

Nomination Criteria

Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games

Curling

1 Definitions and Interpretation

1.1 Definitions

Unless otherwise defined below, capitalised terms in this Nomination Criteria have the meaning given to them in the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law, certain of which have been reproduced below for the sake of convenience.

AOC means the Australian Olympic Committee Inc and any of its officers, employees or agents and any committee it convenes including the AOC Selection Committee.

AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law means the document adopted by the Executive which governs, among other things, the nomination and selection of Athletes to a team for an Olympic Games or Olympic Winter Games.

AOC Selection Committee means the committee established by the AOC to send athletes and appoint officials to the Australian Olympic team for the Games.

AOC Selection Criteria means the criteria adopted by the AOC in respect of the Games which outlines the requirements for an athlete to be selected by the AOC to participate in the Games.

Athlete means a person who:

- (a) participates in the Sport; and
- (b) is recognised by the National Federation or the AOC as eligible for nomination to the AOC for selection to the Team pursuant to this Nomination Criteria.

Executive means the Executive of the AOC.

Extenuating Circumstances means:

- (a) injury or illness;
- (b) equipment failure;
- (c) travel delays;
- (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 factors considered by the National Federation to constitute extenuating circumstances.

Games means the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games.

Immediately Preceding Australian National Championship means the 2021 Australian National Championship, or if the 2021 Australian National Championship was cancelled, the 2020 Australian National Championship or, if the 2020 Australian National Championship was cancelled, the 2019 Australian National Championship.

Immediately Preceding World Championship means the 2021 World Championship, or if the 2021 World Championship was cancelled, the 2020 World Championship or, if the 2020 World Championship was cancelled, the 2019 World Championship.

International Federation means World Curling Federation (WCF).

Mixed Doubles Team Splits means when one member of the mixed doubles team informs the National Federation that, due to disharmony in the team, the team member no longer wishes to compete with the other team member.

National Federation means Australian Curling Federation (ACF).

Nomination Date 14 January 2022.

Qualification Period means March 2020 - December 2021.

Qualification System means the eligibility, participation and qualification criteria for the Sport in respect of the Games issued by the International Federation.

Sport means Curling.

Sport Entries Deadline means the date on which entries to a Games must be submitted by the AOC.

Team means the team of athletes and officials selected by the AOC to participate in the Sport at the Games.

1.2 Interpretation

- (a) Unless the context otherwise requires, reference to:
 - (i) a clause is to a clause of this Nomination Criteria;
 - (ii) the singular includes the plural and the converse also applies;
 - (iii) persons include incorporated and unincorporated bodies, partnerships, joint ventures and associations and vice versa and their legal personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes; and
 - (iv) a party includes the party's executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes.
- (b) If a person to whom this Nomination Criteria applies consists of more than one person, then this Nomination Criteria binds them jointly and severally.
- (c) A reference to time, day or date is to time, day or date of Sydney, Australia.
- (d) Headings are for convenience only and do not form part of this Nomination Criteria or affect its interpretation.

2 General

- 2.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the board of the National Federation. The National Federation must provide, or otherwise make available, this Nomination Criteria to all Athletes.
- 2.2 The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC in accordance with this Nomination Criteria.
- 2.3 This Nomination Criteria will take effect on and from 1 June 2021 and will cease to have effect at the conclusion of the Games.
- 2.4 This Nomination Criteria applies to:
 - (a) all Athletes;
 - (b) the National Federation; and
 - (c) the AOC.

- 2.5 The terms of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law are incorporated by reference into this Nomination Criteria. The National Federation must provide, or otherwise make available, the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law to all Athletes.

3 Long List

- 3.1 For the purpose only of identifying prospective members of the Team, the National Federation or AOC may maintain a Long List of Athletes.
- 3.2 For the avoidance of doubt, membership of the National Federation's or the AOC's Long List does not increase decrease or otherwise affect an Athlete's prospects of being nominated by the National Federation, or being selected by the AOC, to the Team.

4 Athlete Quota Positions

- 4.1 The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC for selection to the Team where, pursuant to the Qualification System, the International Federation has awarded the AOC or the National Federation athlete quota positions.
- 4.2 A National Federation may not nominate more Athletes than are permitted to be nominated by the AOC under the Qualification System.
- 4.3 The National Federation must nominate the maximum number of Athletes that are permissible under the Qualification System.

