts organised by the National Federation.
- (b) At the conclusion of the activities set out in the National Program Activities, the TSP will meet to recommend to the National Federation the Athletes to be nominated to the AOC for selection to the Team for the 2023 Pacific Games. The National Federation will nominate Athletes who, according to the TSP in its sole and absolute discretion, and in no particular order of preference or weighting, have:
 - (i) demonstrated the highest-level of skill and performance across the Performance Period; and
 - (ii) the best potential to obtain a quota place under the Paris 2024 Olympic Qualification System.

5.5 Extenuating Circumstances

- (a) In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied clause 5 of this nomination criteria, the National Federation may, in its absolute discretion, have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.
- (b) In the event that an Athlete determines that he or she is unable to attend the Selection Event, that Athlete must notify the National Federation of his or her non-attendance in writing as soon as practicable.
- (c) The National Federation may consider an Athlete's non-attendance at a Selection Event to be an Extenuating Circumstance in its absolute discretion. The National Federation may require an Athlete to undergo a medical examination and/or seek additional information or documentation, as a condition of treating the Athlete's non-attendance at a Selection Event as an Extenuating Circumstance.
- (d) 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 breaches 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 **Right of Appeal**

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%202023.3.23_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;
- (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 be convicted of any offence involving violence, child abuse, alcohol, 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;
- (l) 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);
- (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) - (l) 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.