

2026 GLASGOW COMMONWEALTH GAMES

GYMNASTICS AUSTRALIA NOMINATION POLICY FOR ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS

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1. Application of this Nomination Policy

- 1.1 This Nomination Policy is issued by the Board of the NSO.
- 1.2 This Nomination Policy shall take effect from 1 July 2025 and conclude on 17 May 2026.
- 1.3 This Nomination Policy applies to:
 - (a) all Athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to the Games Team to compete in the Gymnastics competition for Men's Artistic Gymnastics (MAG), Women's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG); and
 - (b) the NSO, including its Selectors, that wish to nominate Athletes to CGA to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

2. Performance Aim for the Games

- 2.1 The Games represent the pinnacle of athletics achievement within Commonwealth nations.
- 2.2 The NSO will nominate Athletes that will assist CGA achieve its aspiration for Australia *"to be the No. 1 nation in both gold and overall medals at the 2026 Commonwealth Games"*.
- 2.3 The NSO's performance aims for the Games within the NSO's high performance strategy are:
 - (a) MAG Team Event (1x Medal), Individual All-Around (1x Medal), then Individual Apparatus (2x Medals); and
 - (b) WAG Team Event (1x Medal), Individual All-Around and Individual Apparatus (6x Medals Combined).

3. Selectors

- 3.1 The Selectors have been appointed by the Board.
- 3.2 The Selectors will consider and determine the nomination of Athletes to

CGA to be considered for selection by CGA for the Games Team and comprise:



MEN'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS

- (a) STEVE FOLEY OLY – Selector & Chair of Selectors;
- (b) ANDREW CORDERY – Selector; and
- (c) ALEXANDER HUNT – Selector; and
- (d) ROHAN KENNEDY – Selector.

WOMEN'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS

- (a) STEPHEN FOLEY OLY – Selector & Chair of Selectors;
- (b) KYM DOWDELL – Selector; and
- (c) HEIDI ROSE – Selector; and
- (d) ALLANA SLATER OLY – Selector.

4. Nomination Procedure

4.1 Eligibility for Nomination

An Athlete will not be eligible for nomination by the Selectors unless the Athlete has first satisfied (to the reasonable satisfaction of the Selectors) each of the following conditions:

- (a) the Athlete is an Australian citizen;
- (b) the Athlete is a member of the NSO or eligible to represent the NSO;
- (c) the Athlete has duly completed, signed and returned the Team Membership Agreement - Athlete to CGA prior to the Nomination Date;
- (d) the Athlete has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the NSO that they are not suffering from any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing in the Games to the highest possible standard;
- (e) the Athlete has not by their actions or omissions brought themselves, the Sport, the NSO or the CGA into public disrepute, censure or scandal;
- (f) the Athlete has disclosed any current / ongoing investigations regarding potential breaches of any other national sporting organisation's policies as well as any substantiated / determined breaches of any other national sporting organisation's policies to both CGA and the NSO;
- (g) the matters disclosed by the Athlete pursuant to clause 4.1(f) are not of a nature or severity that could bring the Athlete, the NSO or the CGA into disrepute, scandal or censure or put others at risk if the Athlete were to be selected to the Games Team;
- (h) the Athlete has not breached the CGA Anti-Doping By-Law as amended by CGA from time to time (unless the Athlete has already been sanctioned for the breach and completed the sanction imposed); and
- (i) the Athlete has not, to the NSO's knowledge, used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the Athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in the NSO's, the or the CGA's Anti-Doping By-law.

4.2 **Nomination Procedure for Open Athlete Allocation Sports**

- (a) The CGF has set athlete quota restrictions for the Games and has advised CGA that the total number of "open athlete allocation" slots for Australia is 158.
- (b) CGA has allocated to the NSO a total of ten (10) quota spots, comprising of five (5) MAG and five (5) WAG.
- (c) The number of Athletes that may be nominated by the NSO for an Athlete Allocation Sport must not exceed the number of Athletes that are permitted to be nominated under the Athlete Allocation System and as specified in clause 4.2(b) above.

5. **Nomination Criteria**

5.1 **Categories of Nomination Criteria**

- (a) The criteria for nomination of Athletes by the NSO to CGA for selection to the Games Team comprise:
 - (i) the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria (as specified in clause 5.2);
 - (ii) the Specific Nomination Factors (as specified in clause 5.3) and
 - (iii) the Generic Nomination Factors (as specified in clause 5.4).
- (b) Provided the requirements set out in clauses 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 are satisfied, the Selectors shall nominate to CGA, prior to the Nomination Date, those Athletes that the Selectors consider have met the applicable Nomination Criteria.

