

**BOXING AUSTRALIA**  
**NOMINATION FOR SELECTION CRITERIA**  
**AUSTRALIAN BOXING TEAM**  
**FOR THE**  
**2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES**

Version 1 – 10/08/2017

**1. OBJECTIVES**

- 1.1 To identify and nominate for selection persons who Boxing Australia **(BA)** consider having the greatest potential for a podium performance at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- 1.2 To identify and prioritise those boxing weight categories anticipated to be contested for nomination of selection by a reasonable number of boxers and for which it is more likely medals can be won by Australian boxers at the 2018 Commonwealth Games
- 1.3 These criteria may be amended or supplemented by the BA Board, in conjunction with Commonwealth Games Australia **(CGA)**, especially where matters arise which have not been provided for in these criteria. Any variation or amendment must be in writing and be approved by CGA. The Chief Executive Officer of BA will endeavour to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any amendment or supplement to these criteria.

**2. MANDATORY REQUISITES**

- 2.1 For selection to the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games Team an athlete must:
  - a) Be an Australian citizen;
  - b) Be eligible to represent the Sport of Boxing;
  - c) Have not breached CGA's Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the athlete has already been sanctioned for the breach and completed the sanction imposed;
  - d) Have not by his or her actions or omissions brought themselves or the Sport of Boxing into disrepute; and
  - e) Have signed the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games Team Agreement.

### **3. PROCESS OF NOMINATION FOR SELECTION**

- 3.1 The Australian Elite Men's and Women's Championships to be conducted 1 - 4 November 2017, in Sydney, will be the Nomination for Selection Event for athletes for the Australian Boxing team to the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

This tournament has been selected as the Nomination for Selection Event as it will facilitate a team of boxers to be nominated for selection and assist in preparation for the 2018 Commonwealth Games and, also, because it would be inconvenient to hold a Nomination for Selection Event in early 2018

- 3.2 Only boxers who enter the BA 2017 Australian Elite Men's and Elite Women's Championships are eligible to be considered for nomination.
- 3.3 Only a BA Member Association or the Board of BA can enter a boxer into the BA 2017 Australia Elite Men's and Elite Women's Championships.
- 3.4 To compete in the 2017 Australian Elite Men's and Women's Championships/Nomination for Selection Event for the Australian Boxing team for the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games a boxer must have been born in the years 1978 – 1998 inclusive.
- 3.5 Boxers must have signed and dated BA's 'Athletes for Nomination of Selection Declaration' if they are to be eligible to be nominated by BA to CGA for selection to the Australian Team to the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- 3.6 Boxers must abide by the clauses in the 'Athletes for Nomination of Selection Declaration'. A copy of the 'Athletes for Nomination of Selection Declaration' is Annexure 1 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 3.7 (a) At the time of adoption of this Nomination for Selection Criteria the number of athlete allocations for boxing for the 2018 Commonwealth Games is yet to be finalised and is subject to confirmation from the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) to CGA.
- (b) BA has been advised by CGA that the maximum number of athlete positions available for men and women boxers in the 2018 Commonwealth Games boxing team will be 13. BA will nominate athletes up to the number of athlete allocations advised to BA by CGA.

- (c) BA has resolved that in respect to clause 3.7(b) that:
- (i) women boxers in the weight categories 48-51 kg, 54-57 kg, 57-60 kg, 64-69 kg and 69-75 kg; and
  - (ii) men boxers in the weight categories 52-56 kg, 56-60 kg, 60-64 kg, 64-69 kg, 69-75 kg, 75-81 kg, 81-91 kg and 91+ kg; will be considered for nomination for selection in the Australian boxing team to the 2018 Commonwealth Games in accordance with the maximum number of 13 athlete allocations advised by CGA.

(d) In the event CGA determines that less than 13 positions for boxers are available in the Australian Commonwealth Games Team, BA, pursuant to clause 1(2), in its sole and unfettered discretion will select for nomination of selection to CGA boxers up to the number of positions for boxers that are available from those weight categories listed in clause 3.7(c).

