PARA NOMINATION CRITERIA





1. Introduction

- 1.1 The objective of the Nomination Criteria is to nominate to Commonwealth Games Australia ("CGA") those Para athletes who will achieve the best possible medal results at the 2022 Commonwealth Games ("Games").
- 1.2 The Nomination Criteria may be amended or supplemented by Table Tennis Australia Ltd. (**"TTA"**), specifically where matters arise which have not been provided for in the 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. The Long List

- 2.1 TTA will choose athletes from within the TTA National Squad (Para) ("Squad") to be members of the CGA Long List.
- 2.2 The Squad will be comprised of those athletes who meet the **TTA National Selection Policy** criteria and who are invited to join the Squad by the TTA National Selection Panel.
- 2.3 TTA may only nominate members of the **Long List** to CGA for selection in the 2022 Australian Commonwealth Games Team (**"Team"**).
- 2.4 TTA will advise CGA of the athletes that it has chosen as members of the **Long List** at such time as required by CGA.

3. Nominations to CGA

- 3.1 TTA will nominate Para athletes (**"para athletes"**) from within the listed combined class events to CGA for selection in the 2022 Commonwealth Games table tennis team:
 - a. Men's Standing (Classes 8-10)
 - b. Women's Standing (Classes 6-10)
 - c. Men's Wheelchair (Classes 3-5)
 - d. Women's Wheelchair (Classes 3-5)
- 3.2 The nomination of Para athletes to CGA for selection to the Team will be ratified by the TTA National Selection Panel prior to submission.
- 3.3 TTA will nominate up to a maximum of 2 women and 2 men per event for selection in the Team. The maximum number of entries per event are:

- a. Class 8 10 Men's Singles 2 athletes
- b. Class 6 10 Women's Singles 2 athletes
- c. Class 3-5 Men's Singles -2 athletes
- d. Class 3-5 Women's Singles -2 athletes
- 3.4 On endorsement from CGA, this document and the 2022 Commonwealth Games Para Table Tennis Athlete Allocation System will be displayed on the TTA website and social media channels and forwarded to all **Long List** athletes and coaches.

4. Making of Nominations

- 4.1 The TTA CEO will provide the nominations to CGA by no later than **5:00pm AEDT 11 May 2022**. Any nominations made after this deadline 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, where the application for which was lodged prior to the Nomination deadline.

5. Nomination of Para Athletes

- 5.1 For the purposes of nomination to CGA of individual Class 8-10 Men's Singles, Class 6-10 Women's Singles, Class 3-5 Men's Singles and Class 3-5 Women's Singles Para athletes for selection to the Team, TTA will:
 - a. only nominate Para athletes who have met the requirements described in this Nomination Criteria;
 - b. only nominate Para athletes who are a Registered Member of TTA at the highest possible category;
 - c. only nominate those Para athletes who have signed the Consent to Consideration for Nomination form issued by TTA;
 - d. not nominate more Para athletes than the maximum number permitted under the 2022 Commonwealth Games Para Table Tennis Athlete Allocation System Regulations;
 - e. not nominate Para athletes who by their actions or omissions have brought themselves, TTA, CGA or the **Team** into disrepute or censure;
 - f. only nominate Para athletes who have pre-signed the 2022 Team Membership Agreement;
 - g. only nominate Para athletes who are Australian citizens;
 - h. only nominate Para athletes who are a member of the Long List at the time of nomination to CGA;
 - i. only nominate Para athletes who agree to and sign the 2022 TTA Athlete Squad Agreement;
 - j. not nominate Para athletes who have breached the CGA Anti-Doping By-Law and have had a sanction imposed which has not yet been completed;
 - only nominate Para athletes who have met the athlete eligibility criteria as per the guidelines set out in the 2022 Commonwealth Games Para Table Tennis Athlete Allocation System which state an athlete must:
 - i. be internationally classified with an international confirmed sport class status or review with a fixed review date of 2023 or later at the sport entries deadline of **29 June 2022**;
 - ii. have competed in at least one (1) ITTF Sanctioned Event within the qualification period of 01 January 2021 01 May 2022*
 *ITTF and the Commonwealth Games Federation ("CGF") may consider any valid, personal, and or extenuating circumstances for not being compliant with the above eligibility requirements. All decisions made by ITTF and CGF are final with no opportunity for protest of appeal;
 - iii. Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or CGA or International

Table Tennis Federation ("ITTF") or under the World Anti-Doping Code;

