

2021/2022 Bobsleigh & Skeleton Australia Team Australia Selection Policy

Skeleton

Policy Objective:

The objective of the Bobsleigh and Skeleton Australia (BSA) Athlete Selection Policy is to outline the process and criteria for athlete selection to the Men's and Women's BSA Team Australia - Skeleton (BSA Team Australia) for World Cup (WC), Intercontinental Cup (ICC) and Development race circuits, namely North American Cup (NAC) and Europa Cup (EC) circuits. The design of the BSA Athlete Selection Policy ensures that BSA establishes the most competitive skeleton athletes, whilst providing an equal opportunity for all athletes to develop and compete at future Olympic Games and World Championships.

IBSF Participation Quota

1. IBSF Race Circuit Quota Places

For the 2021-2022 season, Australia has qualified the following IBSF participation quotas:

Circuit	Women's Skeleton Quota	Men's Skeleton Quota
World Cup (WC)	1	1
Intercontinental Cup (ICC)	1*	1*
North American Cup (NAC)	4	4
Europa Cup (EC)	2	2

** Participation is allowed only for athletes who have taken part in, and been ranked in, a minimum of 5 IBSF competitions on a minimum of 3 different tracks in the course of the previous 24 months prior to the competition.*

BSA Team Australia - Skeleton: Process & Criteria

The High Performance Director will nominate the list of eligible athletes to the Selection Committee, in accordance with the criteria set out below, for selection to the BSA Team Australia - Skeleton (BSA Team Australia). The Selection Committee will review the nominations and ratify the selection in accordance with the criteria set out herein.

2. Eligibility:

- 2.1. To be eligible to participate in, and at all times throughout, the BSA Team Australia - Skeleton – Selection Process, including testing camps (as applicable), candidates must fulfill the following conditions:
 - I. be a current financial member of BSA in good standing;
 - II. have signed the BSA Athlete Code of Conduct;
 - III. have a passport valid for a period of at least 6 months beyond the end of the upcoming competitive season;
 - IV. meet the eligibility requirements to obtain an IBSF Race License;
 - V. not have a current sanction imposed resulting from an anti-doping violation; and
 - VI. complete a COVID-19 examination and return a negative result and communicate such result to the BSA Selection Committee.

3. BSA Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will review the nominations and ratify the selection in accordance with the criteria set out herein. The BSA Selection Committee will be comprised of:

- 3.1. BSA President (BSA Selection Committee Chair);
- 3.2. BSA Chief Executive Officer;
- 3.3. BSA High Performance Director

4. AST Nomination Priority

The maximum number of Athletes that may be selected to the BSA Team Australia is the number of IBSF Race Circuit Quota Places qualified by Australia. The IBSF Race Circuit nomination for the Men's and Women's BSA Team Australia will be determined by the Athlete Priority designation. Athlete designation will be allocated as follows:

- 4.1. **BSA Team Australia Athlete 1:** designated to the highest ranked eligible Athlete, as at the conclusion of the 2019/2020 season, as published by the IBSF rankings for each discipline.
- 4.2. **BSA Team Australia Athlete 2:** designated to the second highest ranked eligible Athlete, as at the conclusion of the 2019/2020 season, as published by the IBSF rankings for each discipline.
- 4.3. **BSA Team Australia Athlete 3:** designated to the third highest ranked eligible Athlete, as at the conclusion of the 2019/2020 season, as published by the IBSF rankings for each discipline.
- 4.4. **BSA Team Australia Athlete 4:** designated to the fourth highest ranked eligible Athlete, as at the conclusion of the 2019/2020 season, as published by the IBSF rankings for each discipline.

IBSF Quota Allocations

5. World Cup Selection

World Cup Selection for the Men's and Women's BSA Team Australia.

5.1. Race Entry 1:

Race entry one for each men's and women's discipline will be filled by the Athlete with the designation of BSA Team Australia Athlete 1. If BSA Team Australia Athlete 1 is, for any reason, unable to race or declines to participate in a World Cup race, BSA Team Australia Athlete 2 will have the right to assume the vacated race entry position. For the sake of clarity, an athlete who declines to compete in a World Cup race will retain their Athlete Priority ranking.

