



Handball Australia

Criteria for the Nomination & Selection to the 2023 Australian World Beach Games Team

Beach Handball

1 / INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This document contains the criteria for nomination and selection of athletes to the Australian World Beach Games Team for the 2023 ANOC World Beach Games in Bali, Indonesia (**2023 Beach Games**). This document also contains general information about the nomination and selection process.
- 1.2 For ease of reference and simplicity, this document combines the Nomination Criteria set by Handball Australia and the Selection Criteria set by the AOC (at Appendix 1).

2 / DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to this Nomination and Selection Criteria.

ANOC means Association of National Olympic Committees.

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 Selection Criteria means the criteria adopted by the AOC in respect of the 2023 Beach Games which outlines the requirements for an athlete to be selected by the AOC to participate in the 2023 Beach Games and which appears at Appendix 1 of this Nomination Criteria.

Athlete means an athlete who:

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

Games Period means 5 August 2023 to 12 August 2023 (inclusive).

International Federation means International Handball Federation (IHF).

National Federation means Handball Australia (Australian Handball Federation Limited).

Nomination Date means 29 June 2023.

Nominated Athlete(s) means an athlete who is nominated by their National Federation Handball Australia to the AOC for selection to the Team.

NOC means National Olympic Committee.

Performance Period means 13 May 2021 to 27 June 2023.

Qualification System means the eligibility, participation and qualification criteria for the Sport in respect of the 2023 Beach Games issued by the IHF.

Sport means Beach Handball

Sport Entries Deadline means 8 July 2023.

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

3 / INTERPRETATION

In this Nomination Criteria (and Appendix 1):

- (a) The singular includes the plural and the converse also applies.
- (b) A reference to an agreement or document (including a reference to this document) is to the agreement or document as amended, supplemented, novated or replaced, except to the extent prohibited by this document or that other agreement or document, and includes the recitals and schedules to that agreement or document.
- (c) A reference to a party to an agreement includes the party's successors, permitted substitutes and permitted assigns (and, where applicable, the party's legal personal representatives).
- (d) A reference to conduct includes an omission, statement or undertaking, whether or not in writing.
- (e) A reference to time is to Sydney time, unless otherwise stated.

4 / NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE 2023 AUSTRALIAN WORLD BEACH GAMES TEAM

4.1 The process for the nomination and selection of athletes for the Team is as follows:

- (a) **Qualification:** the National Federation, or the AOC, as Australia's NOC, may be allocated athlete quota positions for a sport on the programme of the 2023 Beach Games by the International Federation governing the sport;
- (b) **Nomination:** Where the AOC or National Federation has been allocated quota places for a sport and the AOC has determined to utilise those quota places, National Federation governing the sport in Australia must nominate athletes to the AOC for selection to the Team.
- (c) **Selection:** From amongst the Nominated Athletes, the AOC is responsible for determining which athletes should be selected to the Team.

5 / NOMINATION BY HANDBALL AUSTRALIA

5.1 General

- (a) This Nomination Criteria is issued by the board of the National Federation. The National Federation must make available to all athletes participating in the Sport, this Nomination Criteria, the AOC's Anti-Doping By-Law and the AOC's Ethical Behaviour By-Law, by publishing those documents on the National Federation's website.
- (b) The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC in accordance with this Nomination Criteria.
- (c) This Nomination Criteria will take effect on and from the date of approval by the AOC and will cease to have effect at the conclusion of the 2023 Beach Games.
- (d) This Nomination Criteria applies to:
 - (i) all Athletes;

- (ii) Handball Australia; and
- (iii) the AOC.

5.2 Athlete quota positions

- (a) 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 Handball Australia athlete quota positions.
- (b) The National Federation may not nominate more Athletes than the number of athlete quota positions awarded to the AOC or the National Federation under the Qualification System.