- 3.8 Subject to Clauses 3.7(b) and 3.7(d) a boxer at the BA 2017 Australian Elite Men's and Elite Women's Championships who wins a weight category listed in Clause 3.7(c) of this Nomination Criteria will be considered for nomination for selection to the Australian Team to the 2018 Commonwealth Games for the weight category in which he or she wins.
- 3.9 For the purposes of this Nomination Criteria, a boxer will be deemed to have 'entered' the BA 2017 Australian Elite Men's and Elite Women's Championships if he or she was entered by his or her Member Association or the Board of BA into the 2017 Australian Elite Men's and Elite Women's Championships, his or her entry was accepted by the Board of BA, and he or she weighed-in to a weight category of the Championships and made weight for that weight category, but he or she need not have actually competed in the BA 2017 Australian Elite Men's and Elite Women's Championships
- 3.10 For the purposes of this Nomination Criteria, a boxer will be deemed to have 'won' his or her weight category at the BA 2017 Australian Elite Men's and Elite Women's Championships if he or she was the only entrant in that weight category.
- 3.11 BA does not have to nominate for selection to the Australian Team to the 2018 Commonwealth Games a boxer who wins a weight category at the BA 2017 Australian Elite Men's and Elite Women's Championships.

- 3.12 In accordance with boxing team entry requirements for the 2018 Commonwealth Games BA is only permitted to nominate a maximum of one boxer in a weight category for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

#### **4. APPEALS – BOXERS**

- 4.1 A boxer may appeal his or her non-nomination for selection to the Australian Team to the 2018 Commonwealth Games to an Appeal Panel appointed by the Board of BA.
- 4.2 The grounds for any appeal are:
- (a) that this Nomination Criteria was not properly followed and/or implemented;
  - (b) the appellant was not given a reasonable opportunity by BA to satisfy the 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.
- 4.3 Any appeal must accord with the following procedure:
- (a) The appellant must give written notice of his or her appeal to the BA Chief Executive Officer within 48 hours of the announcement of the decision against which the appeal is made.
  - (b) Within five (5) working days of submitting his or her written notice of appeal, the appellant must submit to the Chief Executive Officer the grounds of that appeal accompanied by a deposit payment of \$4,000 to BA.
  - (c) The BA Appeal Panel will be comprised of the following persons appointed by the BA Board:
    - (i) A barrister or solicitor who will act as the Chairman;
    - (ii) A person with thorough knowledge of amateur boxing; and
    - (iii) One other person of experience and skills suitable to the function of the BA Appeal Panel
  - (d) No Person is eligible to be appointed to the BA Appeal Panel if he or she is a member of the BA Board or the BA Selectors Committee or by reason of his or her relationship with the appellant or any member of the BA Board or the BA Selectors Committee he or she would be reasonably considered to be other than impartial.

- (e) The BA Appeal Panel will convene a hearing as soon as possible after the submission of the grounds of appeal. The hearing may occur in such manner as the Chairman decides, including telephone or video conferencing. The BA Appeal Panel is not bound by the rules of evidence but must observe the principles of procedural fairness.
- (f) Prior to the hearing, BA will provide the BA Appeal Panel and the appellant with a written statement as to the reasons for the decision against which the appeal is made.
- (g) The BA Appeal Panel will give its decision as soon as practicable after the hearing and will provide the Chief Executive Office and the appellant with a statement of the reasons for its decision.
- (h) The BA Appeal Panel will include in its decision the liability of the appellant for the costs incurred by BA in conducting the appeal. The deposit payment of \$4,000 lodged by the appellant when instigating the appeal will be utilised to meet any liability for payment of costs of the appellant as determined by the Appeal Panel. The Appeal Panel is not limited to determining a liability for costs of only up to \$4,000 but should determine the actual cost of conducting the appeal and what is the appellant's liability for those costs. Any determination by the Appeal Panel of a liability for costs by the appellant of less than the \$4,000 deposit payment lodged by the appellant will lead to the reimbursement to the appellant of any money left from the lodged deposit after payment of the appellant's liability for costs as determined by the Appeal Panel.

4.5 The decision of the said Appeal Panel will be final and binding on the parties and it is agreed that neither party will institute or maintain proceedings in any court or tribunal other than the said Appeal Panel.

## **5. NOMINATION OF BOXERS FOR SELECTION TO THE 2018 AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH GAMES TEAM**

- 5.1 Boxers who win their weight category at the BA 2017 Australian Elite Men's and Elite Women's Championships are not automatically nominated for selection to the Australian Team to the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- 5.2 Boxers will be evaluated, by the BA Selectors Committee, for recommendation to the Board of BA of nomination for selection to the

Australian Team to the 2018 Commonwealth Games based on their skill and performance as demonstrated at the BA 2017 Australian Elite Men's and Elite Women's Championships.