- iv. have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, ITTF and the World Anti-Doping Code as may be modified and applied by the Federation to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed. In the case of any inconsistency, rules and regulations will prevail;
- v. have met the CGF's eligibility regulations in accordance with the CGF Constitution https://thecgf.com/sites/default/files/2020-04/Constitution%20final%20March%202020.pdf;
- vi. have complied with the minimum age regulations as stipulated by the ITTF.
- only nominate Para athletes who at the end of the qualification period of 1 January 2021 1 May 2022 have qualified a "slot" (Qualification Slot) for the Games following the guidelines set out in the 2022 Commonwealth Games Para Table Tennis Athlete Allocation System which state:
 - Regional Qualification Slot The top ranked players on the ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List as at 01 May 2022 per medal event from of the CGF Regions (with Americas and Caribbean combined) will qualify for one slot each, awarded to the CGA by Athlete by Name. Slots are issued to the CGA in the name of a specific athlete for allocation and are therefore non-transferable.
 - Direct Qualification Slot The highest ranked player per medal event on the ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List as at 01 May 2022 not otherwise qualified will qualify for one slot, awarded to the CGA by Athlete by Name. Slots are issued to the CGA in the name of the specific athlete for allocation and are therefore non-transferable;
 - iii. Bipartite Invitation Slot Two (2) Bipartite Invitation slots may be issued to athletes' of widely and regularly practising CGAs. Such invitation slots will be issued to the CGA in the name of a specific athlete for allocation and are therefore non-transferable.

NB: CGA Nations will be extracted from the ITTF Para Table Tennis Ranking List to create the Commonwealth-adjusted Ranking List as at 01 May 2022.

6. Advising Para-Athletes of their Nomination

6.1 TTA will advise all of the **Long List** members by no later than **5pm AEDT 7th May 2022** of which athletes will be nominated to CGA for selection into the 2022 Commonwealth Games Team. The athlete nominations will then be subject to the TTA Appeals by-law prior to submission to CGA.

7. Appeals

- 7.1 A **para 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.
- 7.2 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.

7.3 All nomination and selection appeals are to be conducted in accordance with the CGA Nomination and Selection By-Law.

8. Nomination and Selection Announcements

- 8.1 **Para athletes** must keep nomination decisions confidential until such time as they are made public by CGA;
- 8.2 Nominated **para athletes** are not members of the 2022 Commonwealth Games Team until CGA confirms the selection of these nominated **para athletes**;
- 8.3 CGA is solely responsible for the announcement of the 2022 Commonwealth Games Team athletes;
- 8.4 CGA will consult with TTA to publicly announce 2022 Commonwealth Games Team **para athletes** at an agreed place and time.

Attachment 1

2022 AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH GAMES TEAM CONSENT TO CONSIDERATION FOR NOMINATION

Table Tennis Australia Ltd. ("TTA")

(insert name of **para athlete**)

I, the above athlete, consent to being considered for nomination by Table Tennis Australia Ltd. ("TTA") for selection to the 2022 Australian Commonwealth Games Team. I acknowledge that:

- 1 I have been provided with copies of the TTA 2022 Commonwealth Games Team Para Nomination Criteria and the 2022 Commonwealth Games Para Table Tennis Athlete Allocation System
- 2 The decision whether or not to nominate me to Commonwealth Games Australia ("CGA") for selection in the 2022 Australian Commonwealth Games Team is subject to the Para Nomination Criteria
- 3 Prior to TTA deciding to nominate me for selection to the 2022 Australian Commonwealth Games Team, I will pre-sign the 2022 Team Membership Agreement as determined by CGA.
- 4 In the event that TTA nominates me to CGA for selection into the 2022 Australian Commonwealth Games Team, I acknowledge that I am not guaranteed to be selected in the 2022 Australian Commonwealth Games Team. The decision whether or not to select me as a member of the 2022 Australian Commonwealth Games Team is at the sole and absolute discretion of CGA.
- 5 My contact details are:

Address:

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.

Para Athlete Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Witness Name

Attachment 2

2022 AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH GAMES TEAM CONSENT TO CONSIDERATION FOR NOMINATION

Parents/Guardians Acknowledgement for Minors

Table Tennis Australia Ltd. ("TTA")

(insert name of para athlete)

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

- 1. the para 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 2022 Commonwealth Games Team Para Nomination Criteria and the 2022 Commonwealth Games Para Table Tennis Athlete Allocation System and have fully explained to the athlete the terms and effects of these 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 para 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 para athlete; and
- 5. the para athlete's eligibility for being considered for nomination by TTA for selection into the 2022 Australian Commonwealth Games Team ("Team") may be terminated in the event of any breach of these agreements.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Address

Witness Signature

Witness Name

Witness Address