

# Nomination Criteria

## Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games

### Para Snowboard

#### 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 Paralympics Australia 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 PA as eligible for nomination to PA for selection to the Team pursuant to this Nomination Criteria.

**Executive** means the Executive of PA.

**Extenuating Circumstances** means:

- a) equipment failure;
- b) travel delays;
- c) 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
- d) any other factors considered by the National Federation to constitute extenuating circumstances.

**Games** means Paralympic Winter Games Beijing 2022

**International Federation** means World Para Snowboard (WPSB)

**IPC** means the International Paralympic Committee

**National Federation** means Snow Australia

**Nomination Date** means 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

**NPC** means National Paralympic Committee

**PA** means Paralympics Australia limited and any of its officers, employees or agents and any committee it convenes including PA Selection Committee.

**PA General Selection Criteria or GSC means** the document adopted by PA Board which governs, among other things, the nomination and selection of Athletes to a team for a Paralympic Summer Games and/or Paralympic Winter Games.

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

**PA Qualification Period** means 1 January 2020 to 15 February 2022

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

**Sport** means Para Alpine Skiing

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

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

**Snow Australia Selection Panel** means the selection panel consisting of:

- the Snow Australia Chief Executive Officer;
- the Snow Australia Board Chairman
- the Snow Australia Performance Manager
- the Snow Australia Head "Sport" Coach

## 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 party's executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes.
- b) If a person to whom these Nomination Criteria applies consists of more than one person, then these 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 these Nomination Criteria or affect its interpretation.

## 3. General

- 3.1. These Nomination Criteria are issued by the board of the National Federation. The National Federation must provide, or otherwise make available, these Nomination Criteria to all Athletes.
- 3.2. The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to PA in accordance with these Nomination Criteria.
- 3.3. These Nomination Criteria will take effect on and from 1 July 2020 and will cease to have effect on the Nomination Date, or such later date as is determined by PA in accordance with items listed in clause 8.
- 3.4. These Nomination Criteria applies to:
  - a) all Athletes;
  - b) the National Federation; and
  - c) PA.

3.5. The terms of PA General Selection Criteria are incorporated by reference into this Nomination Criteria. The National Federation must provide, or otherwise make available, PA General Selection Criteria to all Athletes.

#### 4. Long List

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

4.2. For the avoidance of doubt, membership of the National Federation's or 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.

#### 5. Athlete Quota Positions

5.1. 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 or the National Federation Athlete quota positions.

5.2. A National Federation may not nominate more Athletes than are permitted to be nominated by PA under the Qualification System.

#### 6. Eligibility Criteria

**[Guidance Note: This section sets out the 'minimum standards' an Athlete must satisfy in order to be eligible to be nominated by a National Federation. Criterion in this section should be thought of as a 'pre-condition' to nomination]**

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 a member of the National Federation;
- b) satisfies the Qualification System;
- c) is likely to satisfy PA General Selection Criteria;
- d) has not breached PA Anti-Doping Policy, unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed; and
- e) 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;

#### 7. Nomination Criteria -IPC

For the purposes of nomination to PA of Athletes for selection to the 2022 Australian Paralympic Winter Team SNOW AUSTRALIA will nominate Athletes according to the criteria outline in clause 8:

##### Minimum Requirement under the IPC Qualification System

To be eligible for selection by an NPC, Athletes must:

- i. Hold a valid WPSB license for the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 seasons;
- ii. Have achieved race points in at least one (1) race of the 2021/2022 season by 14

February 2022 (exceptions may be made via the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method);

- iii. Be born in the year 2007 or earlier;
- iv. Be internationally classified with either a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after the 2021/2022 season; and

#### **For Banked Slalom Events:**

- i. Be ranked and have achieved 80 WPSB Points or more on the WPSB Banked Slalom Ranking List as of 14 February 2022 (exceptions may be made via the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method).

#### **For Snowboard Cross Events:**

- i. Be ranked and have achieved 100 WPSB Points or more on the WPSB Snowboard Cross Ranking List as of 14 February 2022 (exceptions may be made via the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method).

#### **Compliance with Classification Rules**

- i. Only qualified Athletes that meet the sport-specific classification rules and have a designated classification status (as defined below per each sport) will be eligible for entry into the Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games. It is the responsibility of each NPC to ensure that its Athletes are appropriately classified in their respective sports prior to entry, and that each Athlete holds a sport class status that complies with the sport's eligibility requirements as published herein.

## **8. Tiered Priority System**

SNOW AUSTRALIA will use a tiered priority system to nominate athletes. Using this system, SNOW AUSTRALIA will nominate as per the criteria and processes set out below.

