

TABLE TENNIS AUSTRALIA LTD. 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES TEAM

NOMINATION CRITERIA

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The objective of these Nomination Criteria is to identify and nominate to Commonwealth Games Australia ("CGA") those athletes who will achieve the best possible medal results at the 2018 Commonwealth Games ("Games").
- 1.2. These Nomination Criteria may be amended or supplemented by Table Tennis Australia ("TTA"), specifically where matters arise which have not been provided for in these Nomination Criteria. Any amendment or supplement to these Nomination Criteria must be first approved by CGA. Any such amendment or supplement must be in writing given by the CEO of TTA who will endeavour to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any amendment or supplement to these Nomination Criteria.

2. Nominations to CGA

- 2.1. TTA will nominate athletes ("**athletes**") to CGA for selection in the 2018 Commonwealth Games table tennis team.
- 2.2. The nomination of athletes to CGA for selection to the Team will be ratified by the TTA board of Management prior to submission.
- 2.3. TTA may nominate up to a maximum of five women and five men for selection in the 2018 Commonwealth Games table tennis team. The maximum number of entries per event are:
 - a. Men's Teams Event – 1 team consisting up to a maximum of 5 athletes
 - b. Women's Teams Event – 1 team consisting up to a maximum of 5 athletes
 - c. Men's Singles – 3 athletes
 - d. Women's Singles – 3 athletes
 - e. Men's Doubles – 2 pairs
 - f. Women's Doubles – 2 pairs
 - g. Mixed Doubles – 4 pairs
- 2.4. the number of athlete allocations per sport for the 2018 Games is yet to be finalised and subject to confirmation from the CGF to CGA. CGA will confirm to TTA the team size for the table tennis section for the Games.
- 2.5. On endorsement from CGA, a copy of the TTA 2018 Commonwealth Games Team Nomination Criteria and the Regulations for the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games Qualification Tournament will be displayed on the TTA website and forwarded to all States & Territories and the current athletes in the National High Performance Senior and Junior Squads.

3. Making of Nominations

- 3.1. TTA will provide its nominations to CGA prior to 5:00pm AEST 20 February 2018. Any nominations made after 5:00pm AEST 20 February 2018 will not be accepted unless:
 - a. TTA is granted an extension of time in writing by CGA; or
 - b. The nomination is made subject to the outcome of a non-nomination appeal the application for which was lodged prior to the Nomination deadline.

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4. Nomination of Athletes

4.1. For the purposes of nomination to CGA of individual athletes for selection to the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games Team, TTA will:

- a. only nominate athletes it honestly believes have met the requirements described in the Nomination Criteria;
- b. only nominate athletes who are a Participant Member of TTA at the closing date of entries for the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games Qualification Tournament (“ACGQT”);
- c. only nominate those athletes who have signed the consent to consideration for nomination form issued by TTA;
- d. not nominate more athletes than the maximum number permitted under the Commonwealth Games table tennis tournament regulations;
- e. not nominate athletes who have breached the CGA Anti-Doping By-Law and have had a sanction imposed which has not yet been completed;
- f. not nominate athletes who by their actions or omissions have brought themselves or TTA into disrepute;
- g. only nominate athletes who agree to and sign the 2018 CGA Team Agreement;
- h. nominate those athletes who have finished as one of the top 4 male athletes or top 4 female athletes at the 2018 ACGQT;
- i. nominate the fifth male athlete and fifth female athlete who have been selected by the National Selection Panel (“NSP”) having regard for the following:
 - i. the athlete has finished as the number 5 male athlete or number 5 female athlete at the 2018 ACGQT; OR
 - ii. the athlete who is a member of the 2018 National High Performance Senior or Junior Squad and who has been identified by the NSP as an athlete who could maximise the chances of medals being won at the 2018 Commonwealth Game; OR
 - iii. the athlete due to injury or illness was unable to compete in the 2018 ACGQT and was deemed eligible to compete but is identified by the NSP as an athlete who could maximise the chances of medals being won at the 2018 Commonwealth Games;
- j. only nominate athletes who are Australian citizens; and
- k. only nominate athletes who are a member of the 2018 National High Performance Senior or Junior Squad.

5. Extenuating Circumstances

5.1. For the purposes of determining whether an athlete has met the requirements of this Nomination Criteria, TTA may exempt an athlete from compliance with any portion of this requirement on the ground or grounds of:

- a. injury or illness of the athlete (if exemption is sought on this ground, TTA shall have the right to require the athlete to undergo a medical examination by a medical practitioner or medical practitioners (at the athlete’s expense) endorsed by TTA);
- b. family bereavement; and/or;
- c. any other factor which TTA, in its sole and absolute discretion, considers justifies such an exemption.

