

## Paralympic Nomination Criteria

### Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games

#### Taekwondo

## 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 PA General Selection Criteria, certain of which have been reproduced below for the sake of convenience.

**Athlete** means a person who:

- (a) participates in the Sport; and
- (b) is recognised by the National Federation or the PA as eligible for nomination to the PA for selection to the Team pursuant to this Nomination Criteria.

**Extenuating Circumstances** means:

- (a) injury or illness;
- (b) equipment failure;
- (c) travel delays;
- (d) bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member, which means a spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling; or
- (e) any other factors considered by the National Federation to constitute extenuating circumstances.

**Games** means Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

**International Federation** means World Taekwondo (**WT**).

**National Federation** means Australian Taekwondo (**AT**).

**Nominated Event** means a competition, camp, training session or other event which is referred to in this Nomination Criteria.

**Nomination Date** means 20 July 2021.

**PA** means the Paralympic Australian and any of its officers, employees or agents and any committee it convenes including the PA Selection Committee.

**PA Selection Committee** means the committee established by the PA to send athletes and appoint officials to the Australian Paralympic team for the Games.

**PA General Selection Criteria** means the criteria adopted by PA in respect of the Games which outlines the requirements for an athlete to be selected by PA to participate in the Games.

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**Qualification Period** means 1 January 2018 to 30 April 2021.

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

**Sport** means Taekwondo.

**Sport Entries Deadline** means the date on which entries to a Games must be submitted by the PA.

**TSP** means the Taekwondo Selection Panel as defined in clause 7.7.

**Team** means the team of athletes and officials selected by the PA to participate in the Sport at the Games.

## 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) 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 PA in accordance with this Nomination Criteria.
- 2.3 This Nomination Criteria will take effect on and from 1 November 2018 and will cease to have effect on the Sport Entries Date.
- 2.4 This Nomination Criteria applies to:
- (a) all Athletes;
  - (b) the National Federation; and
  - (c) PA.
- 2.5 The terms of the PA General Selection Criteria are incorporated by reference into this Nomination Criteria. The National Federation must provide, or otherwise make available, the PA General Selection Criteria to all Athletes.

## 3 Long List

- 3.1 For the purpose only of identifying prospective members of the Team, the National Federation or PA may maintain a Long List of Athletes.

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- 3.2 For the avoidance of doubt, membership of the National Federation's or the PA'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 PA, to the Team.

#### 4 Athlete Quota Positions

- 4.1 The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to PA for selection to the Team where, pursuant to the Qualification System, the International Federation has awarded PA athlete quota positions.
- 4.2 The National Federation may not nominate more Athletes than are permitted to be nominated by PA under the Qualification System.
- 4.3 The National Federation may nominate fewer Athletes than permitted under the Qualification System, in its absolute discretion.

#### 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) holds a WT Global Athlete License for the year 2021;
- (e) is internationally classified with either a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2021;
- (f) holds either a Taekwondo Dan issued by the WT/Kukkiwon or a MNA recognized 5-1 Gup;
- (g) is at least sixteen (16) years of age by 31 December 2021;
- (h) has competed in at least one (1) international, sanctioned WT Para Taekwondo competition between 1 January 2018 and 30 April 2021;
- (i) is likely to satisfy the PA General Selection Criteria;
- (j) has not committed any doping offence under the policies of AT, PA, Sport Integrity Australia (SIA); or the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;
- (k) has been available for sample collections as required by the Sport Integrity Australia (SIA); and if requested by SIA, provided up-to-date information regarding their whereabouts on a regular basis;
- (l) has not breached the WT classification rules and regulations, or the IPC Athlete Classification Code, unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed; and
- (m) 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.

#### 6 Classification

- 6.1 Athletes agree to abide by the WT classification rules and regulations, the IPC Athlete Classification Code and any relevant Australian Taekwondo or Paralympics Australia

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classification policies and requirements, including attending classification assessment as required.

- 6.2 Athletes agree to complete any classification education modules as released by the WT or Paralympics Australia.
- 6.3 Athletes agree to notify AT, PA and WT 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.
- 6.4 Athletes agree to disclose previous classification documentation and/or medical diagnostic documentation from relevant specialists for classification which may include;
  - (a) Providing medical diagnostic information detailing the athlete's underlying health condition and eligible impairment.
  - (b) Undertaking any additional medical assessment or provide further medical diagnostic information as required by AT, PA or WT for the purpose of classification
- 6.5 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 AT, PA or WT.

## 7 Nomination Criteria

### Automatic Qualification

- 7.1 Where an Athlete qualifies a quota place for Australia through the WT K44 or K43 World Ranking in accordance with the Qualification System (**Automatic Qualification**), the National Federation will nominate an Athlete in that Division to PA for selection to the Team. The Athlete to be nominated for that Division will be determined in accordance with clauses 7.6(a) and (b).