5.2 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria**

- (a) In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete for a Sport Event, the Selectors must be satisfied overall that:
 - (i) the Athlete has a track record of quality and depth in competition performance;
 - (ii) the NSO is confident that the Athlete will be competitive at the Games; and
 - (iii) the NSO is confident that the Athlete will perform creditably in that Sport Event.
(the **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria**).
- (b) In determining whether or not the Athlete has met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for the relevant Sport Event(s), the Selectors must take into consideration the Athlete's performances and results in the Sport Event (Junior or Senior) at which they seek to be nominated and selected for the Games Team in the following Key Events during the period commencing on 1 July 2025 and ending on 17 May 2026:

The 2025 Australian National Championships will be used as a selection consideration. The policy approval process prevented publishing prior to this event.

Men's Artistic Gymnastics (MAG)

- (i) 2025 Australian Gymnastics Championships: 3rd to 6th July 2025;
- (ii) 2025 National Clubs Carnival: 20th to 24th September 2025;
- (iii) 2025 World Challenge Cups: Paris (13th to 14th September 2025) and Szombathely (26th to 28th September 2025);
- (iv) 2025 World Championships: 19th to 25th October 2025;
- (v) 2025 Junior World Championships TBC
- (vi) 2025 VSA #2: 21st to 27th November 2025;
- (vii) 2026 World Cups: February to April 2026;

- (viii) 2026 EnBW DTB Pokal Challenge: 19th to 22nd March 2026 and;
- (ix) 2026 VSA #1: 13th to 22nd March 2026
- (x) Commonwealth Games Domestic Competition and Camp: 30th April to 3rd May 2026, National Training Centre, AIS, Canberra *
- (xi) 2026 Continental Championships: 8th to 13th May 2026

* See Schedule One (1)

Women's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG)

- (i) 2025 Australian Gymnastics Championships: 3rd to 6th July 2025;
- (ii) 2025 National Clubs Carnival: 27th to 30th September 2025;
- (iii) 2025 World Challenge Cups: Paris (13th to 14th September 2025) and Szombathely (26th to 28th September 2025);
- (iv) 2025 VSA #2: 1st to 14th September 2025;
- (v) 2025 World Championships: 19th to 25th October 2025;
- (vi) 2026 World Cups: February to April 2026;
- (vii) 2026 EnBW DTB Pokal Challenge: 19th to 22nd March 2026;
- (viii) 2026 VSA #1: 19th to 22nd March 2026;
- (ix) Commonwealth Games Domestic Competition and Camp: 30th April to 3rd May 2026, National Training Centre, AIS, Canberra *; and
- (x) 2026 Continental Championships 8th to 13th May;

* See Schedule One (1)

5.3 Specific Nomination Factors

MAG

In making its determination under clause 5.2, GA may consider, any, all, or none of the following specific factors in its absolute discretion:

- (a) the team composition at the Games for the Sport and the likelihood of the Athlete making the best contribution to the team's total score and secondly, producing individual final or medal performances in the individual all-around, or apparatus competition at the Games;
- (b) a performance assessment of the Athlete's domestic and international competition results at the Key Events during the Performance Period, including the Athlete's final All-Around scores, finishing place, final individual apparatus scores, and the gap between the Athlete's aforementioned results and previous benchmark event finals and podium scores of Commonwealth member country athletes; and
- (c) Nomination to the team will be prioritised by the following factors, in order of the listing below:
 - (i) The two (2) athletes with the highest average All-Around score, with a minimum average score of 80.00, taken from an athlete's top two (2) rounds of competition at key events within the performance period, and no apparatus average within those two rounds less than 12.0.
 - (ii) The athlete's contribution towards maximising the final team score with consideration of ensuring 4 competing athletes on each apparatus and an

athletes' capability of achieving individual apparatus medal outcomes.
(the **Specific Nomination Factors**).

WAG

In making its determination under clause 5.2, GA may consider, any, all, or none of the following specific factors in its absolute discretion:

- (a) the team composition at the Games for the Sport and the likelihood of the Athlete making the best contribution to the team's total score and secondly, producing individual final or medal performances in the individual all-around, or apparatus competition at the Games;
- (b) a performance assessment of the Athlete's domestic and international competition results at the Key Events during the Performance Period, including the Athlete's final All-Around scores, finishing place, final individual apparatus scores, and the gap between the Athlete's aforementioned results and previous benchmark event finals and podium scores of Commonwealth member country athletes; and
- (c) Nomination to the team will be prioritised by the following factors, in order of the listing below:
 - (i) The two (2) athletes with the highest average All-Around score, with a minimum average score of 53.00, taken from an athlete's top two (2) rounds of competition at key events within the performance period.
 - (ii) The athlete's contribution towards maximising the final team score.
 - (iii) Athletes' capability of achieving individual apparatus medal outcomes as evidenced by obtaining a minimum average score equal to or above those in the table below, taken from an athlete's top two (2) rounds of competition at key events within the performance period.

