

**2018 AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH GAMES TEAM
HOCKEY AUSTRALIA
NOMINATION CRITERIA – HOCKEY**

1 Shadow Team

- (1) Hockey Australia (“HA”) will choose Athletes from within its sport to be members of Commonwealth Games Australia’s (“CGA”) Shadow Team. CGA may also recognise other Athletes from within this sport to be members of the Shadow Team.
- (2) In order to be chosen by HA as a member of the Shadow Team each Athlete must be a member of the National Senior Squad, National Development Squad or National Junior Squad in 2018.
- (3) HA will provide all Athletes chosen or recognised as members of the Shadow Team with the Selection Criteria and this Nomination Criteria.
- (4) HA will advise CGA of the Athletes that it has chosen as members of the Shadow Team at such time as required by the CGA.
- (5) If an Athlete breaches the requirements of the Nomination Criteria or the Selection, HA or the CGA may suspend or terminate the Athlete’s membership of the Shadow Team.

2 Nomination of Athletes

For the purposes of nomination to the CGA of Athletes for selection to the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games Team, HA will:

- (1) only nominate Athletes who are, or are recognised by CGA as, members of the Shadow Team and have signed the 2018 Team Agreement
- (2) only nominate those Athletes it honestly believes have met the requirements described in the National Selection Policy;
- (3) not nominate more Athletes (including reserves) than the maximum number permitted under the Qualification System;
- (4) not nominate Athletes who have breached the CGA Anti-Doping By-Law unless the Athlete has already been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;
- (5) only nominate members of the Shadow Team who, to the satisfaction of HA’s National Selection Panel in its sole and absolute discretion, will achieve the optimum team compatibility and balance and assist in achieving the best possible results for Hockey at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. In determining which athletes will be chosen, the National Selection Panel will consider:
 - (a) the current form of the athlete;
 - (b) recent performances at international level;
 - (c) national/international experience of the athlete;
 - (d) the athlete’s performance and discipline in national camps and tours;
 - (e) current level of health and fitness of the athlete;
 - (f) team compatibility on and off the field; and
 - (g) specific positional requirements to achieve optimal team balance.
- (6) not give special consideration to an athlete who participated in the tournaments which qualified Australia to participate in the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

3 **Illness/Misadventure/Extenuating Circumstances**

This clause will only apply in determining whether an athlete has met the additional criteria imposed by HA pursuant to clause 2(6):

- (1) In considering the performances of athletes at events, trials, training camps or other attendances required under clause 2(6) of this Nomination Criteria HA's National Selection Panel may in their discretion give weight to extenuating circumstances.
- (2) For the purposes of this clause 3, "extenuating circumstances" means an inability to compete and/or attend events, trials, training camps or other attendances arising from:
 - (a) injury or illness;
 - (b) travel delays;
 - (c) bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member; and/or
 - (d) any other factors reasonably considered by the HA National Selection Panel to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- (3) Athletes unable to compete at events, trials, training camps or other attendances required under clause 2(6) must advise the HA National Selection Panel in writing of this fact and the reasons before the commencement of the relevant event, trial, training camp or other attendances.
- (4) In the case of illness or injury, athletes will be required to undergo a medical examination by a doctor or doctors nominated by the HA National Selection Panel.
- (5) A decision in each case of extenuating circumstances will be made by the HA National Selection Panel on an individual basis. Any such decision will not be binding on the CGA.

4 **Making of Nominations**

Nominations by HA must be received by the CGA by 5pm AEST on 20 February 2018. Nominations made after this deadline (or within such further deadline as the CGA may allow) will be invalid unless made pursuant to a direction or award in respect of an appeal against non-nomination to the HA Appeals Tribunal or the Court of Arbitration for Sport pursuant to the CGA's Team Selection By-Law and which appeal had been commenced prior to the deadline for receipt of nominations by the CGA.

The 5pm AEST on 20 February 2018 deadline for the making of nominations by HA applies irrespective of any deadline prescribed under the Qualification System or by the Organising Committee for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

5 **Amendments to Nomination Criteria**

This Nomination Criteria may be amended by HA with the prior written approval of CGA. Any amended Nomination Criteria will be distributed by HA and provided via email to members of the Shadow group of athletes.