

2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES AUSTRALIA TEAM
AUSTRALIAN WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION
NOMINATION CRITERIA
Version 5- As at 3rd August 2017

1. Background

- a. The Australian Weightlifting Federation Limited (“**AWF**”) will nominate eligible weightlifters (“**Athletes**”) to Commonwealth Games Australia (“**CGA**”) for selection in the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games Team.
- b. Athletes will be nominated according to the terms of this Nomination Criteria with the CGA selecting Athletes to represent Australia at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, Gold Coast (“**Games**”).
- c. This document sets out the minimum eligibility and qualification criteria that Athletes must meet to be considered by AWF for nomination to CGA and the process by which AWF will nominate Athletes to CGA for selection for the Games.

2. Objective

- a. AWF’s objective is to nominate eligible Athletes who AWF considers have the greatest potential of a podium performance at the Games. The AWF is under no obligation to nominate a full team or any team whatsoever to the CGA.

3. Team Composition

- a. The size of the Team is subject to confirmation to CGA from the Commonwealth Games Federation (“**CGF**”).
- b. The AWF will nominate Athletes based on this Criteria, which, subject to clause 2, will consist of up-to eight (8) male and up-to eight (8) female Athletes.
- c. Athletes nominated are at the absolute discretion of the AWF as set out in this Nomination Criteria.

4. Shadow Squad:

- a. The AWF will choose Athletes from within its sport to be members of the AWF 2018 Shadow Squad (“**Squad**”).
- b. To be identified as a member of the Squad, an Athlete must:
 - i. Have signed and submitted their Expression of Intent for nomination to the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.
 - ii. Be an Australian Citizen;

- iii. Be a financial member of the AWF and registered on the AWF database;
- iv. Have not breached any applicable anti-doping policy or have had a sanction imposed which has not been completed;
- v. Have been a member of ADAMS for a minimum of six (6) months prior to the Commonwealth Games taking place 4-15 April 2018;
- vi. Have competed in at least one (1) IWF sanctioned event (Appendix 1) within the qualification period of 24 October 2016 - 31 October 2017;
Please note Athletes will be able to independently fund their own participation in an international event during this qualification period providing they have approval from the AWF.
- vii. Have attained the AWF All Standard during the period 1 January 2016 to 3rd December 2017;
- viii. Have signed the squad Team Agreement;

5. Nomination Qualifying Events:

- a. Squad performances at any one of the CGA Nomination Qualifying Events ("**Qualifying Events**"), will be used to rank Athletes.
- b. The Qualifying Events are:
 - i. 2017 Australian International / Australian Open to be held on 17-18-19 March 2017 in Melbourne, Victoria;
 - ii. 2017 Australian Championships to be held on 2-3-4 June in Hobart, Tasmania;
 - iii. Pacific Cup to be held on the 5th August in New Caledonia
 - iv. 2017 Oceania & Commonwealth Championships to be held during the period 3 - 10 September in Carrara, Gold Coast, Queensland (Guest performances to be included for CGA Ranking. For Guest performances to be included in CGA ranking an individual MUST have competed in a recognised IWF qualification event prior to the Guest appearance); and
 - v. Final Nomination Trials to be held on 17 December 2017 in Sydney, New South Wales (see point 5e).
- c. Rankings will be updated after the conclusion of each Qualifying Event. The Final Shadow Team Rankings will be announced on the 3rd December 2017
- d. Only results from the Qualifying Events will be considered for CGA Nomination Ranking.
- e. The 2017 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Final Nomination Trials to be held on Sunday 17th December in Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush, Sydney,

NSW will comprise of athletes who have met all the Shadow Team Nomination Criteria and achieved the standards listed below between January 2017 to 3rd December 2017. However, an athlete having fulfilled all Nomination Criteria may opt to enter the Final Trials in any bodyweight category they choose

F48	F53	F58	F63	F69	F75	F90	F+90
129	140	164	188	185	188	190	190
M56	M62	M69	M77	M85	M94	M105	M+105
189	211	241	271	279	295	299	316

- f. Athletes **MUST** compete in the 2017 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Final Nomination Trials to be considered for Nomination (clause 6) unless unable to do so by reason of extenuating circumstances (clause 8).

