



AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC GAMES TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA – PARIS 2024

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The AOC has adopted this Selection Criteria pursuant to the AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law. This criterion governs the selection of athletes to the Games by the AOC Selection Committee.

1 / Eligibility for Selection

An athlete who is nominated by a National Federation for selection to the Team (**Nominated Athlete**) must satisfy the following selection criteria in order to be selected by the AOC Selection Committee. 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 and will comply with the Team Membership Agreement for Athletes and agree to sign any entry form required by the International Olympic Committee, AOC or the Organising Committee for the Games;
- G. comply with the AOC Constitution and its by-laws as adopted from time to time, including the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law, AOC Anti-Doping By-Law and 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. 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;
- K. not at any time have engaged in conduct (whether publicly known or not), which
 - i has brought, brings or would have the tendency to bring the Nominated Athlete or their sport into disrepute or censure; or
 - ii 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;
- L. not at any time be convicted of, or 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;
- 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 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;
- 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) and 1(M), to their National Federation and the AOC, and consent to:

- (a) their National Federation and the AOC making enquiries with relevant authorities regarding any disclosures; and
 - (b) consent to relevant authorities providing information to their National Federation and the AOC in relation to those enquiries; and
- O. completed medical assessments to the satisfaction of the AOC Selection Committee, if required.

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 Team, at the complete and absolute discretion of the AOC Selection Committee.

2 / Selection

The AOC Selection Committee 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 Selection Committee 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 under a Qualification System, regardless of how many Nominated Athletes meet the standards required under that Qualification System.

3 / No Extenuating Circumstances

In determining whether a Nominated Athlete has met the requirements for selection to the Team, the AOC Selection Committee will not have regard to any extenuating circumstances.

For the purposes of this clause, “**extenuating circumstances**” means an inability to compete in, or attend, events, trials, training camps or other competitions arising from:

- (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 factor or reason that is considered by AOC Selection Committee to constitute extenuating circumstances.

4 / Amendments

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

5 / Interpretation

Headings are for convenience only and do not affect interpretation. The following rules apply unless the context requires otherwise.

Unless otherwise defined in this Selection Criteria, capitalised terms used in this Selection Criteria have the meaning ascribed to them in the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.

AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law means the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law adopted by the AOC that is in force and amended from time to time, available at <https://www.olympics.com.au/the-aoc/governance/> .

AOC Anti-Doping By-Law means the Anti-Doping By-Law adopted by the AOC that is in force and amended from time to time and available at <https://www.olympics.com.au/the-aoc/governance/>.

AOC Ethical Behaviour By-Law means the AOC Ethical Behaviour By-Law adopted by the AOC that is in force and amended from time to time, available at <https://www.olympics.com.au/the-aoc/governance/>.

Child means a person aged under the age of 18 years.

Child Abuse means physical, emotional, psychological, harming or exploitation of children, whether in person or online, whether a one-off incident or a series of incidents, whether sexual or otherwise and includes, but not limited to:

- (a) derogatory or inappropriate behaviour;
- (b) non-accidental injury to children;
- (c) inappropriate touching;
- (d) physical, emotional, psychological or sexual abuse including groomed or forced involvement in sexual behaviour, verbal or physical conduct or gesture of a sexual nature (e.g. the use of offensive stereotypes based on gender, sexual jokes, threats, intimidation);
- (e) insensitivity towards children with cultural or religious differences; or
- (f) neglect of an individual, being the failure of a person with a duty of care towards another person to provide a minimum level of care to that person, which is causing harm, allowing harm to be caused, or creating an imminent danger of harm

Games means the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Team means the team of athletes and officials selection and appointed, respectively, by the AOC to participate in the Games.

Team Membership Agreement means the AOC Team Membership Agreement for Athletes which governs athletes' participation in the Games.

Team Sponsors means the sponsors, suppliers and licensees of the AOC and/or the Team. A reference to a clause or schedule is to a clause or schedule of this Selection Criteria.

- A. The singular includes the plural and the converse also applies.
- B. A reference to an agreement or document (including a reference to this agreement) is to the agreement or document as amended, supplemented, novated or replaced, except to the extent prohibited by this agreement or that other agreement or document, and includes the recitals and schedules to that agreement or document.
- C. A reference to a party to this Agreement or another agreement or document 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.
- F. Mentioning anything after includes, including, for example or similar expressions does not limit what else might be included.

6 / Law

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