### Continental Qualification

- 7.2 The number of Athletes and the weight categories that the National Federation will send to the Continental Qualification Tournament will depend on the number of quota places received through Automatic Qualification (see clause 7.1).
- 7.3 In the event that Australia qualifies fewer than two Athletes per gender through Automatic Qualification, the National Federation will use the system outlined in clauses 7.4 to 7.6 to determine which Athletes will represent Australia at the Continental Qualification Tournament.
- 7.4 **Weight categories:** In determining which weight categories will be represented at the Continental Qualification Tournament, the National Federation will use the following method:
  - (a) subject to clause 7.4(b), if any Athlete is ranked 5-12 on the WT Para Taekwondo World Ranking List at 31 December 2019, their weight category will be represented at the Continental Qualification Tournament;
  - (b) if there are more weight categories with Athletes ranked 5–12 on the WT Para Taekwondo World Ranking List at 31 December 2019 than places available at the Continental Qualification Tournament, the TSP will rely on clause 7.8 to determine which weight category/ies will be represented; and
  - (c) if there are fewer weight categories with athletes ranked 5-12 on the WT Para Taekwondo World Ranking List at 31 December 2019 than places available at the Continental Qualification Tournament, the TSP will rely on clause 7.8 to determine which weight category/ies will be represented.

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7.5 **Athletes within weight categories:** Within each of the weight categories that are chosen to be represented at the Continental Qualification Tournament, the National Federation will use the following method to determine which Athlete will represent that weight category at the Continental Qualification Tournament:

- (a) if any Athlete is ranked 5–12 on the WT Para Taekwondo World Ranking List at 31 December 2019, they will represent that weight category at the Continental Qualification Tournament;
- (b) if there is more than one Athlete ranked 5–12 on the WT Para Taekwondo World Ranking List at 31 December 2019, the athlete with the most WT Para Taekwondo World ranking points collected between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019 will represent that weight category at the Continental Qualification Tournament.
- (c) if no Athlete is ranked 5–12 on the WT Para Taekwondo World Ranking List at 31 December 2019, the TSP will rely on clause 7.8 to determine who will represent that weight category at the Continental Qualification Tournament.

#### Nomination of Athletes

7.6 **Athletes nominated for the Games:** The results of the Continental Qualification Tournament (together with Automatic Qualification) will determine how many quota places Australia receives. The TSP will use the following method, in descending preferential order, to determine which Athletes will be nominated to PA for selection to the Games:

#### **Quotas achieved through Automatic Qualification**

- (a) If an Athlete is ranked 1-4 on the WT Para Taekwondo World Ranking List at 31 December 2019, and there is no other Athlete ranked 5-12 on the WT Para Taekwondo World Ranking List at 31 December 2019, they will be nominated to PA for selection.
- (b) If an Athlete is ranked 1-4 on the WT Para Taekwondo World Ranking List at 31 December 2019, and there is another Athlete ranked 5-12 on the WT Para Taekwondo World Ranking List at 31 December 2019, the TSP will rely on clause 7.8 to determine who is nominated to PA for selection.

#### **Quotas achieved through Continental Qualification**

- (c) In determining which Athlete or Athletes will be nominated to PA for selection, should an Athlete be ranked 5–12 on the WT Para Taekwondo World Ranking List at 31 December 2019, they will be nominated to PA for selection unless there is another Athlete ranked 5–16, in which case the TSP will rely on clause 7.8 to determine who is nominated to PA for selection;
- (d) In determining which Athlete or Athletes will be nominated to PA for selection, should no athlete be ranked 5–12 on the WT Para Taekwondo World Ranking List at 31 December 2019, the TSP will rely on clause 7.8 to determine who is nominated to PA for selection.

7.7 **Taekwondo Selection Panel (TSP):** The TSP will be comprised of:

- (a) the National Federation Coaching Director;
- (b) the Australian Institute of Sport Combat Sports Manager;
- (c) a legal representative;
- (d) a Taekwondo coach with no athletes in contention for nomination.

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- 7.8 **Factors to consider:** the TSP may have regard to any, all or none of the following factors, in its absolute discretion, which may or may not be exercised:
- (a) the Athlete's performance during the Qualification Period, in particular during the period from 1 May 2019 to 30 April 2020, and including international events between January to April 2021 (exact dates and locations to be defined by AT as soon as the WT's 2021 international calendars are confirmed);
  - (b) the Athlete's past performances at domestic and international competitions;
  - (c) the Athlete's physical form and fitness;
  - (d) the Athlete's age and future potential;
  - (e) the Athlete's world ranking;
  - (f) the benefit or detriment of the Athlete's membership in the team with respect to team dynamics and performance; or
  - (g) any other factors the TSP considers relevant.

## 8 Extenuating circumstances

- 8.1 In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in clause 7, the National Federation may, in its absolute discretion, have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.
- 8.2 In the event that an Athlete determines that he or she is unable to attend a Nominated Event, that Athlete must notify the National Federation of his or her non-attendance in writing as soon as practicable.
- 8.3 The National Federation may consider an Athlete's non-attendance at a Nominated Event to be an Extenuating Circumstance in its absolute discretion. The National Federation may require an Athlete to undergo a medical examination as a condition of treating the Athlete's non-attendance at a Nominated Event as an Extenuating Circumstance.

## 9 Submission of Nominations

- 9.1 The National Federation must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date in writing.
- 9.2 PA may, in its absolute discretion extend the Nomination Date for the National Federation for any reason.
- 9.3 The National Federation must nominate Athletes to PA 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
- 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 the Nomination Date, or such later date as PA advises the National Federation.
- 9.4 Nominations submitted to PA must be in the form prescribed by PA or in a form that is otherwise acceptable to PA and include any such information that is required pursuant to the PA General Selection Criteria.
- 9.5 PA 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 AT Appeals Process.

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## 10 Amendments

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

## 11 Governing Law

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

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