



2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES NOMINATION CRITERIA

1. INTRODUCTION

- a. Bowls Australia (BA) will only nominate selected eligible athletes to Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA) for selection in the 2018 Commonwealth Games Team (Team).
- b. The athletes chosen by BA for nomination to CGA according to the terms of this criteria will be submitted to CGA for selection in the Team.
- c. CGA has the exclusive authority to select athletes to represent Australia at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, Gold Coast (2018 Games).
- d. The nomination of athletes to CGA for selection into the Team will be ratified by the BA Board prior to submission.

2. NOMINATION OBJECTIVE

- a. BA's objective for the 2018 Games is to nominate a team comprised of those athletes who BA considers have the greatest potential of winning medals and specifically gold medals at the 2018 Games.

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION

- a. To be eligible to be consideration for nomination, an athlete must:
 - i. be an Australian citizen;
 - ii. be a current BA individual member;
 - iii. not have breached any applicable anti-doping policy (including but not limited to, any relevant declaration as required by BA or the CGA) and have had a sanction imposed which has not been completed;

- iv. have not by their actions or omissions brought themselves or their Sport into disrepute;
- v. sign and adhere to the CGA 2018 Games Team agreement.

4. TEAM COMPOSITION

- a. The size of the Team is subject to confirmation from the Commonwealth Games Federation to CGA.
- b. BA will nominate athletes based on this Criteria which subject to Clause 2 will consist of up-to 10 able bodied athletes and 5 parasport athletes and 2 Directors for the VI athletes.

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- a. The criteria listed will be applied in each selection decision. However, the weight given to each criterion will be totally at the discretion of the Selectors and the weight may vary dependent on the selection decision being considered and the timing of that decision.
 - vi. current Australian or international ranking (if any);
 - vii. current and previous national and international performances in events and over such periods as determined by the Selectors;
 - viii. demonstrated and/or potential ability to play in a set position, adapt to the format of play and environmental conditions for the next benchmark event;
 - ix. the athlete's current level of skill and physical fitness;
 - x. consistency in standards of behaviour conducive to supporting the goals of the team and overall objectives of BA;
 - xi. demonstrated and/or potential ability and attitude to work with BA high performance coaching staff, team officials and other athletes;
 - xii. any current or potential injury or condition which will impair, inhibit or prevent the athlete's performance to the requisite level;
 - xiii. any other factor considered relevant to the sole discretion of the Selectors. Selectors are listed at <http://www.bowls.com.au/About-BA/Governance-Staff/Board-Committees/Committees>

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOMINATION

- a. On or before November 14, 2017 the Selectors will advise the BA Board of the nominated athletes;
- b. On or before November 20, the BA Board will ratify the nominations. Nominated athletes will be notified by BA on this date though nominations must be kept confidential.
- c. On or before November 27, CGA will formally select the Team from the nominations provided.

7. APPEALS

- a. An athlete who reasonably considers in all circumstances that his/her non-nomination to compete at 2018CG has occurred because the Selection Panel has failed to follow this Nomination Criteria is able to appeal (Appeal) his/her non-nomination.
- b. There are four areas for which an aggrieved player may Appeal. The grounds for such an appeal are that:
 - i. the selection panel, in making their decision, failed to comply with the Nomination Criteria;
 - ii. the appellant was not afforded a reasonable opportunity by Bowls Australia to satisfy this Nomination Criteria;
 - iii. the nomination decision was affected by actual bias; or
 - iv. there was no material on which the nomination decision could reasonably be based.
- c. The Appeals process is detailed in the document entitled "National Team Selection Policy" and can be found <http://www.bowlsaustralia.com.au/About-BA/Documents/Constitution-Policies>. The process is:
 - i. Any appeal against a decision of the Selectors must be made within 7 days of any official notification.
 - ii. Applications to convene the Selection Review Panel must be received on the prescribed form, "Request for a Selection Appeals Hearing" which can be found at <http://www.bowlsaustralia.com.au/About-BA/Documents/Constitution-Policies> and is to be accompanied by the sum of \$1,000 in clear funds (non-refundable) to BA setting out:
 - a. The procedural grounds for appeal: and
 - b. The reasons or circumstances supporting the alleged grounds of appeal.
 - iii. Nothing in this Nomination Criteria prevents the withdrawal of an appeal at any time in writing.

8. CLARIFICATION OF THE NOMINATION CRITERIA

- a. It is the athlete's responsibility to read and understand this Nomination Criteria (and other supporting documents and/or policies).
- b. In the first instance, for further clarification relating to this Nomination Criteria, queries should be directed to Bowls Australia CEO.
- c. If an athlete is still unclear about the Nomination Criteria (and other supporting documents and/or policies) operation or effect, independent legal advice should be sought.

9. AMENDMENTS TO NOMINATION CRITERIA

- a. BA with the approval of the CGA may amend this Nomination Criteria.
- b. Amended Criteria will be communicated by BA via the BA website (www.bowls.com.au).