6. Nomination of Men’s and Women’s Singles from Nominated Athletes

6.1. The NSP shall nominate 3 male players and 3 female players who shall comprise the Australian entries into the Men’s and Women’s Singles tournament from the five male and five female athletes nominated pursuant to Clause 4 above. The NSP shall make the decision on the basis of maximising the chances of medals being won by Australian athletes at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

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7. Nomination of Men's Doubles Teams from Nominated Athletes

7.1. The NSP shall nominate the 2 pairs of men's doubles players (4 athletes) who shall comprise the Australian entries into the Men's Doubles tournament from the five male athletes nominated pursuant to Clause 4 above. The NSP shall make the decision on the basis of maximising the chances of medals being won by Australian athletes at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

8. Nomination of Women's Doubles Teams from Nominated Athletes

8.1. The NSP shall nominate the 2 pairs of women's doubles players (4 athletes) who shall comprise the Australian entries into the Women's Doubles tournament from the five female athletes nominated pursuant to Clause 4 above. The NSP shall make the decision on the basis of maximising the chances of medals being won by Australian athletes at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

9. Nomination of Mixed Doubles Teams from Nominated Athletes

9.1. The NSP shall nominate the 4 pairs of mixed doubles players (8 athletes) who shall comprise the Australian entries into the Mixed Doubles tournament from the five female athletes and the five male athletes nominated pursuant to Clause 4 above. The NSP shall make the decision on the basis of maximising the chances of medals being won by Australian athletes at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

10. Replacement of an Athlete

10.1. In the event that an athlete who has been selected pursuant to Clause 4.8 or Clause 4.9 is unable to compete due to injury, illness or any other reason and who withdraws from the team, the NSP shall select a replacement athlete who they will nominate to CGA for selection into the 2018 Commonwealth Games Table Tennis Team. The replacement athlete must meet the requirements of the nomination criteria and in particular the NSP shall make the decision on who the replacement athlete is on the basis of maximising the chances of medals being won by Australian athletes at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. CGA has the right to accept or reject this new nomination.

11. Advising Athletes of their Nomination

11.1. TTA will advise all of the 2018 National High Performance Senior and Junior Squad Members by no later than 5pm Tuesday 16 January 2018 of which athletes will be nominated to CGA for selection into the 2018 Commonwealth Games Team. The athlete nominations will then be subject to the TTA Appeals by-law prior to submission to CGA.

12. Appeals

12.1. An athlete who reasonably considers in all circumstances that his/her non-nomination to compete at the Games has occurred because the Selection Panel has failed to follow this Nomination Criteria is able to appeal his/her non-nomination.

12.2. The grounds of appeal are that:

- a. This Nomination Criteria has not been properly followed or implemented;
- b. The appellant was not afforded a reasonable opportunity by TTA to satisfy this Nomination Criteria;
- c. The nomination decision was affected by actual bias; or
- d. There was no material on which the nomination decision could reasonably be based.

12.3. All appeals concerning the nomination or non-nomination of athletes to CGA by TTA will follow the process set out in the TTA Appeals by-law as per the TTA website: www.tabletennis.org.au

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13. Nomination and Selection Announcements

- 13.1. Athletes are expected to keep nomination decisions confidential until such time as they are made public by CGA;
- 13.2. Nominated athletes are not members of the 2018 Commonwealth Games Team until CGA confirms the selection of these nominated athletes;
- 13.3. CGA is solely responsible for the announcement of the 2018 Commonwealth Games Team athletes;
- 13.4. CGA will consult with TTA to publicly announce 2018 Commonwealth Games Team athletes at an agreed place and time.

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Attachment 1

**2018 AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH GAMES TEAM
CONSENT TO CONSIDERATION FOR NOMINATION**

Table Tennis Australia

[insert name of athlete]

I, the above athlete, consent to being considered for nomination by Table Tennis Australia (“TTA”) for selection to the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games Team. I acknowledge that:

- 1 I have been provided with copies of the TTA 2018 Commonwealth Games Team Nomination Criteria.
- 2 The decision whether or not to nominate me to CGA for selection in the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games Team is subject to the Nomination Criteria and is at the discretion of TTA.
- 3 If TTA decides to nominate me for selection to the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games Team I will be required to sign the 2018 Australian Team Agreement as determined by CGA.
- 4 In the event that TTA nominates me to CGA for selection in the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games Team I am not guaranteed to be selected in the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games Team. The decision whether or not to select me as a member of the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games Team is at the sole and absolute discretion of CGA.

- 5 My contact details are: Address: _____

Facsimile: _____
Email: _____

And I will notify TTA in writing of any change in the above contact details. Any failure by me to advise TTA in writing of a change in my contact details may be to my detriment.