6. Making of Nominations:

- a. At the conclusion of the 2017 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Final Nomination Trials, the AWF will nominate the highest ranked male and female squad Athlete within each weightlifting bodyweight category that will be contested at the 2018 Gold Coast Games providing they have:
- i. competed in the 2017 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Final Nomination Trials unless unable to do so by reason of extenuating circumstances;
 - ii. met the minimum AWF All Standard for men and women; and
 - iii. satisfied all criteria set out in this Nomination Criteria.
- b. For the avoidance of any doubt, the AWF Nomination Committee will:
- i. Only nominate Athletes who have competed at the 2017 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Final Nomination Trials unless unable to do so by reason of extenuating circumstance;
 - ii. Only nominate Athletes who have satisfied the requirements described in this Nomination Criteria and achieved minimum AWF Standard All for men and for women;
 - iii. Only nominate Athletes who have signed the appropriate forms issued from time to time by the CGA & the AWF;
 - iv. Only nominate Athletes who are Australian citizens;
 - v. Not nominate more Athletes than the number confirmed by the Commonwealth Games Federation ("**CGF**") to CGA (i.e. up-to 8 Men Athletes and up-to 8 Women Athletes);

- vi. Not nominate Athletes who have breached the WADA, ASADA, AWF, IWF, CGA Anti-Doping rules and have had a sanction imposed which has not been completed;
- vii. Only consider results, for the purpose of ranking Athletes within each bodyweight category, in the following five (5) events:
 - a. 2017 Australian International / Australian Open to be held on 17-18-19 March 2017 in Melbourne, Victoria;
 - b. 2017 Australian Championships to be held on 2-3-4 June in Hobart, Tasmania;
 - c. 2017 Pacific Cup to be held on the 5th August in New Caledonia
 - d. 2017 Oceania & Commonwealth Championships to be held during the period 3-10 September in Carrara, Gold Coast, Queensland.
 - e. 2017 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Final Nomination Trials to be held on Sunday 17th December in Sydney, NSW.
- viii. Only nominate the number 1 ranked Athlete within each senior bodyweight category at the conclusion of all five CGA Nomination Qualifying Events.
 - a. In the instance where two (2) or more Athletes are ranked equal 1st, the Athletes total calculated off the two most recent Qualifying performances will be used to rank Athletes.
 - b. In the instance where both Athletes top two totals are equal, then the Athletes total calculated off three most recent Qualifying Event performances will be used to rank Athletes.
 - c. In the instance where both Athletes top three totals are equal, then the Athletes total calculated off the four most recent Qualifying Event performances will be used to rank Athletes.
 - d. In the instance an athlete is ranked 1st in 2 bodyweight categories the AWF selectors will nominate the athlete for the category in which the athlete ranks the highest in the Commonwealth Ranking.
 - e. In the instance an athlete is ranked 1st in 2 bodyweight categories, the 2nd Ranked athlete will be nominated for the category not allocated to the 1st Ranked athlete.
 - f. In the instant where a 2nd ranked athlete has produced a higher total than the 1st Ranked athlete in the next heavier bodyweight category, the selectors can nominate the 2nd Ranked athlete for the heavier bodyweight category.
- c. For the avoidance of doubt, an Athlete is not considered to be a member of

the Team until they have been selected by CGA.

- d. Athletes to be nominated to the CGA will be announced by Wednesday 20 December 2017.
- e. Athletes who are selected by CGA to be a member of the 2018 Commonwealth Games Team will be notified via written or verbal communication by a member of CGA or the AWF of their selection once all appeals for nomination have been exhausted (see clause 10).

