

Nomination Criteria

Olympic Winter Games, Beijing 2022

Bobsleigh

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>.

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

National Federation means Bobsleigh and Skeleton Australia (BSA).

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Nominated Pilot means the pilot nominated in accordance with clause 6.1 or clause 6.3 of this Nomination Criteria.

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.

Push Comparison Score means the definition provided in Appendix 1.

Sport means Bobsleigh.

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 by-law [8.4 Licences of the IBSF International Bobsleigh Rules](#);
 - (ii) must be medically suitable for practising Bobsleigh racing as per the requirements set forth in by-law [8.4 Licences of the IBSF International Bobsleigh Rules](#) and possess appropriate and adequate insurance coverage against accidents and 3rd-party civil liability;
 - (iii) must possess a valid IBSF International licence;
 - (iv) who are selected as pilots must have been ranked among the top 50 in the 2-man and 4-man or Top 40 in the 2-woman, Women's Monobob and Women's

Bobsleigh Combined Ranking List per event (IBSF Discipline Ranking List) of the season 2021/2022 by 16 January 2022 (23:59 Lausanne time); and

- (v) who are selected as pilots 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 pilot 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). The participation in IBSF 2-woman races during the 2021/2022 season can be counted for the five (5) races on two (2) different tracks during the 2021/2022 season.

6 Nomination Criteria

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

6.1 2-Man Pilots:

- (a) If one quota position is allocated to Australia, the Athlete must be the first-ranked Australian pilot in the 2-Man 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 2-Man 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 2-Man IBSF Ranking List as at 16 January 2022 (23:59 Lausanne time).
- (d) In the case of a tie in points in the 2-Man IBSF Ranking List between pilots, Athletes will be separated applying the following decision criteria, being:
 - (i) First, the highest points obtained in a single World Cup 2-Man race during the 2-2021/2022 season;
 - (ii) Next, the highest points obtained in a single Europe Cup or North American Cup 2-Man race during the 2021/22 season; and
 - (iii) Next, the highest points obtained in the Athlete's last 2-Man race (at the World Cup, Europe Cup or North American Cup) before the qualification deadline of 16 January 2022 (23:59 Lausanne time).

6.2 4-Man Pilots:

- (a) If one quota position is allocated to Australia, the Athlete must be the first-ranked Australian pilot in the 4-Man 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 4-Man 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 4-Man IBSF Ranking List as at 16 January 2022 (23:59 Lausanne time).
- (d) In the case of a tie in points in the 4-Man IBSF Ranking List between pilots, Athletes will be separated applying the following decision criteria, being:

- (i) First, the highest points obtained in a single World Cup 4-Man race during the 2021/2022 season;
- (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 4-Man 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 4-Man race (at the World Cup, Europe Cup or North American Cup) before the qualification deadline of 16 January 2022 (23:59 Lausanne time),

6.3 2-Woman Pilots:

- (a) If one quota position is allocated to Australia, the Athlete must be the first-ranked Australian pilot in the Women's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined 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 Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking 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 Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking as at 16 January 2022 (23:59 Lausanne time).
- (d) In the case of a tie in points in the Women's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking between pilots, Athletes will be separated applying the following decision criteria, being:
 - (i) First, the highest points obtained in a single World Cup 2-Woman race during the 2021/22 season;
 - (ii) Next (if the tie had not been broken under clause 6.3(d)(i)), the highest points obtained in a single Europe Cup or North American Cup 2-Woman race during the 2021/22 season; and
 - (iii) Next (if the tie had not been broken under clause 6.3(d)(ii)), the highest points obtained in the Athlete's last 2-Woman race (at the World Cup, Europe Cup or North American Cup) before the qualification deadline of 16 January 2022 (23:59 Lausanne time).

