

## Nomination Criteria

### Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games

#### Skeleton

## 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.

**Europe Cup** means the Europe Cup race series organised by the IBSF.

**Executive** means the Executive of the AOC.

**Games** means the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games.

**IBSF Ranking List** means the official IBSF ranking list published on the IBSF website at <https://www.ibsf.org/en/rankings>.

**Intercontinental Cup** means the Intercontinental Cup race series organised by the IBSF.

**International Federation** means International Bobsleigh and Skeleton Federation (IBSF).

**National Federation** means Bobsleigh and Skeleton Australia (BSA).

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**North American Cup** means the North American Cup race series organised by the IBSF.

**Qualification Period** means 15 October 2020 - 16 January 2022 (23:59 Lausanne time).

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

**Sport** means Skeleton.

**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.

**World Cup** means the World Cup race series organised by the IBSF.

## 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) Unless otherwise specified, 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 6 July 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;
- (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;
- (g) in accordance with the Qualification System, all Athletes:
  - (i) Must fulfil the age requirements as stated in bylaw [8.4 Licences of the IBSF International Skeleton Rules](#).
  - (ii) Must be medically suitable for practising Skeleton racing as per the requirements set forth in bylaw [8.4 Licences of the IBSF International Skeleton Rules](#) and possess appropriate and adequate insurance coverage against accidents and 3rd-party civil liability.
  - (iii) Must possess a valid IBSF International licence.
  - (iv) Must be ranked among the top 60 men or top 45 women of the IBSF Ranking List of the 2021/22 season by 16 January 2022 (23:59 Lausanne time); and

- (v) Must have been participating and ranked in a minimum of six (6) IBSF races on at least three (3) different tracks during the Qualification Period. In addition, the Athlete must have been ranked in at least five (5) of the six (6) above mentioned races on a minimum of two (2) different tracks during the 2021/2022 season by 16 January 2022 (23:59 Lausanne time).

## **6 Nomination Criteria**

The National Federation will nominate Athletes to the AOC according to the following criteria.

### **6.1 Women's Skeleton:**

- (a) If one quota position is allocated to Australia, the Athlete must be the first-ranked Australian pilot in the Women's Skeleton IBSF Ranking List as at 16 January 2022 (23:59 Lausanne time).
- (b) If two quota positions are allocated to Australia, the Athletes must be the first and second ranked Australian pilots in the Women's Skeleton IBSF Ranking List as at 16 January 2022 (23:59 Lausanne time).
- (c) If three quota positions are allocated to Australia, the Athletes must be the first, second and third ranked Australian pilots in the Women's Skeleton IBSF Ranking List as at 16 January 2022 (23:59 Lausanne time).
- (d) In the case of a tie on IBSF points between pilots, Athletes will be separated applying the following decision criteria, being:
  - (i) First, the highest points obtained in a single World Cup race during the 2021/22 season; and
  - (ii) Next (if the tie had not been broken under clause 6.1(d)(i)), the highest points obtained in a single Intercontinental Cup race during the 2021/22 season; and
  - (iii) Next (if the tie had not been broken under clause 6.1(d)(ii)), the highest points obtained in the Athlete's last race (at the World Cup, Intercontinental Cup Europe Cup, or North American Cup) before the qualification deadline of 16 January 2022 (23:59 Lausanne time).

### **6.2 Men's Skeleton:**

- (a) If one quota position is allocated to Australia, the Athlete must be the first-ranked Australian pilot in the Men's Skeleton IBSF Ranking List as at 16 January 2022 (23:59 Lausanne time).
- (b) If two quota positions are allocated to Australia, the Athletes must be the first and second ranked Australian pilots in the Men's Skeleton IBSF Ranking List as at 16 January 2022 (23:59 Lausanne time).
- (c) If three quota positions are allocated to Australia, the Athletes must be the first, second and third ranked Australian pilots in the Men's Skeleton IBSF Ranking List as at 16 January 2022 (23:59 Lausanne time).
- (d) In the case of a tie on IBSF points between pilots, Athletes will be separated applying the following decision criteria, being:
  - (i) First, the highest points obtained in a single World Cup race during the 2021/22 season; and

- (ii) Next (if the tie had not been broken under clause 6.2(d)(i)), the highest points obtained in a single Europe Cup or North American Cup race during the 2021/22 season; and
- (iii) Next (if the tie had not been broken under clause 6.2(d)(ii)), the highest points obtained in the Athlete's last race (at the World Cup, Europe Cup or North American Cup) before the qualification deadline of 16 January 2022 (23:59 Lausanne time).

## **7 Submission of Nominations**

- 7.1 The National Federation must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date in writing.
- 7.2 The AOC may, in its absolute discretion extend the Nomination Date for the National Federation for any reason.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 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.

## **8 Amendments**

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

## **9 Governing Law**

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