### **8.1. Tier 1 Nomination**

1. Only nominate those Athletes who have placed in the top three (3) at an IPCSB World Cup or IPCSB World Championship during the period from 1 January 2020 to 15 February 2022
  - a) if more Athletes satisfy these criteria than quota places allocated to Australia, the Snow Australia Selection Panel will, in its absolute discretion, nominate up to the maximum number of Athletes to fill the available quota places who in their opinion will achieve the best result at the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games. Without in anyway limiting the discretion of the Snow Australia Selection Panel in forming its opinion, it will take into consideration the following factors:
    - i. the level of competition at each WPSB World Cup and/or WPSB World

- Championship event considered in clause 6 above, the conditions experienced at the event(s) and any factors that may have adversely affected the final result in the event;
- ii. the athlete's experience at major events and proven performances under pressure;
  - iii. any injury issues relating to the athlete (following consultation with Para Snowboard program medical staff in consultation with the SNOW AUSTRALIA Medical Director); and
  - iv. any other factor that, in the opinion of the SNOW AUSTRALIA Selection Panel is relevant to achieving the objective of choosing the athlete/s who will achieve the best result at the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games

## 8.2. Tier 2 Nomination

1. If additional quota places are available following the allocation of quota places according to "Tier 1 Nomination" clause 6 the remaining quota places will be allocated to Athletes who have achieved a **top five (5)** a WPSB World Cup or WPSB World Championships, during the period 1 January 2020 to 15 February 2022, provided that:
  - a) any such top 5 place achieved at a WPSB World Cup or WPSB World Championship must be inside the top 50% of the finishing field in particular category in order to be considered as a priority selection under "Tier 2"; and
  - b) if more athletes satisfy these criteria than quota places available to Australia after the allocation of places under clause 6 above, the SNOW AUSTRALIA Selection Panel will, in its discretion, nominate up to the maximum number of Athletes to fill those available quota places who in its opinion will achieve the best result at the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games. Without in anyway limiting the discretion of the SNOW AUSTRALIA Selection Panel in forming its opinion, it will take into consideration the factors outlined in clause 6.

## 8.3. Tier 3 Nomination

1. If additional quota places are available following the allocation of quota places according to 'Tier 1' and 'Tier 2' nomination clauses, the remaining quota places will be allocated to Athletes who have achieved a two (2) top 10 place finishes at an WPSB World Cup or WPSB World Championships, during the period 1 January 2020 to 15 February 2022, provided that:
  - a) any such top 10 result achieved at a WPSB World Cup or WPSB World Championship must be inside the top 70% of the Category Field in order to be considered as a priority selection under 'Tier 3'; and
  - b) if more athletes satisfy these criteria than quota places available to Australia after the allocation of places under clause 6 above, the SNOW AUSTRALIA Selection Panel will, in its discretion, nominate up to the maximum number of Athletes to fill those available quota places who in their opinion will achieve the best result at

the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games. Without in anyway limiting the discretion of the SNOW AUSTRALIA Selection Panel in forming its opinion, they will take into consideration the factors outlined in clauses 6 and 7.

#### **8.4. Tier 4 Nomination**

If additional quota places are available following the allocation of quota places under 'Tier 1', 'Tier 2' and 'Tier 3' clauses 6.1 – 6.3 the remaining quota places will be filled in priority order of the highest ranked Athlete(s) according to Paralympic Quota Allocation List as published by WPAS on the WPAS website on 14 February 2022; the remaining quota places may be allocated according to:

- a) The SNOW AUSTRALIA Selection Panel may, in its discretion, nominate up to the maximum number of Athletes to fill those available quota places who in their opinion will achieve the performance standards as outlined in PA General Selection Criteria Section 7.1(d). Without in anyway limiting the discretion of the SNOW AUSTRALIA Selection Panel in forming its opinion, they will take into consideration the factors outlined in clause 6.

#### **8.5. Tier 5 Nomination – Bipartite**

Bipartite invitations are granted on a discretionary basis by the IPC and the respective IF and are typically allocated based on the following principles:

- i. to ensure participation of top athletes who may have not had the opportunity to formally qualify through other methods due to extraordinary circumstances;
- ii. to ensure the representation of athletes with high support needs;
- iii. to ensure medal events will have sufficient representation for viability; and
- iv. to enable greater representation by gender.

SNOW AUSTRALIA may nominate Athletes based on the above set principles to PA beginning on 10th January 2022. Applications for Bipartite slots must be received by the IF by 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Candidates must meet the General Eligibility Regulations as defined in clause 6. All Bipartite decisions are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.

## **9. Nomination Notification**

### **9.1. Making of Nominations**

- a) Nominations of Athletes to PA for selection to the Australian Paralympic Winter Team must be made no later than 17 February 2022. Nominations to PA can be made any time prior to this date so long as the nomination process outlined in this Nomination Criteria has been completed.
- b) Nominations made after this deadline will not be accepted unless: SNOW AUSTRALIA is granted an extension of time in writing by PA; or the nomination is made subject to the outcome of a non-nomination appeal to either the National

Federation Appeal Tribunal or the Court of Arbitration for Sport and the appeal application or other equivalent originating process was lodged prior to the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

- c) The deadline for receipt of nominations applies irrespective of any deadline prescribed under the IPC Qualification Guide or other documentation.

## **10. Amendments to Nomination Criteria**

These Nomination Criteria may be amended by SNOW AUSTRALIA with prior written approval from PA. Amended Nomination Criteria will be communicated to athletes by SNOW AUSTRALIA. Amendments will be posted on the SNOW AUSTRALIA website ([www.snow.org.au](http://www.snow.org.au)) and PA website ([www.paralympic.org.au](http://www.paralympic.org.au)) and a copy of amendments will be provided to each member of the Long List by email by SNOW AUSTRALIA.