



Gymnastics Australia  
Rhythmic Gymnastics

**GYMNASTICS AUSTRALIA  
NOMINATION POLICY  
2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES  
RHYTHMIC CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Version 1 – 21 June 2017

The 'Event'	The 2018 Commonwealth Games ('the Event') will be conducted at the Gold Coast, QLD, Australia from 4 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
Performance Targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A minimum of 2 medals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 team medal</li> <li>○ 1 individual medal</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Competition Format	Commonwealth Games: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FIG Competition rules</li> </ul>
Nomination Date	GA will nominate athletes & officials to the Commonwealth Games Australia ('CGA') on Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2017.
Nominated Selection Events	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Australian Championships, Melbourne, 31 May – 4 June 2017</li> <li>2. 1<sup>st</sup> Commonwealth Games Camp: 19 – 22 November 2017 (dates to be confirmed)</li> <li>3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Commonwealth Games Camp: 16 – 18 February 2018 (dates to be confirmed)</li> </ol>
Eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In order to be eligible for nomination, an athlete must meet all of the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Be age eligible for the Event, minimum age of 16 years in the year of competition (born in 2002 or earlier)</li> <li>ii. Be an Australian Citizen</li> <li>iii. Hold a current Australian passport</li> <li>iv. Be a member of Gymnastics Australia ('GA')</li> <li>v. Must not have breached CGA Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the athlete has already been sanctioned by the breach and completed the sanction imposed</li> <li>vi. Must not by their actions or omissions brought themselves or Gymnastics into disrepute</li> <li>vii. Participate in the Nominated Selection Events</li> <li>viii. Be registered and active in the AMS in regard to training load</li> <li>ix. Sign the CGA 2018 Team Agreement</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. If an athlete has not participated in the Nominated Selection Event the athlete may still be eligible if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The athlete is a Special Consideration athlete as per the Selection Policy (Part A - Article 5.7); or</li> <li>ii. The athlete is an Additional Athlete as per the Selection Policy (Part A - Article 6.1).</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
The 'Team'	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Australian Women's Rhythmic Gymnastics (RG) Team ('the Team') refers to athletes and officials (i.e. coaches and support personnel).</li> <li>2. The maximum number of athletes to be selected to the Team will be three (3) athletes to travel to the Commonwealth Games. Up to one (1) additional non-travelling reserve will be named.</li> </ol>


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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. The number of athlete allocations for gymnastics is yet to be finalised and subject to confirmation from the Commonwealth Games Federation ('CGF') to CGA.</li> <li>4. The Nomination Panel may select fewer than the maximum number advised by the CGA.</li> </ol>
Nomination Panel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Nomination Panel will be comprised of:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. National Performance Director (NPD) or GA delegated representative – Chair</li> <li>ii. RG National Technical Director (RG TD)</li> <li>iii. Up to 2 x International Technical Experts appointed by the GA Chief Executive Officer (CEO)</li> <li>iv. Medical Expert (i.e. National Performance Services Coordinator or delegated representative)</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Should a member of the Panel have a direct and regular input in the daily performance environment of an athlete being considered for nomination that person will remove themselves from the Panel and the GA CEO will appoint a replacement.</li> <li>3. The final list of athletes, coaches and support personnel (e.g. team management and/or medical staff) to be nominated for selection will be prepared and submitted by the NPD.</li> </ol>
Nomination Process and Criteria - Athletes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Athletes seeking selection to the 2018 Commonwealth Games team agree to be bound by the process outlined in this policy.</li> </ol> <p><b>Nominated Selection Event 1</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Only athletes who meet the eligibility criteria listed above will be considered for nomination.</li> <li>3. An athlete who is selected onto the Senior and/or Junior National Squad AND has a minimum score of <b>52.0</b> will automatically be eligible to attend Nominated Selection Event 2.</li> <li>4. The Nomination Panel will meet at the conclusion of Nominated Selection Event 1 to determine the athletes eligible to attend Nomination Selection Event 2</li> <li>5. The Nomination Panel may nominate additional athletes to attend Nominated Selection Event 2 if the athlete meets the eligibility criteria and meets one of the following criteria:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The athlete is deemed to be able to make a contribution to performance outcomes at the Commonwealth Games.</li> <li>ii. The athlete has an accepted special consideration or additional athlete application.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>Nominated Selection Event 2</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. All athletes will complete Verifications at Nominated Selection Event 2. Verifications are assessed by FIG judges and will include full routines.</li> <li>7. To be eligible for nomination to Nominated Selection Event 3, athletes must achieve a minimum score of <b>52.0</b>.</li> <li>8. The Nomination Panel will meet at the conclusion of Nominated Selection Event 2 to determine the athletes eligible to compete in Nomination Selection Event 3</li> <li>9. The Nomination Panel <u>may</u> nominate additional athletes to attend Nominated Selection Event 3 if the athlete meets the eligibility criteria and meets one of the following criteria:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The athlete is deemed to be able to make a contribution to performance outcomes at the Commonwealth Games as per the 'Performance Targets'.</li> <li>ii. The athlete has an accepted special consideration or additional athlete application.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>Nominated Selection Event 3</b></p>