5.3 Eligibility criteria

The National Federation may 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 financial member of the National Federation;
- (c) satisfies the Qualification System;
- (d) will satisfy the AOC Selection Criteria set out at Appendix 1;
- (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;
- (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 2023 Beach Games to the highest possible standard for that Athlete; and
- (g) attend training sessions and training camps organised by the National Federation's Team Management.

5.4 Nomination Criteria

- (a) 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 2023 Beach Games.
- (b) In making its determination under clause 5.4(a) with respect to an Athlete, the National Federation may have regard to any, all or none of, to the following considerations in no order of priority, in its absolute discretion:
 - (i) the performance of the Athlete in international competitions and international matches during the Performance Period ;
 - (ii) the performance of the Athlete in domestic competition and domestic matches, including club fixtures, regional and state competitions and Australian Championships, during the Performance Period.
 - (iii) an Athlete's specific positional skills as well as the versatility to play alternative position(s);
 - (iv) the performance of the Athlete in training;
 - (v) the Athlete's physical form and fitness; and
 - (vi) the benefit or detriment of the Athlete's membership on the Team with respect to team performance.

- (c) In order to assist the National Federation with its determination under clause 5.4(b), the

Executive of the National Federation will appoint a Selection Panel, which will comprise three (3) persons, including the team coach. The Executive of the National Federation shall appoint one of the members, other than the coach, to be the Chair of that Panel and make any necessary directions concerning the composition of the Selection Panel.

- (d) Selection Panel members must declare a conflict of interest and may be requested to vacate the panel temporarily or otherwise where the Panel member has an association with an Athlete or in any other circumstances which may give rise to a question of bias or conflict of interest in the selection process.
- (e) A member of the Panel advises the President that they consider that they are unable to meet his/her responsibilities under this Nomination Criteria, or the Executive makes a direction under clause (c), the Executive will appoint a replacement to assume that member's role on the Selection Panel.

5.5 Extenuating Circumstances

- (a) In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in clause 5.4, the National Federation may, in its absolute discretion have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.
- (b) In the event that an Athlete determines that he or she is unable to attend training camps that the National Federation Team Management communicates to athletes as compulsory, **Nomination Event**, that Athlete must notify the National Federation of his or her non-attendance in writing as soon as practicable.
- (c) The National Federation may consider an Athlete's non-attendance at a Nomination Event to be an Extenuating Circumstance in its absolute discretion. The National Federation may require an Athlete to undergo a medical examination and/or seek additional information or documentation, as a condition of treating the Athlete's non-attendance at a Nomination Event as an Extenuating Circumstance.

For the purposes of this clause, **Extenuating Circumstances** means:

- (i) injury or illness;
- (ii) equipment failure;
- (iii) travel delays;
- (iv) 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
- (v) any other factors considered by the National Federation to constitute extenuating circumstances, such as an Athlete's study commitments.

5.6 Submission of Nominations

- (a) The National Federation must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date in writing.
- (b) The National Federation must nominate Athletes to the AOC by the Nomination Date.
- (c) The AOC may, in its absolute discretion extend the Nomination Date for the National Federation for any reason.
- (d) The AOC may, in its absolute discretion, accept a nomination submitted after the Nomination Date or the Sport Entries Deadline.

5.7 Non-Compliance

If an Athlete breaches any of the requirements of this Nomination and Selection criteria, the AOC may suspend or terminate the Athlete's selection to the Team or otherwise impose a sanction

prescribed by the disciplinary procedures set out in the World Beach Games Team Membership Agreement.

5.8 No Appeal Grounds

The appeal mechanism set out in the AOC Olympic Team Selection By-Law does not apply to the Team.

5.9 Amendments

- (a) This document may only be amended with the written consent of the AOC.
- (b) The AOC may amend the Selection Criteria set out at Appendix 1 from time to time in its absolute discretion. If advised by the AOC of such an amendment, the National Federation must update Appendix 1 and re-upload an updated version of this document to the National Federation's website and advise Athletes of the amendments
- (c) Where the AOC forms a reasonable opinion that this document (other than the Selection Criteria set out at Appendix 1), requires amendment, the AOC must notify Handball Australia of the required amendments. The National Federation must work collaboratively with the AOC in good faith to amend this document to the satisfaction of the AOC.

