

NOMINATION CRITERIA

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The objective of the Nomination Criteria is to nominate to Commonwealth Games Australia ("CGA") those athletes who will achieve the best possible medal results at the 2022 Commonwealth Games ("Games") and/or in future Games in Able-Bodied events.
- 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.
- 1.3 This Nomination Criteria is to be read in conjunction with the 2022 Commonwealth Games Table Tennis Athlete Allocation System document.

2. Athlete Quota Positions

- 2.1 TTA may only nominate athletes to CGA for selection where, pursuant to the Qualification System, the International Table Tennis Federation ("ITTF") has awarded CGA or TTA athlete quota positions.

3. The Long List

- 3.1 TTA will choose athletes from within the TTA National Squad (Able-Bodied) ("Squad") to be members of the CGA Long List.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 TTA may only nominate members of the Long List to CGA for selection in the 2022 Australian Commonwealth Games Team ("Team").
- 3.4 TTA will advise CGA of the athletes that it has chosen as members of the Long List at such time as required by CGA.

4. Nominations to CGA

- 4.1 TTA will nominate athletes ("athletes") from within the listed events to CGA for selection in the 2022 Commonwealth Games table tennis team:
 - a. Men's Teams
 - b. Women's Teams
 - c. Men's Singles
 - d. Women's Singles
 - e. Men's Doubles
 - f. Women's Doubles
 - g. Mixed Doubles

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- 4.2 TTA will nominate a maximum of 4 men and 4 women for selection in the Team. The maximum number of entries per event are:
- a. Men's Teams – 1 team consisting of up to a maximum of 4 athletes
 - b. Women's Teams – 1 team consisting of up to a maximum of 4 athletes
 - c. Men's Singles – 3 athletes
 - d. Women's Singles – 3 athletes
 - e. Men's Doubles – 2 pairs
 - f. Women's Doubles – 2 pairs
 - g. Mixed Doubles – 3 pairs
- 4.3 On endorsement from CGA, this document and the 2022 Commonwealth Games 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.

5. Making of Nominations

- 5.1 The TTA CEO will provide the nominations to CGA by no later than **5:00pm AEST on Friday 20 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.

6. Nomination of Athletes

- 6.1 For the purposes of nomination to CGA of athletes for selection to the Team, TTA will:
- a. only nominate athletes who have met the requirements described in this Nomination Criteria;
 - b. only nominate athletes who, in the opinion of the National Selection Panel, best meet the National Team Selection Guidelines, as specified in the TTA National Selection Policy;
 - c. only nominate athletes who are a Registered Member of TTA at the highest possible category;
 - d. only nominate those athletes who have signed the Consent to Consideration for Nomination form issued by TTA;
 - e. not nominate more athletes than the maximum number permitted under the 2022 Commonwealth Games Table Tennis Athlete Allocation System Regulations;
 - f. not nominate athletes who by their actions or omissions have brought themselves, TTA, CGA or the **Team** into disrepute or censure;
 - g. only nominate athletes who have pre-signed the 2022 Team Membership Agreement;
 - h. only nominate athletes who are Australian citizens;
 - i. only nominate athletes who are a member of the **Long List** at the time of nomination to CGA;
 - j. only nominate athletes who agree to and sign the 2022 TTA Athlete National Squad Agreement;
 - k. not nominate athletes who have breached the CGA Anti-Doping By-Law and have had a sanction imposed which has not yet been completed;
 - l. only nominate athletes who have met the athlete eligibility criteria as per the guidelines set out in the 2022 Commonwealth Games Table Tennis Athlete Allocation System.
 - m. only nominate the 4 men and 4 women who have been selected by the TTA National Selection Panel.

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7. TTA National Selection Panel

- 7.1 The TTA National Selection Panel will select 4 men and 4 women to be nominated to CGA for selection, according to the following conditions:
- a. Select 3 men and 3 women, who in the opinion of the TTA National Selection Panel, best meet this Nomination Criteria and will achieve the best possible medal results at the **Games** and/or in future **Games** in Able-Bodied events.
 - b. Select 1 man and 1 woman who win the Australian Qualification Tournament for the 2022 Commonwealth Games (AQT).

For the avoidance of doubt, the TTA National Selection Panel will select the 3 men and 3 women as per clause 7.1 a. prior to the AQT taking place. These 3 men and 3 women will not be required to compete at the AQT.

NOTE: If any events at the AQT are unable to be held for any reason, the TTA National Selection Panel will select the 1 man and 1 women, who in the opinion of the TTA National Selection Panel, best meet this Nomination Criteria.

NOTE: If any athlete(s) are unable to remain part of the **Team** for any reason after being selected, the TTA National Selection Panel will select a replacement athlete(s), who in the opinion of the TTA National Selection Panel, best meet this Nomination Criteria.

NOTE: The Regulations for the AQT for the 2022 Commonwealth Games are included as an Appendix to this Nomination Criteria.

NOTE: The National Selection Panel will select players to compete in each event as follows:

- Men's Teams – The four men who qualify for the **Team** through clause 7.1 a. and clause 7.1 b.
- Women's Teams – The four women who qualify for the **Team** through clause 7.1 a. and clause 7.1 b.
- Men's Singles – The three men, who in the opinion of the TTA National Selection Panel, will achieve the best possible medal results at the **Games**.
- Women's Singles – The three women, who in the opinion of the TTA National Selection Panel, will achieve the best possible medal results at the **Games**.
- Men's Doubles – The two men's pairs, who in the opinion of the TTA National Selection Panel, will achieve the best possible medal results at the **Games**.
- Women's Doubles – The two women's pairs, who in the opinion of the TTA National Selection Panel, will achieve the best possible medal results at the **Games**.
- Mixed Doubles – The three pairs, who in the opinion of the TTA National Selection Panel, will achieve the best possible medal results at the **Games**.

