

NOMINATION CRITERIA

FOR ATHLETES TO REPRESENT AUSTRALIA IN THE 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES – FULL BORE

1. BACKGROUND

- a. The 2018 Commonwealth Games (“2018CG”) are to be held on the Gold Coast, Queensland from 4-15 April 2018.
- b. This nomination criteria (“Nomination Criteria”) sets out the process determined by Shooting Australia (“SA”) and the National Rifle Association of Australia (“NRAA”) by which athletes will be considered for nomination to represent Australia at the 2018CG.

2. OBJECTIVE

The principle objectives of SA and NRAA in considering athletes for nomination to the 2018CG team are to:

- a. nominate only those athletes that SA/NRAA considers in their sole and absolute discretion will have the best possible chance of a podium result at the 2018CG; and
- b. deliver on Australia’s Winning Edge (“AWE”) outcomes.

3. EVENTS

The following events are on the program for 2018CG:

- a. Full Bore – team (2 athletes); and
- b. Full Bore – individual (2 athletes).

4. TEAM SIZE

- a. Subject to clause 4(b) a maximum of 2 athletes may be considered for nomination to compete at the 2018CG.
- b. The final number of athletes that may be nominated will be dependent upon the confirmation of numbers of shooting athletes from the Australian Commonwealth Games Association (“ACGA”) as advised by the Commonwealth Games Federation (“CGF”)

5. NOMINATION PROCESS

- a. The 2018CG selection process will consist of three Australia Cup (“AC”) trials to be shot on the Duncan Rifle Range at Belmont in Brisbane. These trials are:

- (i) First Australia Cup (“**AC1**”): open for the top 30 competitors as per the ‘Competitor Eligibility’ criteria (see clause 6);
 - (ii) Second Australia Cup (“**AC2**”): open only for the 30 selected to compete in AC1; and
 - (iii) Third Australia Cup (**AC3**): Only for the top 10 selected AC2 competitors as per clause 7(a)(iii).
- b. In the event of a wash out of any AC, the NRAA may reschedule to an alternative weekend.
- c. In all cases of a scheduled AC, there shall be a practice day, which is optional for all AC competitors, at which all range distances can be shot.

6. COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

- A. Competitors must apply in advance to the NRAA to shoot in the first AC1 on the entry form in Appendix 1.
- B. AC1 is limited to a maximum of 30 places.
- C. In circumstances where the number of applications (see clause 6b) exceeds the number of places available for AC1, the criteria below will be applied by the NRAA to determine the makeup of the field for AC1 using the following order:
- (i) Represented Australia in a Commonwealth Games (Fullbore TR) in a period of seven (7) years prior to the AC1;
 - (ii) Represented Australia in a CSF (Fullbore TR) team in the period of five (5) years prior to the AC1 (includes third shooter in team if applicable);
 - (iii) Represented Australia in an Oceania (Fullbore TR) team in the period of five (5) years prior to the AC1;
 - (iv) Placed in the top ten (10) of any of the previous three Australia Cups prior to AC1;
 - (v) Placed in the top fifty (50) of the World Individual Long Range Championships (Fullbore TR) at the last World Individual Long Range Championships ;
 - (vi) Won a State Champion of Champions event in the period of one year prior to AC1;
 - (vii) In any State/Territory or other Country, won a Queens Prize or Grand or equivalent (Fullbore TR – ‘A’ Grade) in the period of three years prior to AC1;

- (viii) Represented Australia in an Under 25 or Under 21 Team in the period of three years prior to the AC1 – limited to a maximum of four if each of these competitors does not satisfy any other higher eligibility criteria;
- (ix) By order of ranking on the most current NRAA National A-Grade Target Rifle Rankings as shown on the NRAA web-site prior to AC1; and
- (x) Currently graded 'A' grade and competed in a State/Territory championships in previous 18 months prior to AC1.