5 Eligibility Criteria

The National Federation will not nominate an Athlete unless, as at the Nomination Date, the National Federation is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the Athlete:

- (a) is an Australian citizen;
- (b) is a member of the National Federation;
- (c) satisfies the Qualification System, including that the Athlete has complied with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force (including but not limited to rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions));
- (d) is likely to satisfy the AOC Selection Criteria;
- (e) has not breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed; and
- (f) does not, and is not likely to in the foreseeable future, suffer from any physical or mental impairment that would prevent the Athlete from competing at the Games to the highest possible standard for that Athlete.

6 Nomination Criteria

- 6.1 In the **men's event and women's event**, the National Federation will nominate Athletes according to the following criteria:
- (a) The Athletes comprising the men's or women's team which has satisfied the criteria set out in the Qualification System (at section D.1 and D.2) during the Qualification Period being:
 - (i) Athletes comprising the men's or women's team ranked in the top six (6) from the 2021 World Curling Championships; or

- (ii) Athletes comprising the men's or women's team ranked in the top three (3) or four (4) at the WCF's Olympic Qualifier Event in December 2021 (depending on the position of China at the 2021 World Men's Curling Championships and 2021 World Women's Curling Championships).

For the avoidance of doubt, eligibility criteria for participation in the WCF's Olympic Qualifier Event (men's or women's) is set out in the Qualification System.

(b) If:

(i) prior to the Sports Entries Deadline:

- (A) one (1), or two (2) selected Athletes (excluding the alternate Athlete on a team) advises the National Federation that they are no longer able to compete at the Games, the National Federation will immediately notify the AOC and, following de-selection by the AOC of the unavailable Athlete/s, the National Federation will nominate to the AOC one (1) or two (2) (as appropriate) Athlete/s from the pool of paid State members who satisfy clause 5 and taking into account the criteria set out in clause 6.3 as replacement Athlete/s; or
- (B) three (3) selected Athletes (excluding the alternate Athlete on a team) advises the National Federation that they are no longer able to compete at the Games, the National Federation will immediately notify the AOC and, following de-selection by the AOC of the team, the National Federation will nominate to the AOC the Athletes comprising the highest ranked team (excluding the unavailable Athletes) from the Immediately Preceding Australian National Championship.

(ii) after the Sports Entries Deadline:

- (A) one (1) or two (2) selected Athletes (excluding the alternate Athlete on a team) advises the National Federation that they are no longer able to compete at the Games, the National Federation will immediately notify the AOC and, following de-selection by the AOC, the National Federation will request that the AOC replace the selected Athlete/s with one (1) or two (2) (as appropriate) replacement Athlete/s if the criteria for replacement under the "IOC / Beijing 2022 Late Athlete Replacement Policy" is satisfied. For clarity, in this circumstance, the National Federation will nominate to the AOC one (1) or two (2) (as appropriate) Athlete/s from the pool of paid State members who satisfy clause 5 and taking into account the criteria set out in clause 6.3 as replacement Athlete/s; or
- (B) three (3) selected Athletes (excluding the alternate Athlete on a team) advise the National Federation that they are no longer able to compete at the Games, the National Federation will immediately notify the AOC and, following de-selection by the AOC of the team, the National Federation will request that the AOC replace the selected Athletes with replacement Athletes if the criteria for replacement under the "IOC / Beijing 2022 Late Athlete Replacement Policy" is satisfied. For clarity, in this circumstance, the National Federation will nominate to the AOC the Athletes comprising the highest ranked team (excluding the unavailable Athletes) from the Immediately Preceding Australian National Championship.

6.2 In the **mixed doubles event**, the National Federation will nominate Athletes according to the following criteria:

- (a) The Athletes comprising the mixed doubles team which has satisfied the criteria set out in the Qualification System (at section D.1 and D.2) during the Qualification Period being:
 - (i) Athletes comprising the mixed doubles team ranked in the top seven (7) from the 2021 World Curling Championships (Mixed Doubles Competition); or
 - (ii) Athletes comprising the mixed doubles team ranked in the top two (2) at the WCF's Olympic Qualifier Event (Mixed Doubles).

For the avoidance of doubt, eligibility criteria for participation in the WCF's Olympic Qualifier Event (Mixed Doubles) is set out in the Qualification System.