- 5.3 If a boxer in BA's judgement is not up to the required international standard in his or her weight category then he or she will not be nominated for selection.
- 5.5 A Boxer:
- who was entered into the BA 2017 Australian Elite Men's and Elite Women's Championships,
  - is nominated subject to Clause 3.7 of this Nomination for Selection Criteria,
  - is nominated for selection by BA to CGA, and
  - the nomination for selection is approved by CGA,
- will be selected to the Australian Team to compete at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

## **6. OFFICIALS**

- 6.1 CGA has yet to confirm the number of boxing officials for the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games Team. Once confirmed BA will nominate persons up to this number.
- 6.2 CGA has determined that the Australian Boxing Team to the 2018 Commonwealth Games is to have a 'Team Manager' who will take up one of the available 'Officials' positions and that BA will nominate the 'Team Manager' to CGA. The 'Team Manager' will be the liaison officer between CGA and BA in the period from his or her selection through to the Commonwealth Games and completion of duties associated with this activity following the Games.
- 6.3 BA will nominate to CGA BA's National Head Coach to be the Head Coach of the Australian Team to the 2018 Commonwealth Games. He will take up one (1) of the 'Officials' positions.
- 6.4 BA believes the Australian Boxing Team attending the 2018 Commonwealth Games will be best served if it is supported by a Team Manager, a Head Coach and at least one Assistant Coach. The final number of boxing officials is at the discretion of CGA.

## **7. APPEALS - OFFICIALS**

- 7.1 A Call for Applications will be made for appointment of an Assistant Coach or Assistant Coaches once confirmed by CGA
- 7.2 An Assistant Coach or Assistant Coaches will be nominated to CGA based on their ability to assist nominated boxers achieve this Nomination Criteria's objectives (Clause 1)
- 7.2 An applicant to be a Coach or the Team Manager of the Australian Team to the 2018 Commonwealth Games has no right of appeal against his or her non-selection to the Team.

## **8. TOURNAMENT SUPERVISOR**

- 8.1 In each session of the BA 2017 Australian Elite Men's and Elite Women's Championships a Supervisor appointed by the Board of BA will oversee the conduct of the tournament. The Supervisor or his or her appointed Deputy must be present and observe all bouts.

## **9. SELECTORS COMMITTEE**

- 9.1 The BA Selectors Committee consists of the three (3) National Selectors appointed to that Committee pursuant to BA's constitution and relevant regulation.
- 9.2 Each member of the BA Selectors Committee shall be entitled to one vote only in each nomination for selection recommendation by it to the Board of BA of a boxer to be a member of the Australia Team at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. All decisions shall be decided by a majority vote.
- 9.3 The BA Selectors Committee when making to the BA Board a recommendation for nomination for selection of a boxer to the Australian Team to the 2018 Commonwealth Games will take into account
- (i) whether the boxer, subject to Clauses 3.7(b) and 3.7(d), won a weight category listed in Clause 3.7(c) of this Nomination Criteria;
  - (ii) the boxer's skill and performance as demonstrated at the BA 2017 Australian Elite Men's and Elite Women's Championships; and
  - (iii) whether the boxer is up to the international standard in his or her weight category.

## **10. BOXING AUSTRALIA BOARD**

- 10.1 All recommendations of persons for nomination of selection by the BA Selectors Committee are subject to the approval of the BA Board.
- 10.2 BA is under no obligation to financially assist any person nominated for selection to the Australian Team to the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- 10.3 BA will nominate to CGA by 20 February 2018, the boxers and Officials to be members of the Australian Boxing Team to the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

END.

# Athletes for Nomination of Selection Declaration



Athletes competing in the 2017 Australian Elite Men's and Women's Championships which is the qualification event for nomination of selection to Commonwealth Games Australia for the Australian Boxing Team to the 2018 Commonwealth Games are required to complete the following declaration before the 2017 Australian Elite Men's and Women's Championships.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, competing in a tournament through which I may be nominated for selection in the Australian boxing team to the 2018 Commonwealth Games declare that I have read, understood and will abide by the following in the event that I am selected;

- From the time of selection I will come under the direct and exclusive control and direction of the Head Coach appointed for that team in respect of all aspects of training and preparation for the 2018 Commonwealth Games;
- In respect to behaviour, attendance and any management requirements of my involvement in the team I will come under the control and direction of the Team Manager;
- I will join and remain as a member of the team for the duration of the team preparation at the locality designated by Boxing Australia and will travel to the international event and return from it with the team;
- I will commit myself to train only under the appointed coaching staff under the direction of the Head Coach during preparation for and at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. I understand that the Head Coach will consult with my home coach regarding my training regime or any special circumstances concerning my training;
- I understand and have read the relevant nomination for selection criteria. I understand that winning at the 2017 Australian Elite Men's and Women's Championships does not guarantee selection nor funding to the Australian team;
- These provisions will only be waived in exceptional circumstances as approved by Commonwealth Games Australia.

**Signed by the Boxer**

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Signature of the Boxer



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Name of Boxer (print)

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Dated