6. International Training Period (ITP - Yanqing 2021)

As per IBSF rules, the Selection Committee will select eligible Athletes to participate in the ITP - Yanqing 2021 using the AST Priority rankings. The method of eligibility to participate in ITP - Yanqing 2021 can be found at www.IBSF.org (IBSF International Skeleton Rules 1.4).

6.1. ITP - Athlete Entry:

ITP entry one for each men's and women's discipline will be filled by the Athlete with the designation of AST Athlete 1. If BSA Team Australia Athlete 1 is unable to attend or declines to participate in the ITP - Yanqing 2021, BSA Team Australia Athlete 2 will assume the vacated quota position.

6.2. ITP - Athlete Alternate:

In the case that BSA Team Australia Athlete 1 and BSA Team Australia Athlete 2 are unable to attend or decline to participate in ITP - Yanqing 2021, the Selection Committee may select an Alternate Athlete via the Discretionary Selection criteria.

NB. The Selection Committee is not required to fill all or any quota allocations at ITP - Yanqing 2021.

7. Intercontinental Cup (ICC)

7.1. Race Entry 1:

Race entry one for each men's and women's discipline will be filled by the Athlete with the designation of BSA Team Australia Athlete 1. If BSA Team Australia Athlete 1 is, for any reason, unable to race or declines to participate in an Intercontinental Cup race, BSA Team Australia Athlete 2 will have the right to assume the vacated race entry position.

8. Europe Cup (EC) & North American Cup (NAC)

Opportunities to compete in EC and NAC events will be based on the Selection Committee discretion. The BSA Selection Committee may alternate opportunities between EC and NAC based on performances throughout the season. If a team/athlete declines a spot at an event, that spot may be offered to the next available athlete.

8.1. Athlete Race Entries

The BSA Selection Committee will use discretionary selection based upon the criteria below (in no particular order):

- I. current Athlete Priority rank
- II. current IBSF world ranking;
- III. attitude and commitment;
- IV. successful participation in IBSF sanctioned development camp;
- V. competition results which indicate that the athlete is capable of performing at the level required for the appropriate team;
- VI. illness or injury during the selection period;
- VII. future potential

9. Equipment Rental & Allocation

- 9.1. BSA owned skeleton sleds will only be allocated to athletes who are eligible to compete in an IBSF sanctioned race for the discipline of Skeleton.
- 9.2. The BSA equipment will be allocated through the recommendation of the High Performance Director based upon:
 - I. current Athlete Priority rank;
 - II. current International Ranking;
 - III. past season's results;
 - IV. future potential;
 - V. responsibility to care for equipment;
 - VI. current national rank;
 - VII. driving experience
- 9.3. Equipment will only be provided to athletes that support BSA sponsors with sponsor marks on the sleds and equipment / apparel used at the competition venue, and/or as directed by BSA.
- 9.4. BSA owned sleds and BSA owned runners may not be altered by an athlete without written permission from the BSA High Performance Director.
- 9.5. Only BSA authorised staff may authorise inspections of the equipment by others.
- 9.6. Allocated equipment can only be re-allocated by the Selection Committee.
- 9.7. Athletes must sign the BSA equipment rental agreement.

10. Unforeseen Circumstances & Use of Discretion

The BSA selection Committee shall consider using discretion in accordance with this BSA Team Australia Selection Policy in the event of circumstances such as but not limited to:

- 10.1. Injury or long term sickness resulting in missed BSA Team Australia Testing Opportunities, IBSF Competitions and/or other events;
- 10.2. "Acts of God" - adverse weather conditions or other external factors resulting in modified or cancelled BSA Testing Opportunities;
- 10.3. "IBSF Rulings" - decisions made by the IBSF which impact the nations rankings or athlete results or qualification standards;
- 10.4. Other circumstances and/or events that in the determination of the Selection Committee, as appropriate, warrants the use of discretion.

11. **Selection Policy Distribution**

This document shall be available to all athletes at:

- The BSA website at <https://bobsleighskeleton.org.au>; and
- Will be e-mailed to the athletes who competed in the prior season