



2022 COMMONWEALTH GAMES NOMINATION CRITERIA

1. INTRODUCTION

- a. Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA) has the exclusive authority to select athletes to represent Australia at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, Birmingham (2022 Games).
- b. Bowls Australia (BA) will only nominate eligible athletes to CGA according to the terms of this Nomination Criteria (Criteria) for selection in the 2022 Commonwealth Games Team (Team).
- c. 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 2022 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 2022 Games.

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR NOMINATION

- a. To be eligible to be considered 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 not had a sanction imposed which has not been completed;
 - iv. have not by their actions or omissions brought themselves or the sport of bowls into disrepute; and
 - v. pre-sign and adhere to the CGA 2022 Games Team Agreement.

4. TEAM COMPOSITION

- a. CGA has advised BA that the athlete slot allocations for the Bowls Team are of up-to 10 able bodied athletes and 6 Para sport athletes and 2 Directors for the athletes.
- b. BA will nominate athletes up to these athlete slot allocations based on this Criteria and the nomination objective outlined in Clause 2.

5. NOMINATION CRITERIA

- a. The Criteria listed may be applied in each nomination decision. The weight given to each criterion will be completely at the discretion of the Selectors and the weight may vary dependent on the nomination decision being considered and the timing of that decision:
 - ii. current Australian or international ranking (if any);
 - iii. current and previous national and international performances in events and over such periods as determined by the Selectors;
 - iv. 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;
 - v. the athlete's current level of skill and physical fitness;
 - vi. consistency in standards of behaviour conducive to supporting the goals of the team and overall objectives of BA;
 - vii. demonstrated and/or potential ability and attitude to work with BA high performance coaching staff, team officials and other athletes;
 - viii. any current or potential injury or condition which will impair, inhibit or prevent the athlete's performance to the requisite level; and
 - ix. any other factor considered relevant to the sole discretion of the Selectors. Selectors are listed at: <https://www.bowls.com.au/about-ba/governance-staff/state-consultative-body-committees/>

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOMINATION

- a. On or before 16 May 2022 the Selectors will advise the BA Board of proposed nominated athletes.
- b. On or before 17 May 2022, the BA Board will ratify the nominations. Nominated athletes will be notified by BA on this date by the National Coach and advised that nominations must be kept confidential until confirmed and formally announced by the CGA.
- c. On or before 30 May 2022, BA will advise CGA of proposed nominated athletes and CGA will formally select the Team from the nominations provided.

7. DETERMINATION OF RESERVE ATHLETES

- a. BA may choose to nominate reserve athletes.

- b. Should an athlete in the selected Team not be able to attend the 2022 Games for any reason, a reserve athlete may be called into the team at the discretion of the BA Board.
- c. The nomination process for determining reserve athletes would be the same criteria as the team nomination, including selection by the National Selection Panel and ratified by the BA Board.

8. QUALIFICATION PROCESS FOR PARA LAWN BOWLS

- a. The method of qualification to gain athlete slots allocated to Australia is outlined in the document Athlete Allocation System (Version 1: 18.11.2020).
- b. BA may nominate athletes up to these athlete slots based on this Criteria and the nomination objective outlined in clause 2.

9. APPEALS

- a. An athlete who reasonably considers in all circumstances that his/her non-nomination to compete at 2022 CG has occurred because the Selection Panel has failed to follow this Nomination Criteria may appeal (Appeal) their non-nomination.
- b. The grounds for an Appeal are that:
 - i. the selection panel, in making its decision, failed to comply with the Nomination Criteria;
 - ii. the appellant was not afforded a reasonable opportunity by BA 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. Any appeal against a decision of the Selectors must be made within 7 days of any official notification.
- d. CGA Board has agreed in principle to adopt the jurisdiction of the National Sports Tribunal (NST) in CGA policies/procedures for disputes/appeals arising from the nomination of athletes to the 2022 Commonwealth Games Team. CGA is working with the NST to draft mandatory appeal provisions for the B2022 Nominations & Appeals By-law, which will apply to all B2022 nomination appeals, and will set out relevant process and procedure. The NST is assisting CGA in developing the By-law, which will be forwarded to all B2022 sports once finalised.
- e. Nothing in this Nomination Criteria prevents the withdrawal of an Appeal at any time.

10. CLARIFICATION OF THE NOMINATION CRITERIA

- a. It is the athlete's responsibility to read this Nomination Criteria and other supporting documents and/or policies.
- b. In the first instance, any queries relating to this Nomination Criteria, should be directed to BA Chief Executive Officer.

- 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.

11. 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).