Signature of Athlete

Date

Witness’s Name

Witness’s Signature

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CONSENT TO CONSIDERATION FOR NOMINATION**

Parents/Guardians Acknowledgement for Minors

Table Tennis Australia

[insert name of athlete]

I/we, the undersigned parents/guardians of the athlete agree (and if more than one, then jointly and severally agree) as follows:

1. the athlete is under the age of 18 years as at the date of signing the agreement;
2. I/we have read and understood the TTA 2018 Commonwealth Games Team Nomination Criteria and have fully explained to the athlete the terms and effects of the agreements. To this end, I/we have obtained independent legal advice as to the terms and effects of the agreements in order to clarify any doubts or concerns I/we may have had in this regard;
3. the athlete has read the agreements and, together with the benefit of our full explanation, understands its terms and effects;
4. the agreements are for the benefit of the athlete; and
5. the athlete's eligibility for being considered for nomination by TTA for selection to the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games Team ("Team") may be terminated in the event of any breach of these agreements.

Dated:

Signed by the Parent/Guardian)

In the presence of:)

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(Parent/Guardian's signature)

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(Witness's signature)

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(Name of Witness)

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(Name of Parent/Guardian)

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(Address of Witness)

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(Address of Parent/Guardian)

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Attachment 3

Regulations for the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games Qualification Tournament (“the 2018 ACGQT”)

1. The dates for the Australian Commonwealth Games Qualification Tournament will be 11 – 14 January 2018. Only those athletes who:
 - 1.1 are Participant Members, as defined in the Rules of Table Tennis Australia (“TTA”), at the closing date of entries;
 - 1.2 comply with Regulation 3.8 of the International Table Tennis Federation Regulations for international competitions and Article 25 of the Commonwealth Games Federation constitution who are eligible to compete for Australia in the Commonwealth Games in 2018;
 - 1.3 are a member of the 2018 National High Performance Senior or Junior Squad;
 - 1.4 have entered into the 2018 ACGQT by the closing date set out on the entry form;
 - 1.5 satisfy the requirements Clause 4 of the TTA 2018 Commonwealth Games Team Nomination Criteria; and
 - 1.6 are citizens of Australia,

shall be eligible to participate in the 2018 ACGQT.

2. The 2018 ACGQT shall consist of 2 events, namely:
 - 2.1 the Men’s Singles Event (“the MSE”)
 - 2.2 the Women’s Singles Event (“the WSE”)
3. The MSE and the WSE shall each be conducted as follows:
 - 3.1 8 athletes shall be admitted to the main draw on the following basis:
 - a. (i) the first 6 places shall be allocated to the 6 athletes having the highest National Senior Ranking as at the last ranking list published prior to the 2018 ACGQT and who have entered the 2018 ACGQT and in the event of less than 6 athletes having a National Senior Ranking entering the 2018 ACGQT, the National Senior Selectors (“the NSP”) shall select a sufficient number of athletes to fill those of the first 6 places which have not been filled from the most recently published National Senior Rankings;
 - (ii) in the event that the NSP are required to select an athlete or athletes to fill those of the first 6 places which have not been filled from the most recently published National Senior Rankings, the NSP shall select such athletes on the basis of the criterion for the National Senior Rankings.
 - b. (i) the last 2 places in the main draw shall be determined on the basis of a knockout tournament conducted pursuant to Regulation 3.6 of the International Table Tennis Federation Regulations and open to all male and female members of the 2018 National High Performance Senior and Junior Squad (as detailed in Clause 1 above), with the seedings being done by the NSP, with all of the matches being the best of 7 games and with the 2 athletes who reach the final of the knockout tournament being awarded the last 2 places in the main draw;
 - (ii) the seedings for the knockout tournament shall be determined by the NSP.
- 3.2 a. The 8 athletes in the main draw shall participate in a round robin (“RR1”) conducted pursuant to Regulation 3.7.5 of the International Table Tennis Federation Regulations, with all of the matches in RR1 being the best of 7 games.

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- b. The athletes who finish in the first two places at the conclusion of RR1 shall be deemed to have finished first and second respectively at the 2018 ACGQT, and will not have to participate in round robin 2 (“RR2”).
 - c. The athlete who finishes last in RR1 will be eliminated from the MSE and WSE.
- 3.3
- a. The remaining 5 athletes will compete in RR2, conducted pursuant to Regulation 3.7.5 of the International Table Tennis Federation Regulations, with all matches in RR2 being the best of 7 games.
 - b. The results of matches from RR1 between those players who have qualified for RR2 shall be carried forward in addition to the results of matches from RR2 in determining the placing of the athletes. At the conclusion of RR2, the athletes who finish in the first three places shall be deemed to have finished third, fourth and fifth respectively at the 2018 ACGQT.
4. The NSP will be notified of the male athlete who finished fifth and the female athlete who finished fifth at the 2018 ACGQT in relation to the selection of the fifth male and female athlete pursuant to Clause 4 of the TTA 2018 Commonwealth Games Team Nomination Criteria.