



2020 Australian Paralympic Team

Nomination Criteria - Table Tennis

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The objective of these Nomination Criteria is to identify and nominate to Paralympics Australia ("**PA**") those athletes who will achieve the best possible medal results at the 2020 Paralympic Games ("**Games**").
- 1.2 These Nomination Criteria may be amended or supplemented by Table Tennis Australia ("**TTA**"), specifically where matters arise which have not been provided for in these Nomination Criteria. Any amendment or supplement to these Nomination Criteria must be first approved by PA. Any such amendment or supplement must be in writing given by the CEO of TTA who will endeavour to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any amendment or supplement to these Nomination Criteria.

2. The Long List

- 2.1 TTA will choose athletes from within its sport to be members of Paralympics Australia (PA) **Long List**. PA may recognise other athletes from within this sport to also be members of the **Long List**. All athletes chosen to be members of the **Long List** must be members of the TTA National Squad (Para).
- 2.2 The TTA National Squad (Para) ("**Squad**") will be comprised of those athletes who meet the **TTA National Selection Policy** criteria circulated by TTA and who are invited to join the Squad by the TTA National Selection Panel.
- 2.3 TTA may only nominate members of the **Long List** to PA for selection in the 2020 Australian Paralympic Team.
- 2.4 TTA will advise PA of the athletes that it has chosen as members of the **Long List** at such time as required by PA.

3. Process of Nomination and Selection

- 3.1 Mandatory Criteria - Athletes will be nominated to PA for selection to the Tokyo 2020 Australian Paralympic Team ("**Team**") in accordance with the following:
 - 3.1.1 Notwithstanding the other provisions of these Nomination Criteria, individual athletes will be nominated on the basis that their selection assists in achieving the best possible medal results for Table Tennis at the **Games**.

- 3.1.2 Athletes are registered members of Table Tennis Australia
- 3.1.3 Athletes are only eligible for nomination if they are a member of the 2021 TTA National Squad (Para) and PA **Long List** and have agreed to and signed the **PA Athlete Agreement** at the time of their nomination
- 3.1.4 Athletes must be an Australian citizen in accordance with the IPC athlete's nationality code.
- 3.1.5 Athletes must be internationally classified by the ITTF, with an eligible sport class and a "Confirmed" sport class status or a 'Fixed Review Date' sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2021 published on the ITTF classification masterlist, as detailed in the Tokyo 2020 Qualification Guide
- 3.1.6 Athletes are only eligible for nomination if they:
 - 3.1.6.1 agree to abide by the ITTF Para table tennis classification rules and regulations, the IPC Athlete Classification Code and any relevant PA and/or TTA classification policies and requirements, including attending classification assessment as required.
 - 3.1.6.2 agree to complete any classification education modules as released by the ITTF, TTA or PA
 - 3.1.6.3 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, TTA or ITTF for the purposes of classification
 - 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, TTA or ITTF
 - 3.1.6.4 agree to notify PA, TTA and ITTF if there is any change to assistive devices or equipment used, which may impact their classification in any way, and agree to undergo further classification assessment if required.
 - 3.1.6.5 have not breached the ITTF Para-table tennis classification rules and regulations 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). 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 ITTF Classification Rules and Regulations; or
 - ii) a failure to comply with an Athlete's obligations under the ITTF Classification rules and regulations or the IPC Athlete Classification Code.

- 3.1.7 To be eligible to be nominated to PA for selection to the Team an athlete must have demonstrated a consistent rate of improvement and/or competition performance; such that they are considered by the National Head Coach (Para) to genuinely contribute to the Team's prospect to win a medal at the Games.
- 3.1.8 Athletes must demonstrate the ability to work successfully with the other athletes, National Head Coach (Para) and Team Manager nominated for the team.
- 3.1.9 Athletes must demonstrate a personal commitment to setting goals and achieving those goals in consultation with the TTA National Head Coach (Para) and National Program Manager (Para).
- 3.1.10 Athletes must maintain regular communication with the TTA National Head Coach (Para) and National Program Manager (Para).
- 3.1.11 Athletes must acknowledge and fulfil their obligations under the TTA National Squad (Para) Athlete Agreement.
- 3.1.12 Athletes must be medically fit to complete all obligations. All injuries or medical conditions which may affect performance must be reported to the TTA National Head Coach (Para) as soon as the athlete is or should reasonably be aware of such injury or medical condition.
- 3.1.13 Athletes have not committed any doping offence under the World Anti-Doping Agency or other relevant code, as the case may be.
- 3.1.14 Athletes have, from the date on which he or she was nominated to the Long List, been available for sample collections as required by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency (ASADA) and if requested by ASADA, provided up-to-date information regarding their whereabouts on a regular basis
- 3.1.15 Athletes must have earned a "slot" (either through Qualification or Bipartite Commission Invitation) for the 2020 Paralympic Games following the guidelines set out in the **IPC** 2020 Paralympic Games Qualification Guide for Table Tennis which can be found on the ITTF website <https://www.ittf.com/tournament/2910/tokyo-2020-paralympic-games/> and which state that athletes must:
- 3.1.15.1.1 meet the requirements of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Tournament Credit System in effect for the qualification period (1 January 2019 to 31 March 2020). This requirement does not apply to:
 - Athletes qualified via the World Qualification Tournament, and
 - Athletes selected by the Bipartite Commission;
 - 3.1.15.1.2 be ranked on the ITTF Para Table Tennis (PTT) World Ranking List:
 - closing 31 March 2021 for athletes qualified via the World Qualification Tournament
 - closing 31 March 2020 for athletes qualified via Regional Championships or World Ranking methods
 - 3.1.15.1.3 be internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Fixed Review Date' sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2021.

- 3.1.16 The number of athletes able to be selected by PA to participate in Table Tennis events at the 2020 Paralympic Games is subject to the number of Qualification Slots for Table Tennis allocated to PA by the IPC or the Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee for the Paralympic Games or the International Table Tennis Federation out of the total number of places in the Sport Quota for Table Tennis.
- 3.1.17 Athletes to be considered for nomination to PA for selection to the Team will be identified by the TTA National Selection Panel (comprising TTA National Head Coach (Para); TTA Board appointed member; and an independent appointed member).
- 3.1.18 The nomination of athletes to PA for selection to the Team will be ratified by the TTA National Selection Panel prior to submission.
- 3.1.19 Unless otherwise stated in these Nomination Criteria, the TTA National Selection Panel may give such weight to any or all of these Nomination Criteria as it sees fit. For the avoidance of doubt, the TTA National Selection Panel need not have regard to all of the requirements of this clause 3.
- 3.2 The TTA National Program Manager (Para) will nominate athletes to PA for selection to the Team by no later than **Wednesday 19th May, 2021**.
- 3.2 To be eligible to be nominated to PA for inclusion in the Team, athletes must comply with the requirements set out in the **PA General Selection Criteria** which can be viewed on the PA website:
<https://www.paralympic.org.au/games-and-events/2020-australian-paralympic-team-documents/>.
- 3.4 The fact that an athlete is nominated to PA by the TTA National Program Manager (Para) 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.
- 3.5 PA will determine the date it will announce the selection of athletes to the Team and this date will be advised.

4. Appeals

- 4.1 All appeals concerning the nomination or non-nomination of athletes to PA by TTA will follow the process set out in the **TTA Appeals Policy** which can be found within the **TTA National Selection Policy** on the TTA website:
<https://www.tabletennis.org.au/about/governance/>
- 4.2 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 for the Tokyo 2020 Australian Paralympic Team** document which is contained in **Attachment 2** of the **PA General Selection Criteria**.

5. Interpretation

- 5.1 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.