

Nomination Criteria

Paris 2024 Olympic Games

Fencing

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 sections of which have been reproduced below for the sake of convenience.

AFF means the Australian Fencing Federation Ltd.

AFF Ranking List means the AFF Age Ranking List for the Senior age category determined in accordance with section 3 of the AFF Rankings Policy.

AFF Ranking Policy means the AFF policy of that name, as amended from time to time and published on the AFF Website.

AFF Website means www.ausfencing.org.

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 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, and which is available at <https://www.olympics.com.au/the-aoc/athlete-guidelines/>.

AOC Selection Committee means the committee established by the AOC to select 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 and which appears at Appendix 1 of this Nomination Criteria.

Ap Alternate Athlete has the meaning given in the Qualification System.

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.

Eligibility Criteria means the criteria set out in clause 5.

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.

FIE Individual Adjusted Official Ranking List has the meaning given in the Qualification System.

Games means the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

International Federation means Federation d'Internationale d'Escrime (FIE).

National Federation means Australian Fencing Federation Ltd (AFF).

National Squad is the name given to the group of athletes who are selected in each weapon and each category to represent Australia and are participants in the High Performance Program.

National Squad Member means an athlete who is a member of the National Squad.

Nomination Date means 11 May 2024.

Qualification Period means 3 April 2023 to 30 April 2024.

Qualification System means the eligibility, participation and qualification criteria for the Sport in respect of the Games issued by the International Federation, which can be found at the following URL: www.fie.org

Sport means Fencing.

Sport Entries Deadline means the date on which entries to a Games must be submitted by the AOC, being 8 July 2024.

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

Weapon means each of men's foil, women's foil, men's epee, women's epee, men's sabre and women's sabre.

Weapon Ranking means the ranking of Athletes in each Weapon as determined in accordance with the AFF Ranking List as published and kept up to date on the AFF Website (<https://www.ausfencing.org/open-rankings/>).

Zonal Qualifying Event 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 make this Nomination Criteria available to all Athletes participating in the Sport, including by publishing this Nomination Criteria on the National Federation's website.
- 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 14 July 2022.
- 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 and make available on the National Federation's website, 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 and AOC may maintain a Long List of Athletes, comprising of all National Squad Members.
- 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 Athlete Quota Positions

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 A National Federation may not nominate more Athletes than the number of athlete quota positions awarded to the AOC or the National Federation under the Qualification System.

The National Federation may nominate less Athletes than the number of athlete quota positions awarded to the AOC or the National Federation under the Qualification System.

5 Eligibility Criteria

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 affiliated with, and is in good standing with, the National Federation;
- (c) is a National Squad Member;
- (d) satisfies the Qualification System;
- (e) will satisfy the AOC Selection Criteria set out at Appendix 1 of this Nomination 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.

6 Nomination Criteria – Team Events

- 6.1 If, under the Qualification System, Australia qualifies to participate in any of the team events (male or female) for a Weapon at the Games, then:
- (a) the AFF will nominate to the AOC for selection to compete in the relevant team event at the Games the three Athletes who have the highest Weapon Rankings in that Weapon as at the end of the Qualification Period and who are also members of the National Squad;
 - (b) if for any reason one of these Athletes does not meet the Eligibility Criteria, is unavailable or declines nomination, then the Athlete with the next highest Weapon Ranking in that Weapon at the end of the Qualification Period and who is also a member of the National Squad will be nominated to the AOC;
 - (c) if necessary, the above process will be repeated until three Athletes have been nominated to the AOC to make up the team in that Weapon.
- 6.2 For each Weapon in which Australia qualifies to participate in the team event (male or female) at the Games in accordance with the Qualification System, an Athlete will be identified as a Ap Alternate Athlete for that team event.
- 6.3 The Athlete to be identified as the Ap Alternate Athlete for the team event (male or female) in each Weapon will be the Athlete with the next highest Weapon Ranking in that Weapon at the end of the Qualification Period, after the last Athlete selected in accordance with clause 6.1, provided that:
- (a) if for any reason the Athlete identified does not meet the Eligibility Criteria, is unavailable or declines nomination, then the Athlete with the next highest Weapon Ranking in that Weapon at the end of the Qualification Period and who is also a member of the National Squad will be identified as the Ap Alternate Athlete;
 - (b) if necessary, the above process will be repeated until an Athlete has been identified as the Ap Alternate Athlete for that Weapon.
- 6.4 For the avoidance of doubt, Athletes nominated as Ap Alternate Athletes in accordance with this clause 6 will not be part of the Team unless and until they are required to replace an Athlete selected by the AOC to participate in the Games.

