

# ATHLETE NOMINATION CRITERIA 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES TEAM PARA SWIMMING

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## 1. Background

- (a) The Swimming Australia Limited (**SAL**) Australian Swim Team (**Team**) will compete at the 2018 Commonwealth Games (**Competition**) which is to be held on 5-10 April 2018 on the Gold Coast, Australia.
- (b) This nomination policy (**Policy**) details the process and criteria by which SAL will nominate Para Sport athletes to Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA) for selection on the Team to compete at the Competition.
- (c) This Policy can be amended at any time by SAL, with the approval of the CGA, if SAL is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary for any of the following reasons:
  - (i) as a result of any change in Team eligibility criteria or rules;
  - (ii) as a result of any change in the rules governing the Competition or a particular event;
  - (iii) to give effect to the Policy following a drafting error or oversight; or
  - (iv) to clarify any ambiguity or otherwise give effect to the intended meaning of the Policy.
  - (v) hold an active IPC Swimming Athlete License and eligible classification with 'Review' or 'Confirmed' sport class status for their class at the time of qualifying for a 2018 Commonwealth Games slot.
- (d) SAL will publish amendments to the Policy on its website and those amendments shall take effect immediately. Otherwise, SAL shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any such amendment.

## 2. Team composition, size and rankings.

### *Team composition and size*

- (a) The SAL Selection Panel will select the Team to be nominated to the CGA.
- (b) When selecting the Team, the SAL Selection Panel will select the Team based on this Policy, the composition of which is to be determined by the SAL Selection Panel.

## 3. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for selection in the Team for the Competition, an athlete must:

- (a) be an Australian citizen who is eligible to represent Australia at the Competition, as per the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) rules;
- (b) meet all eligibility rules, including any age requirements, imposed by FINA or the CGF (if applicable);
- (c) meet the Performance Requirements applicable to the event in question; and
- (d) be a registered member of, and in good standing with, SAL.

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- (e) Have not breached CGA Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the athlete has already been sanctioned by the breach and completed the sanction imposed
- (f) Have not by their actions or omissions brought themselves or their Sport into disrepute; and
- (g) Sign the 2018 Commonwealth Games Team Agreement.

#### 4. Athlete Selection Process and Criteria

The requirements to be met in order to be considered for selection (**Performance Requirements**) for different events at the Competition are as follows.

##### *Selection Events*

- (a) To be considered for nomination onto the Commonwealth Games team, athletes will be required to qualify for and be allocated a CGF qualification slot in one of the selection events.

Men's Medal Events	Additional Eligible Classifications	Women's Medal Events	Additional Eligible Classifications
S9 100m Freestyle	S8	S8 50m Freestyle	S7
S9 100m Backstroke	S8	S9 100m Freestyle	S8
S7 50m Freestyle	S6	SB9 100m Breaststroke	SB8
SB8 100m Breaststroke	SB7	SM10 200m IM	SM9
SM8 200m IM	SM7	S7 50m Butterfly	S6
S14 200m Freestyle		S9 100m Backstroke	S8

- (b) The CGF will determine the slot allocations based on the following criteria;
  - i. Seven slots per medal event will be allocated to the highest ranked Commonwealth athletes from the IPC World Rankings, three per nation, per event based on performances recorded at IPC sanctioned events between the 31 October 2016 to 31 October 2017.
  - ii. In the event the final slot of qualification has been achieved by more than one athlete with the same result, the IPC and CGF will at their sole discretion determine who receives the final slot.
  - iii. These slots are only transferable to an athlete who is eligible to compete in all events the athlete who qualified the slot to the CGA was competing in. In the event a CGA is unable to accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via this method, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the reallocation policy.
  - iv. The remaining position in the competition will be allocated as per the CGF's Universality slot distribution policy, however, this will not apply to Australia.

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## 5. Appeals

- (a) Subject to clause **Error! Reference source not found.**, Athletes may appeal their non-selection to the Team by the SAL Selection Panel. Appeals will be conducted in accordance with, and governed by, the procedures provided in the SAL Appeal Charter.

## 6. Withdrawal

- (a) Should an athlete withdraw from the Team following their selection in the Team, the Executive Manager, High Performance (EM, HP) may request that the SAL Selection Panel nominate a replacement to the CGA for approval. The SAL Selection Panel may nominate any athlete at its absolute discretion provided the replacement athlete is allocated a qualification slot as per 4(a).
- (b) Once CGA has considered a nomination and confirmed selection to the Team, it is entirely a matter for CGA as to whether it de-selects from the team and/or selects a replacement athlete to the Team.

## 7. Team Membership

- (a) Athletes selected to the Team are to sign a CGA and SAL Team Agreement to confirm their selection and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.
- (b) Athletes agree that the SAL Selection Panel may recommend to the CGA an athlete be removed from the Team at any time and immediately on notice to the relevant athlete where:
  - (i) that athlete has not met SAL's requirements in relation to training and participation in training camps as required by SAL;
  - (ii) the SAL Selection Panel is not satisfied that the athlete is appropriately committed to training and has achieved and is maintaining an appropriate level of health and fitness to achieve their peak performance at the Competition; and
  - (iii) that athlete has not completed, signed and returned to the SAL the Team Agreement, Medical and Next of Kin form and a guardian form (where applicable) as required by SAL.