Vault (VT)	Uneven Bars (UB)	Balance Beam (BB)	Floor Exercise (FX)
13.80	13.70	13.50	13.50

(the **Specific Nomination Factors**).

5.4 Generic Nomination Factors

- (a) In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete for a Sport Event, the Selectors may also take into account any one or more of the following additional factors regarding an Athlete:
 - (i) an Athlete's injury and illness status as determined by the Athlete undergoing a medical assessment with the GA Chief Medical Officer (or delegated representative) as directed by GA.
 - (ii) demonstrated adequate fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es);
 - (iii) demonstrated good behaviour including a commitment to training and attendance at training camps;
 - (iv) demonstrated compatibility with others in a team

environment;

- (v) demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions;
- (vi) understanding and respect for the obligations that accompany being a member of an Australian team when competing at the Games including respect for team members and support staff;
- (vii) willingness to promote the Sport and Sport Events in a positive manner;
- (viii) demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for themselves and their results;
- (ix) demonstrated reliability; and
- (x) any other factor(s) the Selectors consider relevant,

(the **Generic Nomination Factors**).

- (b) In considering any one or more of the factors set out in clause 5.4(a), the Selectors may make such enquiries of the Athlete or other persons as they see fit.
- (c) The Selectors may give weight to any one or more of the Generic Nomination Factors. No particular factor shall be weighted more or less significantly due to the order in which that factor appears in clause 5.4(a).

5.5 **Extenuating Circumstances**

In any decision regarding the nomination of Athletes to CGA for selection to the Games Team, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, take into account any extenuating circumstances in accordance with clause 2.

5.6 **Nomination Procedure**

After consideration of the Nomination Criteria, the Selectors must follow the procedure set out in the CGA Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law.

6. **Extenuating Circumstances**

6.1 **Consideration of Extenuating Circumstances**

In considering the nomination of an Athlete to CGA for selection to the Games Team, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, have regard to extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) injury or illness;
- (b) travel delays;
- (c) equipment failure;
- (d) bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member, which means a spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling; or
- (e) any other factor that is reasonably considered by the Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.

6.2 **Athlete to advise the Selectors of applicable extenuating circumstances**

- (a) Athletes that are unable to compete at events, trials or other attendances required in this Nomination Policy, must provide written notice to the Chair of the Selectors (as identified in clause 3.2) of the applicable extenuating circumstances and reasons with as much advance notice as possible and ideally no less than

seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the relevant event, trial or other attendance.

- (b) If the Chair of Selectors is notified of extenuating circumstances in accordance with this clause 2, then the Selectors may have regard to those extenuating circumstances (on a case-by-case basis) but will have no obligation to base their nomination decision on the basis of such circumstances.

6.3 **Medical Certificate**

- (a) In the case of injury or illness, an Athlete will be required by the Selectors to:
 - (i) provide a medical certificate; and/or
 - (ii) undergo an examination by one or more health practitioners nominated by the Selectors; and/or
 - (iii) provide the relevant health practitioners' opinion and/or report to the Selectors.
- (b) Any failure to comply with clause 6.3(a) may preclude the Selectors from considering the injury or illness to be an extenuating circumstance.

7. **Nomination Appeals Procedure**

7.1 **Nomination Appeals**

Subject to the CGA Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law, an Athlete may appeal to the NST against their non-nomination by the Selectors provided always that the Athlete has submitted a duly completed and executed Team Membership Agreement – Athlete to the CGA prior to the Nomination Date.

7.2 **Procedures for Nomination Appeals**

Any appeal against non-nomination under clause 3.1 must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in Schedule 1 of the CGA Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law.

8. **Inconsistencies**

For the avoidance of doubt, if the NSO's Nomination Criteria:

- (a) imposes a higher qualification standard; or
- (b) permits a lesser number of participants;

than stated by the Athlete Allocation System, this shall not be regarded as an inconsistency.

9. **Amendments to this Nomination Policy**

9.1 This Nomination Policy may be amended from time to time by the Board, before the Nomination Date, provided that CGA has first approved the proposed amendment(s). For the purpose of version control, any amended version of the Nomination Policy must state the version number and date of the amendment.