5.10 Governing law

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

APPENDIX 1

AOC SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Eligibility for Selection

In order to be selected by the AOC to the Team, a Nominated Athlete must satisfy the following selection criteria:

- (a) have met the requirements of the Qualification System applying to the Sport;
- (b) have satisfied the Nomination Criteria adopted by the National Federation;
- (c) have been nominated to the AOC by the National Federation;
- (d) have signed and will comply with the 2023 Australian World Beach Games Team Membership Agreement for Athletes and agree to sign any entry form required by the IOC, AOC or ANOC;
- (e) have signed a consent to consideration of nomination form or any equivalent document prescribed by the AOC;
- (f) if a minor, have provided to the AOC a signed parent or guardian consent and acknowledgement form in respect of the Nominated Athlete's participation in the 2023 Beach Games;
- (g) comply with the AOC Constitution and its by-laws, including the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law and the AOC Ethical Behaviour By-Law;
- (h) not have breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the Nominated Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;
- (i) have been available for sample collection for the purpose of conducting anti-doping testing and have provided accurate and up to date whereabouts information;
- (j) not at any time have engaged in conduct (whether publicly known or not), which:
 - ii. has brought, brings or would have the tendency to bring the Nominated Athlete or their sport into disrepute or censure; or
 - iii. is or would have the tendency to be inconsistent with, contrary to or prejudicial to the best interests, image or values of the AOC or Team sponsors, or as a result of which, the Nominated Athlete's continued membership would not be or would not likely be in the best interests of the Team;
- (k) not at any time be convicted of, or charged with, any offence involving violence, child abuse, alcohol, drugs, or any sex offence, or any offence relating to any betting or gambling activities on sport, or any offence which is punishable by imprisonment;
- (l) have disclosed any criminal offence of whatever nature, with which the Nominated Athlete has been charged, or of which the Nominated Athlete has been convicted, and has consented to the National Federation and the AOC making enquiries to relevant authorities for any details of the Nominated Athlete's criminal record (if any), including details of any charges pending or any spent convictions disclosable by law, and consents to those authorities providing that information in answer to those enquiries;
- (m) have and must continue to honestly and fully disclose until the end of the Games Period information concerning any conduct that would cause an actual or potential breach of clauses 1 (a) - (l) above, to the National Federation and the AOC, and consent to:
 - (i) the National Federation and the AOC making enquiries with relevant authorities regarding any disclosures; and
 - (ii) consent to relevant authorities providing information to the National Federation and the AOC in relation to those enquiries;
- (n) undergo medical assessments and testing, as required by the AOC.

A breach of, or a failure by a Nominated Athlete to comply with clauses 1(a) – (n) above may

render that Nominated Athlete ineligible for selection to the Team, at the complete and absolute discretion of the AOC.

3. Selection

The AOC has the sole and absolute discretion to determine:

- (a) whether a Nominated Athlete has met the requirements of this Selection Criteria;
- (b) whether a Nominated Athlete is eligible for selection to the Team, having regard to the requirements of this Selection Criteria and any other circumstances or criteria the AOC considers appropriate;
- (c) that a Nominated Athlete is ineligible for selection to the Team for any reason (irrespective of whether the Nominated Athlete has met some or all of the requirements of this Selection Criteria); and
- (d) whether it will select the maximum number of athletes (or teams, where applicable) permitted for selection by the AOC, regardless of how many Nominated Athletes meet the standards required under a Qualification System.

4. No Extenuating Circumstances

- (a) In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in clause 1 of this Selection Criteria, the AOC will not have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.
- (b) For the purposes of this clause, ***Extenuating Circumstances*** means:
 - (i) injury or illness;
 - (ii) equipment failure;
 - (iii) travel delays;
 - (iv) 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
 - (v) any other factors.

5. Amendments

This Selection Criteria may be amended by the AOC from time to time.