

2020 Australian Paralympic Team Nomination Criteria Badminton

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 results at the 2020 Paralympic Games ("**Games**").
- 1.2 These Nomination Criteria may be amended or supplemented by Badminton Australia ("**BA**"), 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 BA who will endeavour to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any amendment or supplement to these Nomination Criteria.

2. Paralympic Long List

- 2.1 BA will nominate athletes from within the sport to be members of the PA Paralympic Long List. PA may recognise other athletes from within this sport to also be members of the Paralympic Long List. All athletes chosen to be members of the Long List must be members of BA.
- 2.2 BA may only nominate members of the Paralympic Long List to PA for selection in the 2020 Australian Paralympic Team.

3. Athlete Quota Positions

- 3.1 BA may only nominate athletes to PA for selection to the Team where, pursuant to the Qualification System, Badminton World Federation (BWF) has awarded PA or BA athlete quota positions.
- 3.2 BA may not nominate more athletes than are permitted to be nominated by PA under the Qualification System.
- 3.3 BA may nominate fewer athletes than permitted under the Qualification System, in its absolute discretion.

4. Eligibility Criteria

- 4.1 BA will not nominate an Athlete unless, as at the Nomination Date, BA is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the Athlete:
- a) is an Australian citizen;
 - b) is a member of BA;
 - c) is internationally classified with either a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2020;
 - d) has participated in a minimum of three (3) designated qualifying tournaments counting towards the Road to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List;
 - e) is ranked on the Road to Tokyo Paralympic Ranking List published 01 April 2021;
 - f) is medically fit to complete all obligations. Any injury sustained 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.
 - g) is likely to satisfy the PA General Selection Criteria;
 - h) has not committed any doping offence under the policies of BA, PA, Australian Sports Anti-doping Authority (ASADA) or the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;
 - i) has 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; and
 - j) has not breached the BWF 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.

5. Classification

- 5.1 Athletes agree to abide by the BWF classification rules and regulations, the IPC Athlete Classification Code and any relevant BA or PA classification policies and requirements, including attending classification assessment as required.
- 5.2 Athletes agree to complete any classification education modules as released by the BWF or Paralympics Australia.

- 5.3 Athletes agree to notify BA, PA and BWF 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.
- 5.4 Athletes agree to disclose previous classification documentation and/or medical diagnostic documentation from relevant specialists for classification which may include;
- 5.4.1 Providing medical diagnostic information detailing the athlete's underlying health condition and eligible impairment; or
- 5.4.2 Undertaking any additional medical assessment or provide further medical diagnostic information as required by BA, PA or BWF for the purpose of classification.
- 5.5 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 BA, PA or BWF.

6. Process of Nomination

- 6.1 BA will nominate Athletes in its absolute discretion who, in the opinion of the Sport Selection Panel:
- 6.1.1 Will be most likely to achieve the highest competitive results at the Games; and
- 6.1.2 is, and will remain until the conclusion of the Games, a positive ambassador for the Sport, BA and the Games.
- 6.2 The Selection Panel will be made up of National Para coach (Ian Bridge), Sport Operations Manager (Peter Roberts) and Rod Rantall.
- 6.3 In determining which Athletes will be nominated, the Selection 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 Athlete's past performances at domestic and international competitions.
- 6.3.2 the Athlete's demonstrated consistent rate of improvement.
- 6.3.3 the Athlete's ability to work successfully with the other Athletes and Head coach for the team.
- 6.3.4 the Athlete's personal commitment to setting goals and achieving those goals in consultation with the Head Coach.

- 6.3.5 the Athlete's ability to maintain regular communication with the Head Coach
- 6.3.6 Any other factor the Selection Panel considers relevant.
- 6.4 In the event that Australia is awarded bipartite commission invitation allocation slots by the BWF, the Selection Panel may only nominate the Athletes specified by the BWF for those slots.
- 6.5 BA must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date (**30th April 2021**) in writing.
- 6.6 BA must inform Athletes of their nomination or non-nomination by no later than 1 week prior to the Nomination Date.
- 6.7 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.
- 6.8 PA may, in its absolute discretion, accept a nomination submitted after the Nomination Date where it is submitted by BA as a result of an appeal brought in accordance with BA appeals process.

7. Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation

- 7.1 In the situation where no NPC in Oceania obtains quota slots there is the opportunity for PA to apply for Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation. This is available for one male athlete and one female athlete.
- 7.2 To be considered for the Bipartite slot an Athlete must have demonstrated the following;
 - 7.2.1 High level of commitment;
 - 7.2.2 Shown improved performance and results in qualifying international events;
 - 7.2.3 Be a role model for other developing players;
 - 7.2.4 Worked with the coach in all aspects of training, planning, communication and development
 - 7.2.5 Meet the Eligibility Criteria specified at 5.1
 - 7.2.6 BA will also take into consideration which player provides the longer term benefit for the sport and future success when considering allocating a Bipartite slot. This is most relevant where the likelihood of winning a medal in this Paralympics is negligible

- 7.3 Selection Panel, at its sole discretion, will recommend up to one male athlete and one female athlete to the BA board who, if in agreement, will recommend the Athletes to PA for submission to the IPC or BWF. The Selection Panel, at its sole discretion, may nominate more athletes provided it is within the BWF and IPC rules.

8. Appeals

- 8.1 All appeals concerning the nomination or non-nomination of athletes will follow the process as detailed in the BA appeals process, the details of which are available on the BA website
(<https://www.badminton.org.au/wpcontent/uploads/2019/09/Regulations-of-Badminton-Australia-Limited-Final-04.02.17.pdf>).
- 8.2 All appeals concerning the selection or non-selection of athletes to the Team by PA will follow the process set out in the PA General Selection Criteria.
- 8.3 Slots awarded as a result of a bipartite commission invitation allocation are not subject to an appeals process.

9. Interpretation

- 9.1 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.