7 Nomination Criteria – Individual Events

- 7.1 If, under the Qualification System, Australia qualifies to participate in the team event (male or female) for a Weapon at the Games, then:
- (a) the AFF will nominate to the AOC for selection to the Team the three Athletes who have met the team event nomination criteria for that Weapon set out in clause 6.1;
 - (b) and the three Athletes nominated under paragraph 6.1(a) will also be nominated for selection to compete in the individual event in that Weapon.

7.2 If, under the Qualification System, Australia does not qualify to participate in the team event (male or female) of a Weapon at the Games, then the AFF will nominate to the AOC for selection to the Team any Athlete who is a member of the National Squad and who qualifies to participate in the individual event (male or female) for that Weapon under the Qualification System based on:

- (a) that Athlete's ranking in the FIE Individual Adjusted Official Ranking List; or
- (b) that Athlete's placing at the Zonal Qualifying Event.

This includes any Athlete who, under the Qualification System, qualifies as a result of the allocation of a Universality place to Australia or the reallocation of unused quota places by the International Federation,

7.3 For each Weapon where Australia is able to participate in the Zonal Qualifying Event, the Athlete to participate in that event will be selected by the AFF as follows:

- (a) the AFF will select the Athlete with the highest Weapon Ranking in that Weapon as at the closure of the FIE official senior rankings on 1 April 2024 and who is also a member of the National Squad, to participate in the Zone Qualifying Event;
- (b) if for any reason that Athlete does not satisfy the Eligibility Criteria, is unavailable or declines selection to compete in the Zonal Qualifying Event, then the AFF will select the Athlete with the next highest Weapon Ranking in that Weapon as at the closure of the FIE official senior rankings on 1 April 2024 and who is also a member of the National Squad to compete in the Zonal Qualifying Event;
- (c) if necessary, the above process will be repeated until an Athlete has been selected by the AFF to compete in the Zonal Qualifying Event for that Weapon.

8 Extenuating circumstances

8.1 In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in clauses 6 and 7, the National Federation will not have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.

9 Submission of Nominations

9.1 The National Federation must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date in writing.

9.2 The AOC may, in its absolute discretion extend the Nomination Date for the National Federation for any reason.

9.3 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 the Nomination Date,

or such later date as the AOC advises the National Federation.

9.4 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.

- 9.5 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.

10 Amendments

- 10.1 This Nomination Criteria may only be amended with the written consent of the AOC.
- 10.2 The AOC may amend the AOC Selection Criteria from time to time in its absolute discretion. If advised by the AOC of such an amendment, the National Federation must update Appendix 1 to this Nomination Criteria and re-upload an updated Nomination Criteria to the National Federation's website and advise Athletes of the amendment.
- 10.3 Where the AOC forms a reasonable opinion that this Nomination Criteria 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 Nomination Criteria to the satisfaction of the AOC.

11 Governing Law

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

12 Priority of Documents

To the extent of any inconsistency, the following documents shall be given the following descending order of precedence:

- (a) the AOC Constitution;
- (b) the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law (including AOC Selection Criteria); and
- (c) this Nomination Criteria.

Appendix 1 – AOC Selection Criteria