7. NOMINATION PROCESS

- A. Nomination for the 2018CG events will be based on the finishing order determined by aggregate off-rifle scores achieved on the scheduled AC event program. The finishing order will be compiled from the following:
- (i) AC1 will be Open to a maximum of 30 competitors meeting the criteria in clause 6(c) above.
 - (ii) The same 30 competitors are eligible to also compete in AC2. If any competitors from AC1 do not wish to compete in AC2, then AC2 will proceed with the reduced number of competitors.
 - (iii) The top 10 competitors based on the aggregate off-rifle scores of both AC1 and AC2 will automatically qualify for the final AC event (AC3). Where two or more competitors are still tied for tenth place, then a shoot-off shall be conducted.
 - (iv) Scores from AC1 and AC2 do NOT carry through to the final event, i.e. the top ten shooters start from scratch in AC3.
- B. The AC1 and AC2 events will be classed as matches in themselves. As per NRAA Standard Shooting Rules (SSRs), centre bulls shall be used to count out the order of finishing. Where two or more competitors are tied for first place in each of AC1 and AC2, then a shoot-off shall be conducted.
- C. Only the off-rifle scores from AC3 will form the final aggregate scores to determine the top five (5) athletes from this competition that will be forwarded to the Selection Panel who will consider those athletes that may be nominated. As per SSRs, centre bulls shall be used to count out the order of finishing. Where two or more competitors are still tied for fifth place, then a shoot-off shall be conducted under SSRs.

D. The order of the final top five (5) placings from AC3 may not have any bearing on final nomination of athletes. The Selection Panel will at its absolute and sole discretion choose those athletes that the Panel considers will have the best possible chance of a podium finish at 2018CG. The Panel may consider any relevant factor including but not limited to:

- (i) Performances at the three AC Trials
- (ii) Relevant International & Domestic Performances
- (iii) The compatibility and combination of athletes

The Panel need not consider any of these factors and need not apply weight to any factor over another.

8. SELECTION PANEL

The Selection Panel will be made up of a representative from the NRAA, the SA General Manager, High Performance and an Independent Chair (to be appointed).

9. AMENDMENTS TO NOMINATION CRITERIA

SA may amend this Nomination Criteria from time to time with agreement from NRAA. If amended, the amended Nomination Criteria will be posted on the NRAA and SA websites (www.nraa.com.au & www.shootingaustralia.org).

10. APPEALS PROCESS

- a. An athlete who reasonably considers in all circumstances that his/her non-nomination to compete at 2018CG has occurred because the Selection Panel has failed to follow this Nomination Criteria is able to appeal his/her non-nomination.
- b. The sole ground for any appeal is that this Nomination Criteria was not properly followed and/or implemented by the Selection Panel. For the avoidance of doubt, the basis of the appeal can only address procedural matters under this Nomination Criteria, not matters of merit.
- c. The Appeal procedure is detailed in the document entitled Appeals Process; a copy of which may be downloaded from the website www.shootingaustralia.org or by request from the SA office.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT

The team will be announced via www.shootingaustralia.org once dates have been confirmed.

A. Australia Cup Course of Fire

The course of fire and distances will be confirmed by the NRAA on each occasion as they may be subject to Belmont range programme and weather conditions.

a) Practice Day

- i. Morning: 2 per target, sharing one hour at each of 300, 500, and 600 yards
- ii. Afternoon: 2 per target, sharing one hour at each of 900 and 1000 yards

b) Day 1

- i. Morning: Bisley Style – 1 x 10 shot matches at each of 300, 500, and 600 yards
- ii. Afternoon: Bisley Style – 1 x 15 shot matches at each of 900 and 1000 yards

c) Day 2

- i. Morning: Bisley Style – 3 x 15 shot matches at 1000 yards
- ii. Afternoon: Bisley Style – 2 x 15 shot matches at 1000 yards