6.4 Monobob Pilot:

- (a) If one Monobob quota position as well as one 2-Woman quota position is allocated to Australia, the Athlete must be the first-ranked Australian pilot in the Women's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking List as at 16 January 2022 (23:59 Lausanne time).
- (b) If one Monobob quota position and no 2-Woman quota position is allocated to Australia, the Athlete must be the first-ranked Australian pilot in the Women's Monobob IBSF Ranking List as at 16 January 2022 (23:59 Lausanne time).
- (c) If two Monobob quota positions are allocated to Australia, the Athletes must be the first and second ranked Australian pilots in the Women's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking as at 16 January 2022 (23:59 Lausanne time).
- (d) In the case of a tie in points in the Women's Bobsleigh IBSF Combined Ranking between pilots, Athletes will be separated applying the following decision criteria, being:
 - (i) First, the highest points obtained in a single World Cup Monobob race during the 2021/22 season;

- (ii) Next (if the tie had not been broken under clause 6.4(d)(i), the highest points obtained in a single Europe Cup or North American Cup Monobob race during the 2021/22 season; and
- (iii) Next (if the tie had not been broken under clause 6.4(d)(ii), the highest points obtained in the Athlete's last Monobob race (at the World Cup, Europe Cup or North American Cup) before the qualification deadline of 16 January 2022 (23:59 Lausanne time).

6.5 2-Man and 2-Woman Brakeman:

- (a) The National Federation will only nominate those Athletes who, to the satisfaction of the National Federation, have competed in at least one (1) international 2-Man/Woman race (World Cup, Europe Cup, North American Cup) with the Nominated Pilot in the 2021/2022 season.
- (b) Where more than one (1) Athlete satisfies the requirements of clause 6.5(a), the National Federation in its sole and absolute discretion, will determine which Athlete will be nominated with the Nominated Pilot according to any one or more of the following factors (in no particular order of priority):
 - (i) the Athlete's Push Comparison Score for all 2-Man/Woman push times with the Nominated Pilot over the 2021/2022 season. For the avoidance of doubt, comparisons will only be made between competitions of the same standard (i.e. World Cup, Europe Cup, North America Cup);
 - (ii) the Athlete's performances and results achieved in the 2021/2022 season. For the avoidance of doubt, priority will be given to most recent results in the 2021/2022 season;
 - (iii) the Athlete's status with respect to current fitness and injury, as assessed by a sport physician pre-approved by the National Federation;
 - (iv) the athlete's loading and sliding skills as assessed by the Nominated Pilot; and
 - (v) feedback from the Nominated Pilot regarding crew compatibility.
- (c) Men Only: If Australia qualifies in both the 2-Man and 4-Man events and if:
 - (i) the 2 and 4-Man pilot is the same Nominated Pilot; and
 - (ii) the 2-Man brakeman identified under this clause 6.5 is not included in the 3 athletes ("crew combination") identified for the 4-Man event under clause 6.6,
 then no 2-Man brakeman will be nominated to the AOC and the National Federation will test the 4-Man crew on a push track and at a time to be confirmed by the National Federation in order to determine the most suitable brakeman for the 2-Man event according to the following additional criteria:
 - (iii) athletes will undertake a single push over three runs using a standardised weight sled, whereby all Athletes push the same weight. The Athlete with the fastest average time of their fastest two times will be determined the top ranked Athlete; and
 - (iv) in the event of a tie, the tied Athletes will undertake two runs on another day to be determined by the National Federation with the average of these two times to be used to determine the top ranked Athlete.
- (d) The National Federation will, in its sole and absolute discretion, identify alternate Athlete brakemen using any one or more of the factors listed in clause 6.5(b). If the number of

alternate athlete quotas allocated to Australia is less than the number of crew quotas offered to Australia, selection of the alternate athlete(s) will be based on combinations with the highest ranked pilots. For the avoidance of doubt, the alternate Athlete will not be nominated by the National Federation unless and until:

- (i) if the nominated brakeman advises the National Federation that they are unable to compete at the Games prior to the Sports Entries Deadline, then following the National Federation advising the AOC and the AOC de-selecting the unavailable athlete; or
- (ii) if the nominated brakeman advises the National Federation that they are unable to compete at the Games after the Sports Entries Deadline, then following the National Federation advising the AOC, the AOC de-selecting the unavailable athlete and if the criteria for replacement under the "IOC / Beijing 2022 Late Athlete Replacement Policy" is satisfied.