9.2 Once any amendments to the Nomination Policy are approved by CGA, the NSO must:

- (a) publish the amended Nomination Policy on the NSO's website and social media channels;
- (b) communicate the amended Nomination Policy to all potentially eligible Athletes for the Games, coaches and other stakeholders; and
- (c) ensuring the amended Nomination Policy is known and

adhered to.

10. Definitions

10.1 The following definitions apply in this document unless the context requires otherwise:

Athlete means a person who competes or participates in a Sport under the authority of the NSO and wishes to be considered for nomination to the Games Team.

Athlete Allocation System has the meaning set out in clause 4.2.

Board means the Board of the NSO.

CGA means the Commonwealth Games Australia Limited.

CGF means the Commonwealth Games Federation.

Games means the 2026 Commonwealth Games to be held in Glasgow from 23 July 2026 to 2 August 2026.

Games Team means the team of athletes and officials who are selected by CGA in accordance with the CGA Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law to represent Australia and participate in the Games.

Key Events mean any international, continental or national competition listed in clause 5.2(b) which is a major or pinnacle event for the Sport or is at least the equivalent of a "world cup" or "world championship" and have an equivalent field to that which is likely to occur at the Games.

MAG means Men's Artistic Gymnastics.

Nominated Athlete means an Athlete who has been nominated by the NSO for selection to the Games Team in compliance with this Nomination Policy to the CGA by Sport.

Nomination Criteria means the criteria specified in clause 5 comprising the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria and the Specific Nomination Factors.

Nomination Date means on or before [15 May 2026] (and includes any alternative date as agreed between CGA and Sport), by which Sport must submit any Nominated Athletes to the CGA.

Nomination Policy means this nomination document as amended by the NSO from time to time (subject always to CGA's prior written approval).

NSO means Gymnastics Australia

NST means the Australian Government entity known as the National Sports Tribunal established by the *National Sports Tribunal Act 2019* (Cth).

Open Athlete Allocation Sports means each of Athletics, Bowls, Boxing, Cycling – Track, Gymnastics - Artistic, Judo and Swimming.

Over-Riding Nomination Criteria has the meaning set out in clause 5.2(a).

Qualification System means the eligibility, participation and qualification criteria determined by CGF and applied by the NSO to nominate Athletes for each Qualification System Sport.

Qualification System Sports means each of Basketball 3X3, Netball, Para Athletics, Para Bowls, Para Cycling - Track, Para Powerlifting, Para Swimming, Weightlifting and Wheelchair Basketball 3X3.

Selectors means the selectors appointed by the NSO as specified in clause 2.3(b).

Specific Nomination Factors has the meaning set out in clause 5.3.

Sport means Gymnastics – Artistic.

Sport Event means the following events on the program at the Games:

Team Membership Agreement - Athlete means the agreement in the form specified by CGA which governs the Athlete's participation in the Games that must be completed and duly executed by any Athlete wishing to be considered for nomination and selection to the Games Team in accordance with the CGA Nomination and Selection By-Law.

WAG means Women's Artistic Gymnastics.

Men's Events	Women's Events
Team All-Around	Team All-Around
Individual All-Around	Individual All-Around
Floor (FX)	Vault (VT)
Pommel Horse (PH)	Uneven Bars (UB)
Still Rings (SR)	Balance Beam (BB)
Vault (VT)	Floor Exercise (FX)
Parallel Bars (PB)	
Horizontal Bars (HB)	

SCHEDULE ONE (1)

Commonwealth Games Domestic Competition and Camp: 30th April to 3rd May

Minimum Eligibility Criteria - WAG

Athletes must meet at least **one** of the following to receive an invitation to camp:

- **Emerging** categorisation or higher; or
- **AGC qualification scores** achieved at a **National or International event during 2025**, defined as:
 - AA \geq 47.00, **or**
 - Any **two** of VT \geq 13.00, UB/BB/FX \geq 12.00 (same competition)

Minimum Eligibility Criteria - MAG

Athletes must meet at least **one** of the following to receive an invitation to camp:

- **Podium Potential** categorisation or higher; or
- 2025 World Championships Representatives (Junior or Senior); or
- **Scores** achieved at a **National or International event**, defined as:
 - Single Round AA Score \geq 74.00, or
 - Combined Score on 4 Apparatus \geq 51.2*; or
 - Combined Score on 3 Apparatus \geq 39.9*; or
 - Combined Score on 2 Apparatus \geq 27.6*

*Combined Score on different apparatus within the last 12 months

It is the expectation that athletes attending will compete full competition routines. Equipment and matting requirements will be as follows:

MAG - As outlined in the 2026 VSA information for matting

WAG - As outlined in the Gymsport Technical Regulations for 'all events other than Australian Gymnastics Championships'