



## 2020 Australian Paralympic Team Nomination Criteria - Boccia

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### 1. Definitions

- 1.1 **BA** means Boccia Australia Limited, ABN 33 505 607 265.
- 1.2 **BA Nomination Appeals Procedure** means the procedure located on the BA Website as amended from time to time and currently accessible here (<https://www.boccia.com.au/high-performance/national-hp-squads>).
- 1.3 **BISFed** means the Boccia International Sports Federation.
- 1.4 **Games** means the 2020 Paralympic Games.
- 1.5 **HPP** means the Paralympic High Performance Program.
- 1.6 **HPP Squad** means, in respect of a sport, the athletes who meet the Sport-Specific Selection Criteria and who are invited to join the HPP.
- 1.7 **IF Classification Rules and Regulations** means the BisFed Boccia Classification Rules as amended from time to time and currently accessible here (<http://www.bisfed.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Boccia-Classification-Rules-4th-Edition-October-2018.pdf> )
- 1.8 **IPC** means the International Paralympic Committee.
- 1.9 **IPC Classification Code** means the classification code of the IPC as amended from time to time, and published on the IPC Website.
- 1.10 **IPC Website** means the website of the IPC ([www.paralympic.org](http://www.paralympic.org)).
- 1.11 **Intentional Misrepresentation** means the intentional misrepresentation (either by act or omission) of an athlete's skills and/or abilities and/or the degree or nature of the athlete's impairment.
- 1.12 **Nomination Criteria** means the nomination criteria endorsed by BA as set out in this document.
- 1.13 **PA** means Paralympics Australia.
- 1.14 **PA General Selection Criteria** means the selection criteria that can be accessed on the PA Website through the following link as amended from time to time (<https://www.paralympic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/T2020-APT-General-Selection-Criteria-and-Appeals.pdf>).
- 1.15 **PA Long List** means the list comprising athletes selected by the Sport Nomination Panel or PA who meet the requisite eligibility requirements and have the prospect of being nominated for the Team.



- 1.16 **PA Selection Appeals Process** means the appeals process referred to in Attachment 2 of the PA General Selection Criteria.
- 1.17 **PA Website** means the website of Paralympics Australia ([www.paralympic.org.au](http://www.paralympic.org.au)).
- 1.18 **SIA** means the Sport Integrity Australia (formally Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority or ASADA)
- 1.19 **Sport Nomination Panel** means the panel comprised of BA's head coach and high performance manager who nominate athletes for the Team.
- 1.20 **Sport-Specific Selection Criteria** means the relevant sports-specific criteria applicable to each individual sport as amended from time to time.
- 1.21 **Team** means the Tokyo 2020 Australian Paralympic Team.
- 1.22 **WADA** means the World Anti-Doping Agency.

## 2. Introduction

- 2.1 The objective of these Nomination Criteria is to identify and nominate to PA those athletes who should represent Australia at the Games.
- 2.2 These Nomination Criteria may be amended or supplemented by BA, specifically where matters arise which have not been provided for in these Nomination Criteria. The high performance manager of BA will then endeavour to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any approved amendment or supplement to these Nomination Criteria.

## 3. The PA Long List

- 3.1 BA will choose athletes from within its sport to be members of the PA Long List. PA may recognise other athletes from within this sport to also be members of the PA Long List. All athletes chosen to be members of the PA Long List must be members of the HPP.
- 3.2 The HPP Squad will be comprised of those athletes who meet the Sport-Specific Selection Criteria circulated by BA and who are invited to join the HPP Squad by the head coach and high performance manager for BA.
- 3.3 BA may only nominate members of the PA Long List to PA for selection in the Team.
- 3.4 BA will advise PA of the athletes that it has chosen as members of the PA Long List at such time as required by PA.

## 4. Eligibility Criteria

- 4.1 Athletes will be nominated to PA for selection to the Team in accordance with the following:



- 4.1.1 Athletes must be an Australian citizen by the time the BA makes its selection of athletes to be members of the PA Long List. in accordance with the IPC athlete's nationality code and meet the minimum age requirement as determined by BISFed;
- 4.1.2 Athletes are registered members of BA;
- 4.1.3 Athletes are only eligible for nomination if they are a member of the HPP Squad and PA Long List;
- 4.1.4 Athletes must have recorded qualifying points at competitions sanctioned by BISFed and be on the BISFed Boccia Team and pairs/individual world ranking list closing 30 April 2021;
- 4.1.5 Athletes must hold a valid international classification with either a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class with a review date after 31 December 2021;
- 4.1.6 Athletes must be medically fit to complete all obligations. Any injury or medical condition, which may affect performance, must be reported to the head coach as soon as the athlete is or should reasonably be aware of such injury or medical condition
- 4.1.7 Athletes are, in BA's view, likely to satisfy the PA General Selection Criteria;
- 4.1.8 Athletes have not committed any doping offence under the WADA or other relevant code, regulation or law as the case may be; and
- 4.1.9 Athletes have, from the date on which he or she was nominated to the PA Long List, been available for sample collections as required by the SIA and if requested by SIA, provided up-to-date information regarding whereabouts on a regular basis.