8. Extenuating Circumstances

- 8.1 For the purposes of determining whether an athlete has met the requirements of this Nomination Criteria, TTA may exempt an athlete from compliance with any portion of this requirement on the ground or grounds of:

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- a. injury or illness of the athlete (if exemption is sought on this ground, TTA shall have the right to require the athlete to undergo a medical examination by a medical practitioner or medical practitioners (at the athlete's expense) endorsed by TTA);
- b. family bereavement; and/or;
- c. any other factor which TTA, in its sole and absolute discretion, considers justifies such an exemption.

9. Advising Athletes of their Nomination

- 9.1 TTA will advise all of the **Long List** members by no later than **5:00pm AEST on Tuesday 17 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 CGA Nomination and Selection Appeals by-law prior to submission to CGA.

10. Appeals

- 10.1 An **athlete** who reasonably considers in all circumstances that his/her non-nomination to compete at the Games has occurred because the TTA National Selection Panel has failed to follow this Nomination Criteria is able to appeal his/her non-nomination.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 All nomination and selection appeals are to be conducted in accordance with the CGA Nomination and Selection By-Law.

11. Nomination and Selection Announcements

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

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APPENDIX – Regulations for the Australian Qualification Tournament for the 2022 Commonwealth Games

The Australian Qualification Tournament for the 2022 Commonwealth Games (AQT) shall be played as a Round Robin Tournament.

1. Minimum Requirements – in order to compete at the AQT, an athlete must meet the requirements as specified in the Nomination Criteria.

NOTE: For the avoidance of doubt, only **Long List** athletes are eligible to compete in the AQT.

NOTE: A maximum of 20 athletes per event can compete in the AQT. When determining the athletes who can compete in the AQT, the National Selection Panel will use the latest possible National Rankings List for Open Men's and Open Women's. The National Selection Panel may use any other reliable information where the National Ranking List for Open Men's and Open Women's is deemed to be insufficient, e.g. for junior athletes who do not have a National Ranking in Open Men's or Open Women's etc.

2. Events – the AQT will consist of the following events:
 - a) Men's Singles
 - b) Women's Singles
3. Tournament Dates – The AQT shall be completed by no later than **Sunday 15 May 2022**.

NOTE: The AQT will be held at Houghton/East Adelaide Table Tennis Club on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 May 2022.

4. Tournament Format – All matches shall be best of 7 games.
5. Tournament System – The Men's Singles and Women's Singles events at the AQT will be played under the following system:
 - i) Where there are 8 athletes or less, a full Round Robin tournament shall be played, whereby all athletes play each other once, pursuant to [Regulation 3.7.5 of the ITTF Handbook – Group Competitions](#). The winner will be selected by the TTA National Selection Panel to be nominated to CGA for selection.
 - ii) Where there are 9-10 athletes, there shall be two groups of 4-5 athletes, whereby all athletes in each group shall play each other once. The top 2 athletes from each group will then play another Round Robin, where they will play the 2 athletes from the opposite group. The results from the first Round Robin will be carried over into the second Round Robin. The winner will be selected by the TTA National Selection Panel to be nominated to CGA for selection.
 - iii) Where there are 11-14 athletes, there shall be two groups of 5-7 athletes, whereby all athletes in each group shall play each other once. The top 3 athletes from each group will then play another Round Robin, where they will play the 3 athletes from the opposite group. The results from the first Round Robin will be carried over into the second Round Robin. The winner will be selected by the TTA National Selection Panel to be nominated to CGA for selection.
 - iv) Where there are 15-18 athletes, there shall be three groups of 5-6 athletes, whereby all athletes in each group shall play each other once. The top 2 athletes from each group will then play another Round Robin, where they will play the 4 athletes from the other groups. The results from the first Round Robin will be carried over into the second Round Robin. The winner will be selected by the TTA National Selection Panel to be nominated to CGA for selection.
 - v) Where there are 19-20 athletes, there shall be four groups of 4-5 athletes, whereby all athletes in each group shall play each other once. The top 2 athletes from each group will then play another Round Robin, where they will play the 6 athletes from the other groups. The results from the first Round Robin will be carried over into the second Round Robin. The winner will be selected by the TTA National Selection Panel to be nominated to CGA for selection.
6. Tournament Seedings – The Tournament Seedings will be determined as follows:
 - a) The seedings for the AQT will be determined by the National Selection Panel using the latest possible TTA National Rankings List.

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Attachment 1

**2022 AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH GAMES TEAM
CONSENT TO CONSIDERATION FOR NOMINATION**

Table Tennis Australia Ltd. (“TTA”)

(insert name of **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 Nomination Criteria and the 2022 Commonwealth Games 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 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.

Athlete Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Witness Name

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Attachment 2

**2022 AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH GAMES TEAM
CONSENT TO CONSIDERATION FOR NOMINATION
(FOR MINORS ONLY)**

Parents/Guardians Acknowledgement for Minors

Table Tennis Australia Ltd. ("TTA")

(insert name of athlete)

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

1. the 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 Nomination Criteria and the 2022 Commonwealth Games 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 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 athlete; and
5. the 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.

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Address

Witness Signature

Witness Name

Witness Address