B. AC Match Conditions

- i) There will be two sighters in each match, which are convertible.
- ii) Each AC event must be shot Bisley style, preferably two to a target.
- iii) SSR's will apply (refer to clause 4.1.5 of SSR's for 'Bisley Style' Shooting rules).
- iv) ICFRA target dimensions will be used.
- v) Manual targets are to be used for the CG events.
- vi) Substitute shooters, to make up even numbers, are permitted but must be "A" grade and deemed to be of a suitable standard. The NRAA will select any substitute shooters to participate in an AC, but they are not eligible for any AC trophy or selection to any relevant teams. Substitute shooters and scores will not be publicised.
 - (1) Competitors are to supply their own ammunition. Random ammunition checking will be conducted on ALL competitors at each trial.
- vii) A nominal entry fee will be charged to offset range costs. This must be paid to the NRAA with the nomination form. In the event that there are more nominations than places available, the unsuccessful nominees will have their money refunded.

C. Australia Cup Course Details

a) Practice Day Format

Two to a Target	Practice Day	Shots	Three to a target
08:30 am	Assemble/Briefing/Draw		08:30 am
09:00 am	300 yards	2 optional + 10	09:00 am
10:00 am	500 yards	2 optional + 10	10:15 am
11:00 am	600 yards	2 optional + 10	11:30 am
	Break		
01:00 pm	900 yards	2 optional + 15	01:00 pm
02:15 pm	1000 yards	2 optional + 15	2:45 pm

b) AC Format

Two to a Target	Day 1	Shots	Three to a target
08:30 am	Assemble/Briefing/Draw		08:30 am
09:00 am	300 yards	2 optional + 10	09:00 am
10:00 am	500 yards	2 optional + 10	10:15 am
11:00 am	600 yards	2 optional + 10	11:30 am
	Break		
01:00 pm	900 yards	2 optional + 15	01:00 pm
02:15 pm	1000 yards	2 optional + 15	2:45 pm

Two to a Target	Day 2	Shots	Three to a target
08:30 am	Assemble/Briefing/Draw		08:30 am
09:00 am	1000 yards	2 optional + 15	09:00 am
10:15 am	1000 yards	2 optional + 15	10:45 am
11:30 am	1000 yards	2 optional + 15	12:30 pm
	Break		
01:00 pm	1000 yards	2 optional + 15	2:00 pm
02:15 pm	1000 yards	2 optional + 15	3:30 pm
4:00 pm	Presentation of Medals		5:00pm

The format may be modified by the NRAA to suit local circumstances, e.g. earlier starting time or two to a target at the short ranges and three to a target at the long ranges. In the event of weather, preference shall be given to completing the long ranges. If ranges are lost due to weather, then each AC and therefore the final aggregate will simply be decided based on a reduced number of ranges. If one of the AC1 or AC2 scheduled weekends is a complete wash out, then the AC may be conducted on a nominated reserve weekend or the NRAA may decide that the top 10 will be selected from only one of AC1 or AC2. AC3 shall be rescheduled if the original scheduled weekend is washed out.

7. Awards

- a) Shooting Australia Gold, Silver, Bronze medals will be awarded to Individual Australia Cup aggregate winners in each of AC1, AC2 and AC3.

8. Competitor Placing List

- a) The current competitor placing list will be maintained at the NRAA Office and will be published in each Australian Target Rifle magazine and on the NRAA web-site shortly after each AC.

This competition is deemed essential as qualifying events for aspiring Australian competitors for international events. Australia Cups (AC) will be used for selection into the 2018 Commonwealth Games (CG)

ACs will be conducted as scheduled by the NRAA to provide an appropriate selection path for the CG 2018.

DEFINITIONS

- (A) NRAA means The National Rifle Association Of Australia
- (B) SSR means the Standard Shooting Rules as amended from time to time
- (C) Shoot-off means as defined in the SSR's

Appendix 1

2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES – FULL BORE

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

This form must be returned by **12th September 2016** to:

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Surname

First name

Home Address

Email

Tel (AH)

Mobile

Date of Birth

Signature

Date