## **5. Classification**

- 5.1 Athletes are only eligible for nomination if they:
  - 5.1.1 Agree to abide by the BISFed classification rules and regulations, the IPC Classification Code and any relevant PA and/or BA classification policies and requirements, including attending classification assessment as required;
  - 5.1.2 Agree to complete any classification education modules as released by the BISFed, BA or PA;
  - 5.1.3 Agree to disclose previous classification documentation and/or medical diagnostic documentation from relevant specialists for classification which may include, amongst other things;
    - I. providing medical diagnostic information detailing the athlete's underlying health condition and eligible impairment;



- II. undertaking any additional medical assessment or provide further medical diagnostic information as required by PA, BA or BISFed for the purposes of classification; and
  - III. if an athlete has any medical intervention, or if changes occur to the athlete's impairment, which may impact on their classification, athletes must provide medical documentation to PA, BA or BISFed;
- 5.1.4 agree to notify PA, BA and BISFed if there is any change to assistive devices, or equipment used, which may impact their classification in any way, and agrees to undergo further classification assessment if required; and
- 5.1.5 have not breached the BISFed classification rules and regulations, or the IPC Classification Code, unless the athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed (unless the sanction was equal to or greater than 2 years, in which case the athlete is ineligible for nomination). For the purpose of this clause, a breach may include, among other things:
- I. an athlete under investigation for Intentional Misrepresentation where a notice has been issued, or the athlete has been sanctioned under the IF Classification Rules and Regulations; or
  - II. a failure to comply with an Athlete's obligations under the IF Classification Rules and Regulations.

## **6. Process of Nomination**

- 6.1 BA will nominate athletes in its absolute discretion who, in the opinion of the Sport Nomination Panel:
- 6.1.1 will be most likely to achieve the highest competitive results at the Games; and
  - 6.1.2 are, and will remain until the conclusion of the Games, a positive ambassador for the sport, BA and the Games.
- 6.2 In determining which athletes will be nominated, the Sport Nomination Panel may have regard to any, all or none of the following factors, in its absolute discretion, which may or may not be exercised:
- 6.2.1 the athletes' past performances at domestic and international competitions;
  - 6.2.2 the athletes' demonstrated consistent rate of improvement such that they are considered by the head coach to genuinely contribute to the Team's prospect to win a medal at the Games;
  - 6.2.3 the athletes' ability to work successfully with the other athletes, sport assistants, head coach and team leader nominated for the Team;



- 6.2.4 the athletes' personal commitment to setting goals and achieving those goals in consultation with the head coach and high performance manager;
  - 6.2.5 the athletes' ability to maintain regular communication with the head coach;
  - 6.2.6 any other factor the Sport Nomination Panel considers relevant.
- 6.3 In determining which sport assistants will be nominated, the Sport Nomination Panel may have regard to any, all or none of the following factors, in its absolute discretion, which may or may not be exercised:
- 6.3.1 the sport assistants ability to work successfully with the athletes, other sport assistants, head coach and team leader;
  - 6.3.2 the sport assistants demonstrated commitment to their athlete such that they will assist in achieving the highest competitive result possible.
- 6.4 The BA board, prior to submission, will ratify the nomination of athletes to PA for selection to the Team.
- 6.5 The BA high performance manager will then communicate to PA the BA board's decision no later than 15 June 2021.
- 6.6 The fact that BA nominates an athlete to PA, does not guarantee PA will select that person as a member of the Team. Athletes will be selected to the Team at the sole discretion of PA.
- 6.7 PA will determine the date when it will announce the selection of athletes to the Team and this date will be advised.

## **7. Appeals**

- 7.1 All appeals concerning the nomination or non-nomination of athletes will follow the process as detailed in the BA Nomination Appeals Procedure.
- 7.2 All appeals concerning the selection or non-selection of athletes to the Team by PA will follow the process set out in the PA Selection Appeals Process.

## **8. Interpretation**

- 8.1 Words used in these Nomination Criteria have the same meaning ascribed to them in the PA General Selection Criteria unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.