



COMMONWEALTH GAMES AUSTRALIA

ATHLETE ADVISORY GROUP CHARTER

1. INTRODUCTION

Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA) is a member-based organisation whose primary role is to plan, manage and lead the participation of Program Sports and their respective athletes and officials in the Commonwealth Games and Commonwealth Youth Games.

CGA also recognises its past team members, otherwise known as CGA Alumni, continue to be an important part of the Commonwealth Games movement.

2. PURPOSE

Athletes are at the centre of CGA's core business – the Australian Commonwealth Games Team.

The CGA Athlete Advisory Group (AAG) comprises of current and recently retired athletes. Its main purpose is to provide input and feedback to assist Games planning, Alumni engagement and CGA's role in supporting athletes generally.

3. AUTHORITY

Athlete interaction and feedback is a top priority for CGA. The AAG will be invited to make recommendations to CGA on any policy or aspect of GGA's Games time operation within the context of a high-performance sporting environment and Alumni development and engagement.

The overriding decision to accept any AAG's recommendations will, however, rest with CGA.

4. MEMBERSHIP

A. Composition

The AAG shall consist of up to ten (10) athletes nominated by Commonwealth Games sports and up to two (2) athletes appointed by the Board who are either currently competing or who have recently transitioned out of sport and who have competed in at least one of the two most recent Commonwealth Games.

The AAG will be representative of an Australian Commonwealth Games Team athlete membership and will therefore contain a balance of male and female members who are from:

- i. individual sports;
- ii. team sports; and
- iii. para-sports disciplines;

It is highly desirable to include an athlete or athletes with indigenous heritage. Membership of the AAG will be remunerated by CGA and reasonable expenses will be paid where necessary. Remuneration will be outlined in the letter of offer to potential AAG members.

It is recognised that members will have other commitments (e.g., work, training, competing) so the size of membership of the AAG is such that should there be several absentees, the numbers attending any meeting will be sufficient to be a representative voice.

Any Australian represented on the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) Athlete Advisory Commission will be invited to join the AAG in an ex officio capacity.

B. Nomination Process

Following each Commonwealth Games, CGA will seek nominations from Program Sports.

Program Sports are to canvas expressions of interest from within their sport. Athletes are asked to express their interest to their sport.

The preferred Program Sport nominee is to complete the nomination form including sport endorsement. Once completed, the form is sent to CGA by the Program Sport.

Only one nomination per Program Sport will be accepted.

CGA may include the nomination of additional nominations at its discretion.

Appointment to the AAG is solely at the discretion of CGA.

C. Skill Criteria for Applicants

Successful applicants will require the following attributes:

- i. Well respected within their sport;
- ii. Interest in giving input and feedback into Games planning and alumni engagement;
- iii. Knowledge and passion for the Commonwealth Games and interest in its future growth;
- iv. Enthusiasm in supporting CGA athletes from all sports; and
- v. Excellent communication skills.

Members are also expected to commit to:

- i. Equality and inclusion in sport;
- ii. Fairness and transparency in governance; and
- iii. "Clean Sport" as it relates to anti-doping, irregular betting and match fixing and classification manipulation (para-sport).

D. Tenure

All members shall be appointed no later than three years prior to the forthcoming Commonwealth Games and remain on the AAG for three months after the Games so as to allow them to participate in any post Games review process.

E. Chair

Co-Chairs will be appointed by CGA to ensure continuity of leadership and cater for any absence of either Chair. One of the Chairs should present to the Board to provide an update on the Advisory Groups activities at least once a year.

5. MEETINGS

The AAG will meet up to twice a year with these meetings either in person, "video conferencing" or a combination of the two.

CGA may, from time to time, refer matters to the AAG for its input and feedback "out of session".

Members of the AAG are expected to keep any matters confidential as required by CGA.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of the AAG are to:

- i. Create opportunities for athletes to engage and provide input in key decisions on matters and requirements across all areas on Games planning and delivery;
- ii. Provide current and recently retired CGA athletes the opportunity to contribute to the continuous development, evolution and growth of the Commonwealth Games movement;
- iii. Where appropriate, act as role models for current and future Commonwealth Games athletes;
- iv. Assist CGA in developing initiatives to connect with the Commonwealth Games Alumni;
- v. Advise CGA on athlete welfare and support generally; and
- vi. Provide advice and make recommendations to CGA on matters referred to above and such other matters as may be required or necessary from time to time.

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