6.6 4-Man Crew/Brakeman:

- (a) For the purposes of nomination of Athletes for the 4-Man crew, each crew combination (2 side pushers and 1 brakeman) will be considered as a single entity (known as a **4-Man Crew**).
- (b) A 4-Man Crew combination must have competed in a minimum of one (1) international 4-Man race (World Cup, Europe Cup, North American Cup) together with the Nominated Pilot in the 2021/2022 season.
- (c) If more than one (1) 4-Man Crew combination satisfies the criteria of clauses 6.6(a) and 6.6(b), the National Federation, in its sole and absolute discretion, will determine which 4-Man Crew combination will be nominated with the Nominated Pilot according to any one or more of the following factors (in no particular order of priority):
 - (i) the crew combination's Push Comparison Score (to field) for all 4-Man race push times with that Nominated Pilot over the 2021/2022 IBSF season (comparisons will only be made between competitions of the same standard, i.e. World Cup, Europe Cup, North American Cup);
 - (ii) crew combination performances and results achieved in the 2019-2021 seasons in IBSF sanctioned events (as defined in the IBSF rules) and 2021/2022 season. For the avoidance of doubt, priority will be given to most recent performances in the 2021/2022 season;
 - (iii) each Athlete's current status with respect to fitness and injury as assessed by a sport physician pre-approved by the National Federation;
 - (iv) loading and sliding skills as assessed by the nominated pilot and/or team coach; and
 - (v) feedback from the Nominated Pilot regarding crew compatibility.
- (d) If an Athlete within the number one (1) nominated 4-Man Crew combination is unable to attend the Games, the National Federation will replace the Athlete with another Athlete according to the criteria under clause 6.6(c). In addition, the National Federation may (in its absolute discretion) "shuffle" the crew members between the left, right and brake positions to give the best possible result.
- (e) If Australia is allocated one 4-Man quota place, or both 2-Man and 4-Man quota places, the National Federation will, in its sole and absolute discretion, identify one alternate

Athlete according to any one or more of the following factors (in no particular order of priority):

- (i) the athlete must have completed a minimum of one (1) IBSF event within the Nomination Period with the members of the nominated 4-Man Crew; the Athlete's current status with respect to fitness and injury as assessed by sport physician pre-approved by the National Federation; and
- (ii) feedback from the Nominated Pilot regarding crew compatibility.

For the avoidance of doubt, this alternate Athlete will not be nominated by the National Federation unless and until:

- (iii) if the nominated side pusher or brakeman advises the National Federation that they are unable to compete at the Games prior to the Sports Entries Deadline, then following the National Federation advising the AOC and the AOC de-selecting the unavailable athlete; or
- (iv) if the nominated side pusher or brakeman advises the National Federation that they are unable to compete at the Games after the Sports Entries Deadline, then following the National Federation advising the AOC, the AOC de-selecting the unavailable athlete and if the criteria for replacement under the "IOC / Beijing 2022 Late Athlete Replacement Policy" is satisfied.

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.

Appendix 1

Push Comparison Score

Background

In Bobsleigh, it is difficult to compare push times between different tracks and on different occasions for the following reasons:

- variations in track gradient
- variations in ice conditions
- variations in environmental conditions

Therefore, it is not possible to directly compare push-times from different tracks, nor to compare push-times from the same track on different days.

However, if a push-time is compared to a control and expressed as a percentage rather than an absolute time, it is possible to make valid comparisons between push-times and be able to rank athletes accordingly. By looking at the performance (i.e. push-times) of other crews in the same run, this will provide a form of 'control' measure, which takes into account changes in gradient, ice and environment.

Calculating the Push Comparison Score

Taking the AVERAGE of the 5 fastest push-times from each run will provide a valid benchmark, or control, against which to compare. Any single push-time from that run is then expressed as a percentage of the control score. This measure, referred to as the "Push Comparison Score", is then used to compare and rank athletes' performances across all tracks and irrespective of conditions.

However, it should only be used to compare performances in the same competition level, as the standard of performances will differ between them. In other words, Europe and North Americas Cup events should not be compared to World Cup performances and vice versa.

The formula to calculate "Push Comparison Score" is as follows:

$$\text{Push Comparison Score} = (\text{Athlete Push time} / \text{Control Score}) \times 100$$

where Control Score = Average of 5 fastest push times

For example:

- Athlete Push time 5.26
- 5 Fastest Push-times 5.07, 5.09, 5.11, 5.11, 5.12
- Control Score 5.10
- Push Comparison Score $(5.26/5.10) \times 100 = 103.14\%$

NB – if the Australian sled is one of the 5 fastest pushes, their time will still be used to calculate the average. Scores will be rounded to 2 decimal places.

For the avoidance of doubt, when evaluating Pilot/Brakeman combinations, the single best Push Comparison Score from the 2021/22 season for each Pilot/Brakeman combination will be used for comparison.