



2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

NOMINATION CRITERIA

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1. BACKGROUND

- a) The Commonwealth Games Federation (**CGF**) is conducting the 2018 Commonwealth Games (**Games**) on the Gold Coast from the 4th to 15th April 2018.
- b) The shooting events that occur at the Games are conducted using International Shooting Sport Federation (**ISSF**) rules and (International Confederation of Fullbore Rifle Associations (**ICFRA**) rules.
- c) Shooting Australia (**SA**) may nominate athletes (see Clause 5) to the team Australian 2018 Commonwealth Games Team (**Team**) to participate in one or more events at the Games. Subject to automatic nomination under clause 9, SA is under no obligation to nominate the maximum number of athletes for any event at the Games.
- d) This Nomination Criteria (**Nomination Criteria**) details the process established by SA for the nomination of athletes to the Commonwealth Games Australia (**CGA**) to represent Australia at the Games.

2. OBJECTIVES

- a) SA's main objectives when nominating athletes to the CGA are to:
 - (i) Maximise the number of medals that Australian Shooting can win in benchmark events including (but not limited to) the Games, Senior World Championships and the 2020 Olympic Games; and
 - (ii) Use the Games to provide elite and pre-elite athletes with exposure to high-quality international competition that will help to accelerate their development for 2020 and beyond.
- b) For the avoidance of doubt, the objectives outlined above are to provide context to the Nomination Criteria only and in no way impact on the selection of the Team by the SA Selection Panel or the exercise of discretion (if any) by the SA Selection Panel.

3. SA SELECTION PANEL

- a) The SA Selection Panel will be made up of the SA (discipline) National Coach, the relevant SA Member Body's High Performance Committee Representative and the SA General Manager, High Performance. This Panel will be Chaired by an appropriate individual appointed by the SA High Performance Committee.
- b) The SA Selection Panel will determine, in accordance with this Selection Criteria, the athletes to nominate to the CGA for selection to the Team for the Games.
- c) The CGA will select the Team for the Games.

4. EVENTS

- a) The SA Selection Panel may nominate athletes to the CGA to be selected to the Team for the following events:

MEN'S EVENTS

50M RIFLE 3 POSITIONS
50M RIFLE PRONE
10M AIR RIFLE
50M PISTOL
25M RAPID FIRE PISTOL
10M AIR PISTOL
TRAP
DOUBLE TRAP
SKEET

WOMEN'S EVENTS

50M RIFLE 3 POSITIONS
50M RIFLE PRONE
10M AIR RIFLE
25M PISTOL
10M AIR PISTOL
TRAP
DOUBLE TRAP
SKEET

MIXED GENDER EVENTS

FULLBORE RIFLE – QUEEN'S PRIZE EVENT - INDIVIDUAL
FULLBORE RIFLE – QUEEN'S PRIZE EVENT – PAIRS EVENT

5. TEAM SIZE

- a) Subject to restrictions imposed under clause 5(b), up to two (2) athletes per event may be nominated by the SA Selection Panel to the CGA, including one (1) team of two (2) in the Pairs Event listed at clause 4. Neither this Nomination Criteria, nor SA or the CGA, require SA to nominate the maximum number of athletes to the CGA. For the avoidance of doubt, subject to automatic nomination under clause 9, nothing in this Nomination Criteria operates so as to require the SA Selection Panel to exercise any discretion to nominate any athletes to the CGA or nominate athletes to fill all available positions on the Team, and the final Team members and composition of the Team are determined at the absolute discretion of the CGA.
- b) Due to restrictions on team sizes, the CGF or the CGA may notify SA of restrictions on the number of athletes that it may nominate to the CGA for selection in the Team. Where the CGF or the CGA restrict the number of athletes that SA may nominate to CGA so that SA is unable to nominate two (2) athletes per event, SA may, at its absolute discretion, determine which events will have two (2) athletes nominated to the CGA and which events will have one (1) athlete nominated to the CGA.

6. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

- a) In order to be eligible for nomination to the CGA an athlete must:
- (i) be a registered financial member of a SA Member Body;
 - (ii) be eligible to compete for Australia in shooting events in future Olympic, World Championship and Commonwealth Games;
 - (iii) meet the ISSF and ICFRA eligibility requirements;
 - (iv) sign and abide by the SA Athlete Agreement as per clause 10; and

7. SELECTION EVENTS

The selection events (**Selection Events**) all take place in 2017 and are as follows:

	Pistol	Rifle	Shotgun
Selection Event 1	VAPA ISSF State Titles Yackandandah, Vic 10-13 March	TRA National Champs. Wingfield, SA 12-17 April	Sydney Cup 1 SISC, NSW 10-12 Feb
Selection Event 2	PA ISSF Nationals Cessnock, NSW 9-16 April	Adelaide Cup Wingfield, SA 7-10 Sep (Event 1)	VCTA ISSF State Champs Melb, Vic 12-14 May
Selection Event 3	NSW Amateur Pistol Assoc. Grand Prix SISC, NSW 18-20 August	Adelaide Cup Wingfield, SA 7-10 Sep (Event 2)	QLD ISSF State Carnival Belmont, Qld 7-9 July
Selection Event 4	Sydney Cup 2 SISC, NSW 13-15 October	Sydney Cup 2 SISC, NSW 13-15 October	Sydney Cup 2 SISC, NSW 13-15 October
Selection Event 5	SA Open Belmont, Qld 1-3 December	SA Open Belmont, Qld 1-3 December	SA Open Belmont, Qld 1-3 December

8. QUALIFYING PROCESS

- a) The below process details the qualifying process for the Games as per 9(b)(i) (the **Qualifying Process**):
- (i) Athletes will have an opportunity to participate in the five Selection Events throughout the Qualifying Process in order to accumulate points;
 - (ii) At each Selection Event, athletes will be awarded points based on:
 - A. their finishing position after the finals at that event (**Finishing Points**) (see clause 8(a)(iii)); and
 - B. their qualifying score at that event (**Qualifying Points**) (see clause 8(a)(iv)).
 - (iii) Finishing Points will be calculated and awarded in the following manner:
 - A. In an event which allows for a maximum of 8-person finals: 1st place is awarded 8 points, second place is awarded 7 points, etc. regardless of the number of starters in the final.
 - B. In an event which allows for a maximum of 6-person finals: 1st place is awarded 6 points, 2nd place is awarded 5 points, etc. regardless of the number of starters in the final.
 - C. An Athlete who does not make the final will receive no Finishing Points.
 - (iv) Qualifying Points will be calculated and awarded in the following manner:
 - A. The Qualifying Points that each athlete is to receive for each Selection Event is equal to their qualifying score for that event.
 - B. For example an athlete winning the Women's Shotgun Trap event in a qualifying score of 69 will achieve 69 Qualifying Points.
 - (v) The process for the accumulating points is the same for all five Selection Events.
 - (vi) At the end of the Selection Events, each athlete will obtain a qualifying score (**Qualifying Score**) which is to be determined based on the aggregate of the Finishing Points and Qualifying Points achieved throughout the four Selection Events where the athlete achieved their highest Qualifying Points scores (regardless of Finishing Points scores). Accordingly, and for the avoidance of any doubt, where an athlete:

- A. **participates in all five Selection Events:** their lowest Qualifying Points score (and any Finishing Points obtained at the Selection Event where that Qualifying Points score was achieved) obtained across the five Selection Events is disregarded, and their Qualifying Score is calculated based on the aggregate of the Finishing Points and Qualifying Points achieved in the other four Selection Events.
 - B. **participates in four or less of the Selection Events:** their Qualifying Score is calculated based on the aggregate of the Finishing Points and Qualifying Points achieved in all of the four or less Selection Events they participated in.
- (vii) The Qualifying Score of each athlete will then be ranked at the completion of the Selection Events (with a higher score outranking lower scores).
- (viii) For the avoidance of doubt; in events where there are no finals such as Women's Double Trap and Women's Prone, the Qualifying points are used as the Qualifying Score.

9. NOMINATION PROCESS

- a) Subject always to clause 5(b), athletes to compete in the Games in the Men's Events and Women's Events listed in clause 4 will be nominated to the CGA according to the following process:
 - (i) In relation to the first position in each event that SA has been allocated a position at the Games, SA will nominate an athlete in accordance with the following process:
 - A. The Athlete who finishes with the highest Qualifying Score in their particular event during the Selection Events will be nominated by the SA Selection Panel;
 - B. In the case of a tie between athletes with the highest Qualifying Score in their particular event during the Selection Events, the athlete (from amongst the tied athletes) with the superior head-to-head finals results across all five (5) Selection Events will be nominated.
 - C. If the tie still cannot be broken after the application of clause 9(b)(ii), the SA Selection Panel, at its sole and absolute discretion, will nominate an athlete (from amongst the still-tied athletes) to the ACGA. Without in any way limiting the discretion of SA Selection Panel, in making a determination as to which of the still-tied athletes to nominate under this clause, the SA Selection Panel may consider the following factors (the **Factors**):
 - I. international podium performances since 1st January 2017;

