

Nomination Criteria Updated 2021

Tokyo 2020 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 of which have been reproduced below for the sake of convenience.

AFF Board means the Board of the AFF.

AFF Ranking List means the AFF Age Ranking List for the Open age category determined in accordance with paragraphs A4.4 to A4.13 of the AFF Selection Policy.

AFF Selection 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.

AFT means the Australian Fencing Team which forms part of the AFF's High Performance Program, the members of which (at any given date) are listed on the AFF Website.

Age Points Aggregate means the AFF Points Aggregate (as defined in the AFF Selection Policy) for the Open age category.

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.

AOC Selection Committee means the committee established by the AOC to send 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.

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.

APS or Aggregate Points Score has the meaning given in clause 6.4(d).

Designated Points Scoring Event has the meaning given in clause 6.4(a).

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 Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

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

National Federation means Australian Fencing Federation Ltd (AFF).

Nomination Date means 11 May 2021.

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

Qualification Period means 3 April 2019 to 4 April 2020.

Qualification System means the eligibility, participation and qualification criteria for the Sport in respect of the Games issued by the International Federation.

Sport means Fencing.

Sport Entries Deadline means the date on which entries to a Games must be submitted by the AOC.

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 clause 6.4.

Zone 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 provide, or otherwise make available, this Nomination Criteria to all Athletes.
- 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 1 November 2018.
- 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, or otherwise make available, 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 or AOC may maintain a Long List of Athletes.
- 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 are permitted to be nominated by the AOC 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) satisfies the Qualification System;
- (d) is likely to satisfy the AOC Selection Criteria;
- (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; and
- (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 Games to the highest possible standard for that Athlete.

6 Nomination Criteria – Individual Events

- 6.1 If, under the Qualification System, Australia qualifies to participate in the team event 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 7.1; and
 - (b) the three Athletes nominated under paragraph 6.1(a) will also be nominated for selection to compete in the individual event in that Weapon.

- 6.2 If, under the Qualification System, Australia does not qualify to participate in the team event of a Weapon at the Games, then the AFF will nominate to the AOC for selection to the Team any Athlete who qualifies to participate in the individual event 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 Zone Qualifying Event.

This includes any Athlete who qualifies as a result of the reallocation of places by the International Federation under the Qualification System.

- 6.3 For each Weapon where Australia is able to participate in the Zone Qualifying Event, the Athlete to participate in that event will be selected as follows:
- (a) the AFF will select the Athlete with the highest Weapon Ranking in that Weapon as at 4 April 2020 and who is also a member of the AFT, 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 Zone Qualifying Event, then the AFF will select the Athlete with the next highest Weapon Ranking in that Weapon as at 4 April 2020 to compete in the Zone Qualifying Event;
 - (c) if necessary, the above process will be repeated until an Athlete has been selected to compete in the Zone Qualifying Event for that Weapon.

- 6.4 For the purposes of clause 6.3, the Weapon Ranking of Athletes in each Weapon will be determined as follows:
- (a) For each Weapon, the following competitions will be Designated Points Scoring Events:
 - (i) each of the individual FIE World Cup competitions held during the Qualifying Period;

- (ii) each of the individual FIE Grand Prix competitions held during the Qualifying Period;
 - (iii) the individual event at the 2019 Open Asian Championships; and
 - (iv) the individual event at the 2019 Open World Championships.
- (b) The nomination and selection of Athletes to compete in any Designated Points Scoring Event will be governed by the AFF Selection Policy.
- (c) Points will be awarded for results in each Designated Points Scoring Event as set out in the table in Schedule 1, provided that no points will be awarded for any result where:
 - (i) the Athlete does not promote to a direct elimination tableau; and/or
 - (ii) the International Federation does not award any points for that result.
- (d) At the end of the Qualification Period, an Aggregate Points Score (**APS**) will be calculated for each Athlete in each Weapon, based on the points awarded under paragraph 6.4(c). The APS is the sum of the points obtained by an Athlete for the 2019 Open World Championships, plus the points obtained by that Athlete for their four highest scoring other events from the Designated Points Scoring Events.
- (e) The APS will be used to rank Athletes within each Weapon (**Weapon Ranking**). Subject to paragraph 6.4(f), if two or more Athletes within a Weapon have an equal APS, then their relative Weapon Ranking will be determined based on each Athlete's single best result (by placing) in any of the Designated Points Scoring Events.
- (f) If all of the Athletes within a Weapon have an APS of zero, then their Weapon Ranking will be determined based on their ranking in the AFF Ranking List as at 4 April 2020, provided that, for this purpose:
 - (i) the AFF Ranking List must take into account all competitions which are eligible for the award of points in accordance with the AFF Selection Policy as at 4 April 2020; and
 - (ii) if two or more Athletes within a Weapon have an equal Age Points Aggregate, then their ranking in the AFF Ranking List will be determined by the AFF Board in its absolute discretion.

7 Nomination Criteria – Team Events

7.1 If, under the Qualification System, Australia qualifies to participate in the team event for a Weapon at the Games, then:

- (a) the AFF will nominate to the AOC for selection to compete in the team event at the Games the three Athletes who have the highest Weapon Rankings in that Weapon and who are also members of the AFT;
- (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 will be nominated;
- (c) if necessary, the above process will be repeated until three Athletes have been nominated to make up the team in that Weapon.

- 7.2 For each Weapon in which Australia qualifies to participate in the team event in the Games in accordance with the Qualification System, an Athlete will be identified as a P Alternate Athlete for that team event.
- 7.3 The Athlete to be identified as the P Alternate Athlete for the team event in each Weapon will be the Athlete with the next highest Weapon Ranking in that Weapon, after the last Athlete selected in accordance with clause 7.1, 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 will be identified as the P Alternate Athlete;
 - (b) if necessary, the above process will be repeated until an Athletes has been identified as the P Alternate Athlete for that Weapon.
- 7.4 For the avoidance of doubt, Athletes nominated as P Alternate Athletes in accordance with this clause 7 will not be part of the Team unless and until they are required to replace a selected Athlete.

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

This Nomination Criteria may only be amended with the written consent of the AOC Selection Committee.

11 Governing Law

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

SCHEDULE

DESIGNATED POINTS SCORING EVENTS ALLOCATION OF POINTS (clause 6.4(c))

Final Placing	Open World Cup or Grand Prix	2019 Open Asian Championships	2019 Open World Championships
1	160	80	400
2	140	70	300
3	120	60	220
5-8	100	50	150
9-16	80	40	100
17-32	50	20	60
33-64	30	10	40
65-96	15	8	20
>96	10	5	10
Did not compete	0	0	0