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	<p>10. All athletes will complete Verifications at Nominated Selection Event 3. Verifications are assessed by FIG judges and will include full routines.</p> <p>11. The Nomination Panel will meet at the conclusion of Nominated Selection Event 3 for nomination to the ACGA for selection to the Australian Team for the 2018 Commonwealth Games</p> <p>12. The Nomination Panel will meet to select up to a maximum of three (3) athletes to be nominated to the CGA. A maximum of one (1) non-travelling reserve athlete may be named.</p> <p>13. The Nomination Panel will nominate the athletes for selection based on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. athletes who are most capable of achieving the targets listed in the section 'Performance Targets'</li> <li>ii. accepted special consideration or additional athlete consideration</li> </ol> <p>14. The final list of athletes to be nominated for selection to the Team will be prepared and submitted by the NPD.</p> <p>15. Nominated athletes are not members of the 2018 Team until the CGA confirms the selection of these nominated athletes.</p>
De-selection	<p>1. An athlete nominated to the Team can be denominated based on any of the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The athlete becomes ineligible according to the eligibility guidelines</li> <li>ii. The athlete fails to sign and adhere to the 2018 Athlete Agreement</li> </ol> <p>2. Once selected by CGA, an athlete may be deselected by CGA on advice from GA if the athlete is ill or injured and is not deemed physically and medically fit to be selected in the Team.</p>
Nomination Process and Criteria - Officials	<p>1. Team officials will be nominated for selection to the Team for the Event based upon the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The number of available accreditations</li> <li>ii. Their past experience and performance in international competition</li> <li>iii. Their proven ability to meet or exceed National Team standards and expectations</li> <li>iv. Their ability to manage their own stress and support the needs of teammates in high pressure situations</li> <li>v. Their ability and commitment to attend all Team meetings, activities (including training camps) and events as required by GA</li> </ol> <p>2. Coach and Judge Nominees must be current technical members of GA and must be and remain compliant with all GA policies including the Code of Conduct and Member Protection Policy.</p>
Team Preparation	<p>1. It is a requirement that athletes, including reserve athletes and officials who are selected to the Team will attend a pre-Commonwealth Games Training Camp as part of the Team preparation until departure, location to be confirmed.</p>
Funding	<p>1. Athletes selected to the Team will be fully funded by GA &amp; CGA</p> <p>2. Officials selected to the Team will be fully funded by GA &amp; CGA</p>
Appeals	<p>1. Athletes seeking selection to the Team for the Event agree to be bound by the Nomination Process and Criteria outlined in this policy.</p> <p>2. An athlete who is eligible for nomination pursuant to this selection policy but who has not been nominated for selection may appeal their non-nomination only in accordance with Selection Policy Part A - Article 7.</p> <p>3. Officials have no right to appeal against non-nomination and/or non-selection to the Team.</p>
Approval of Nominations and	<p>The final selection of nominated athletes and officials to the Team will be subject to approval by the GA Chief Executive Officer.</p>

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Selection to the Team	
Announcement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Athletes will be advised of their nomination/non-nomination shortly after the conclusion of the Nominated Selection Event.</li> <li>2. The final nominations are subject to GA's approval following the outcome of any appeals.</li> <li>3. CGA is solely responsible for the announcement of the gymnastic team and will consult with GA to determine an agreed time and place.</li> <li>4. All athletes and officials who have taken part in the nomination process agree not to announce or make comment regarding the likely or pending selection/non-selection of any team members to the media or on personal websites and social media until the Team has been publicly announced by CGA.</li> </ol>
Injury, Illness and Potential Replacement – Athletes and Officials	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All selected team members and personal coaches of selected athletes (i.e. if not selected themselves) must agree to report any information relating to training fitness (athletes only), illness and/or other injuries which could affect their ability to engage in training or competition at full capacity.</li> <li>2. Selected athletes must declare any medications that they are taking and remain compliant with all WADA and ASADA regulations.</li> <li>3. GA may require team members (i.e. athletes and officials) to submit to a full medical with a doctor(s) approved by GA.</li> <li>4. Selected and/or reserve athletes may also be required to undertake a performance readiness test at the discretion of the RG TD or delegated GA representative.</li> <li>5. In the event that a confirmed selected athlete is not fully fit and hence unable to compete at the standard at which they were selected in order to achieve the targets listed in the section 'Performance Targets', RG TD or delegated GA representative will advise the Nomination Panel and CGA. The CGA will determine if the athlete is withdrawn from the Team for the Event.</li> <li>6. Reserve or replacement athletes will be nominated for selection to the Team based on their competition readiness (i.e. as determined by the RG TD or delegated GA representative) and in accordance with the Nomination Process and Criteria outlined in this policy.</li> </ol>
Nomination Criteria Amendment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This Policy may be amended or supplemented by GA in conjunction with CGA especially when matters arise which have not been provided for in these criteria.</li> <li>2. Any variation or amendment must be endorsed by CGA before finalisation.</li> </ol>
Selection Policy Approved:	
Date:	21 June 2017