- II. international qualifying and finals performances since 1st January 2017;
 - III. international head-to-head performances since 1st January 2017;
 - IV. all domestic performances since 1st January 2017 including qualifying and finals as well as head to head performances; or
 - V. any other factors the SA Selection Panel considers relevant.
- D. the discretion granted to the SA Selection Panel in clause 9(a)(i)(C) above is absolute and it need not be exercised. In exercising its discretion, the SA Selection Panel may consider any Factor, or combination of Factors that is, in the opinion of the SA Selection Panel, relevant for consideration when nominating athletes to the CGA and may attribute whatever weight it deems appropriate to any particular Factor when making its decision. For the avoidance of doubt, the SA Selection Panel is not required to consider, turn their mind to or rely on all the Factors in the exercise of their discretion to make a Selection Decision (for example, the SA Selection Panel is therefore entitled to rely on one Factor, two Factors, three Factors, etc. or a combination of a number of Factors in the exercise of discretion to make a selection decision).
- (ii) In relation to the second position in each event (where applicable and having regard to clause 5(b)), SA may nominate an athlete in accordance with the following process:
- A. The SA Selection Panel will nominate the athlete that the SA Selection Panel determines, at its sole and absolute discretion. Without in any way limiting the discretion of SA Selection Panel, in making a determination as to which athlete to nominate under this clause, the SA Selection Panel may consider the Factors.
 - B. The discretion granted to the SA Selection Panel in clause 9(a)(ii)(A) above is absolute and it need not be exercised. In exercising its discretion, the SA Selection Panel may consider any Factor, or combination of Factors that is, in the opinion of the SA Selection Panel, relevant for consideration when nominating athletes to the CGA and may attribute whatever weight it deems appropriate to any particular Factor when making its decision. For the avoidance of doubt, the SA Selection Panel is not required to consider, turn their mind to or rely on all the Factors in the exercise of their discretion to make a Selection Decision (for example, the SA Selection Panel is therefore

entitled to rely on one Factor, two Factors, three Factors, etc. or a combination of a number of Factors in the exercise of discretion to make a selection decision).

- b) Athletes to compete in the Games in the Mixed Gender Events listed in Clause 4 will be nominated according to the process detailed in the document “Nomination Criteria for Athletes to represent Australia in the 2018 Commonwealth Games - Fullbore Events”. This document can be found on the SA Website at <http://www.shootingaustralia.org/high-performance/policies/> or on the National Rifle Association of Australia website at http://www.nraa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/1114567727_1.pdf.
- c) The SA Selection Panel, in consultation with the General Manager, High Performance, at its absolute discretion may change the athletes to be nominated to the CGA due to any extenuating circumstances which arise that prevent an athlete(s) from meeting the Qualifying Score required to obtain nomination to CGA.

10. APPEALS PROCESS

- a) Appeals will be conducted in accordance with, and governed by, the procedures provided in the SA Appeals Process, a copy of which may be downloaded from the SA website: www.shootingaustralia.org or obtained by request from the SA office.

11. TEAM MEMBERSHIP

- a) Athletes nominated to CGA are required to sign and abide by the SA Athlete Agreement and the CGA Team Agreement and any such reasonable conditions as published by SA or the CGA from time to time.
- b) Acceptance of a nomination to the CGA for non-A4G Squad athletes must be made within seven days of notification of nomination. This position will be confirmed once SA has received a signed SA Athlete Agreement.
- c) Once nominated, membership of the team is at the discretion of the CGA and may be terminated in accordance with the CGA Team Agreement.

12. ANNOUNCEMENT

- a) The athletes to be nominated to the CGA will be announced via the SA website: www.shootingaustralia.org at the conclusion of the selection process.
- b) SA will also contact all members of the A4G via email to notify them of the outcome of their own nomination before the athletes to be nominated to the ACGA are publicly announced.

13. AMENDMENTS TO SELECTION CRITERIA

- a) SA may amend this Nomination Criteria from time to time with the prior written approval of the ACGA. If amended, the amended Nomination Criteria will be distributed as follows:
 - (i) Posted on the SA website: www.shootingaustralia.org;
 - (ii) Distributed to members of SA's A4G Squad.