7. Reserve Athletes:

- a. A maximum of two (2) reserves will be selected for the male and female teams
- b. The AWF will nominate two (2) reserve Athletes for each gender from the Shadow Squad that would have finished highest in their respective bodyweight categories according to the Commonwealth Weightlifting Federation ranking as of 20th Dec 2017.

8. Illness/Injury/Misadventure/Extenuating Circumstances.

- a. In considering the performances of Athletes at events, trials or other attendances required under this Nomination Criteria, the AWF may in their discretion give weight to extenuating circumstances.
- b. For the purposes of clause 8, “extenuating circumstances” means an inability to compete at the 2017 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Final Nomination Trials arising from:
 - i. Injury or illness
 - ii. Equipment failure
 - iii. Travel delays
 - iv. Bereavement; and/or
 - v. Any other factors reasonably considered by the AWF to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- c. Athletes unable to compete at the 2017 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Final Nomination Trials required under this Nomination Criteria must advise the AWF Chief Executive Officer in writing via email mkeelan@awf.com.au of this fact and the reasons BEFORE the commencement of the 2017 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Final Nomination Trials as required under this Nomination Criteria.
- d. In the case of illness or injury, Athletes will be required to undergo a medical examination by an independent physician or physicians nominated by the AWF.

- e. A decision in each case of extenuating circumstances will be made by the AWF on an individual basis. Any such decision will not be binding on CGA.

9. Amendments to Nomination Criteria

- a. The AWF with the approval of the CGA may amend this Nomination Criteria.
- b. Amended criteria will be distributed by the AWF by email and/or mail to Shadow Team members and posted on the AWF Website (www.awf.com.au).

10. Appeals Process

- a. Appeals will be conducted in accordance with, and governed by, the procedures provided in the AWF Appeal Process. Any decision made in accordance with that process will be final and binding on the parties and neither party will be entitled to institute or maintain proceedings in any other court or tribunal.
- b. The sole grounds of any appeal are that:
 - i. this Nomination Criteria has not been properly followed and/or implemented;
 - ii. the appellant was not afforded a reasonable opportunity by AWF 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 'Appeals Process'; a copy of which can be downloaded from the AWF website <https://www.awf.com.au>

11. Interpretation

- a. Words used in this Nomination Criteria have the same meaning ascribed to them in the CGA's Selection By-Law unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.
- b. In this Nomination Criteria, the following words and phrases have the following meaning:
 - i. IWF: mean the International Weightlifting Federation
 - ii. CGA: mean Commonwealth Games Australia
 - iii. CGF: means Commonwealth Games Federation
 - iv. AWF: mean the Australian Weightlifting Federation Limited

- v. WADA: mean the World Anti-Doping Authority
- vi. ASADA: mean the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority
- vii. Qualifying Event: means the five (5) events detailed in clause 5b that will be used to rank the performances of each Athlete within each bodyweight category that will be contested at the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.
- viii. AWF All Standard; minimum entry standard for Squad

F48	F53	F58	F63	F69	F75	F90	F+90
127	137	148	155	166	173	181	189
M56	M62	M69	M77	M85	M94	M105	M+105
188	205	224	236	248	256	262	293

- ix. AWF Nomination Committee: means the committee appointed by the AWF to be responsible for nomination matters.

12. Appendix 1

- a. IWF Competitions held during the period 24th October 2016 - 31st October 2017.
 - i. 2016 Oceania/ Commonwealth Championships
 - ii. 2016 Pacific Championships.
 - iii. 2016 FISU.
 - iv. 2017 Australian International*.
 - v. 2017 World Junior Championships.
 - vi. 2017 FISU.
 - vii. 2017 Commonwealth Championships*.
 - viii. 2017 Oceania Championships* (Guest Performances Included for CGA Nomination Ranking).
 - ix. 5th Asian Indoor Championships.
 - x. 2017 SEA Games
 - xi. 2017 Pacific Cup

*Signifies CGA Nomination Qualifying Event