- (b) If:
 - (i) prior to the Sports Entries Deadline:
 - (A) one (1) selected Athlete advises the National Federation that they are no longer able to compete at the Games (for reasons not related to a Mixed Doubles Team Split), the National Federation will immediately notify the AOC and, following de-selection by the AOC of the unavailable Athlete, the National Federation will nominate to the AOC one (1) Athlete from the pool of paid State members who satisfies clause 5 and taking into account the criteria set out in clause 6.3 as a replacement Athlete;
 - (B) both selected Athletes advise the National Federation that they are no longer able to compete at the Games (for reasons not related to a Mixed Doubles Team Split), the National Federation will immediately notify the AOC and, following de-selection by the AOC of the unavailable Athletes, the National Federation will nominate to the AOC the Athletes comprising the highest ranked team (excluding the unavailable Athletes) from the Immediately Preceding Australian National Championship; or
 - (C) if the Mixed Doubles Team Splits the National Federation will immediately notify the AOC and, following de-selection by the AOC of both Athletes, the National Federation will nominate to the AOC a new pairing of Athletes being the highest ranked team from the Immediately Preceding Australian National Championship as replacement Athletes.
 - (ii) after the Sports Entries Deadline:
 - (A) one (1) selected Athlete advises the National Federation that they are no longer able to compete at the Games (for reasons not related to a Mixed Doubles Team Split), the National Federation will immediately notify the AOC and, following de-selection by the AOC, the National Federation will request that the AOC replace the selected Athlete with one (1) replacement Athlete if the criteria for replacement under the "IOC / Beijing 2022 Late Athlete Replacement Policy" is satisfied. For clarity, in this circumstance, the National Federation will nominate to the AOC one (1) Athlete from the pool of paid State members who satisfy clause 5 and taking into account the criteria set out in clause 6.3 as a replacement Athlete;
 - (B) both selected Athletes advise the National Federation that they are no longer able to compete at the Games (for reasons not related to a Mixed Doubles Team Split), the National Federation will immediately notify the

AOC and, following de-selection by the AOC of the team, the National Federation will request that the AOC replace the selected Athletes with replacement Athletes if the criteria for replacement under the “IOC / Beijing 2022 Late Athlete Replacement Policy” is satisfied. For clarity, in this circumstance, the National Federation will nominate to the AOC the Athletes comprising the highest ranked team (excluding the unavailable Athletes) from the Immediately Preceding Australian National Championship; or

- (C) if the Mixed Doubles team Splits, the National Federation will immediately notify the AOC and, following de-selection by the AOC of both Athletes, the National Federation will request that the AOC replace the selected Athletes with replacement Athletes if the criteria for replacement under the “IOC / Beijing 2022 Late Athlete Replacement Policy” is satisfied. For clarity, in this circumstance, the National Federation will nominate to the AOC a new pairing of Athletes being the highest ranked team from the Immediately Preceding Australian National Championship as replacement Athletes.

6.3 Under clauses 6.1(b)(i)(A), 6.1(b)(ii)(A), 6.2(b)(i)(A), 6.2(b)(ii)(A) and 6.2(b)(ii)(C) only, the National Federation will nominate Athletes who, in the opinion of the National Federation, in its absolute **discretion**, will be most likely to achieve the highest competitive results at the Games. In making its determination under this clause 6.3 with respect to an Athlete, the National Federation may have regard to all or some of the following considerations, in its absolute discretion, and in no particular order:

- (a) whether the Athlete is, and will remain until the conclusion of the Games, a positive ambassador for the Sport, National Federation and the Games.
- (b) the Athlete’s physical form and fitness;
- (c) the likelihood that the Athlete will suffer an injury in the lead up to or during the Games; and
- (d) the benefit or detriment of the Athlete’s membership on the Team with respect to team dynamics, team behaviour and team performance.

7 Extenuating circumstances

7.1 In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in clause 6.1(a) and 6.2(a), the National Federation may, in its absolute discretion, have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.

8 Submission of Nominations

8.1 The National Federation must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date in writing.

8.2 The AOC may, in its absolute discretion extend the Nomination Date for the National Federation for any reason.

8.3 The National Federation must nominate Athletes to the AOC by the Nomination Date. The National Federation must inform Athletes of their nomination or non-nomination by no later than:

- (a) 48 hours prior to the Nomination Date, where such written notice would be received by the Athlete 14 days prior to the Sport Entries Deadline; or

(b) 24 hours prior to the Nomination Date, where such written notice would be received by the Athlete within 14 days of the Sport Entries Deadline,
or such later date as the AOC advises the National Federation.

8.4 Nominations submitted to the AOC must be in the form prescribed by the AOC or in a form that is otherwise acceptable to the AOC and include any such information that is required pursuant to the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.

8.5 The AOC may, in its absolute discretion, accept a nomination submitted after the Nomination Date where it is submitted by the National Federation as a result of an appeal brought in accordance with the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.

9 Amendments

This Nomination Criteria may only be amended with the written consent of the AOC Selection Committee.

10 Governing Law

This Nomination Criteria is governed by the laws of the State of New South Wales.