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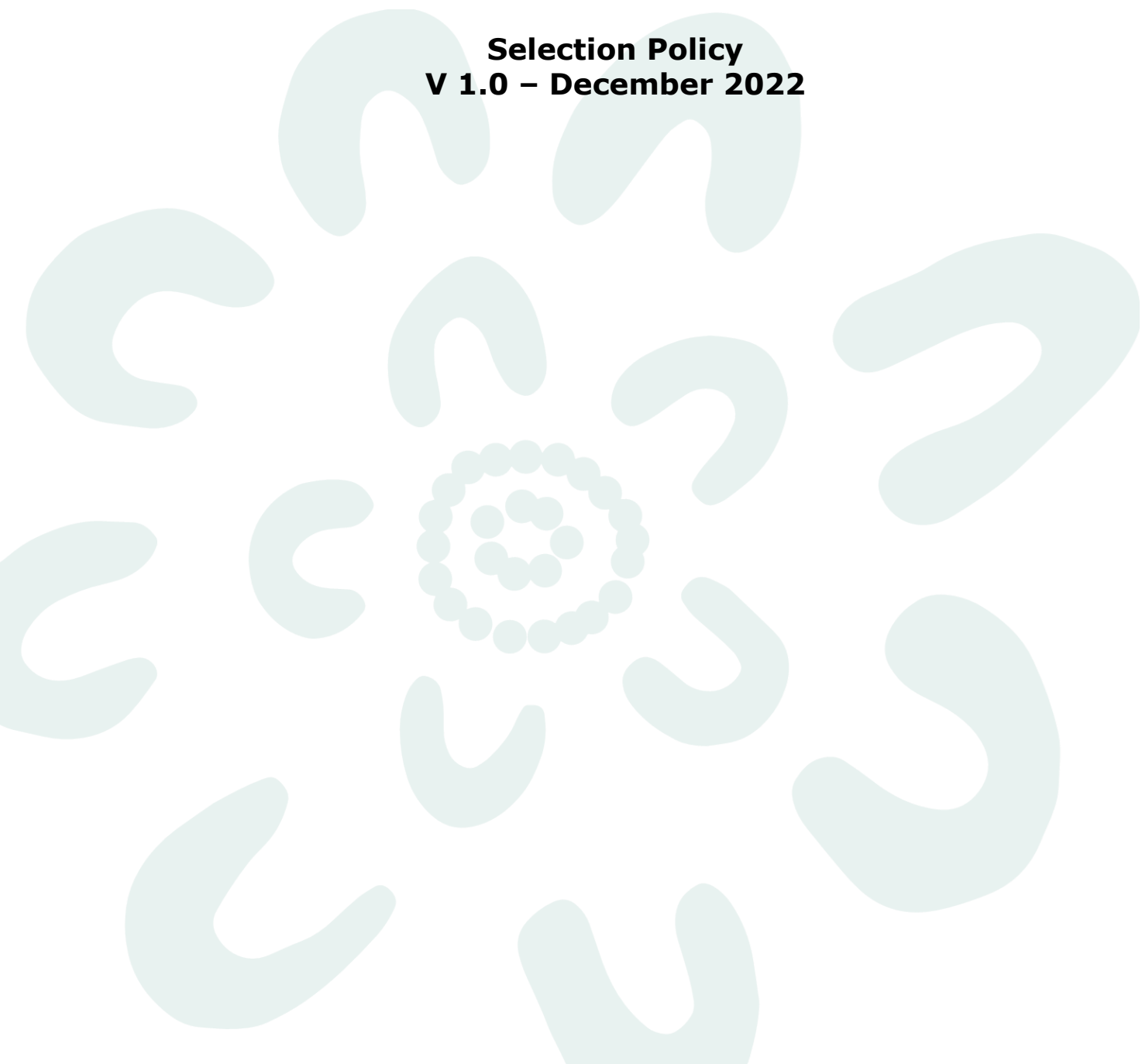
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**Australian Para Powerlifting Team
World Para Powerlifting Championships
22 - 30 August 2023, Dubai, UAE**

**Selection Policy
V 1.0 – December 2022**





1. Introduction

- 1.1 The primary objective of this Selection Policy (**Policy**) is to enable the selection of Athlete(s) who have the greatest potential of winning medals in the desirable bodyweight divisions and age categories at the World Para Powerlifting Championships 2023 (**WPPC2023**) in Dubai, UAE.
- 1.2 The secondary objective of this Policy is to enable the selection of Athletes to fulfill the maximum allowable quota (if restricted) per nation for each medal event.
- 1.3 The ten (10) Male and ten (10) Female weight divisions in Rookie (15-17yrs), Next Gen (18-20yrs), Elite (Open) and Legend (+45yrs) age categories, are all separate events and different considerations may be relevant in considering Athletes for selection under this Policy, whilst providing the greatest opportunity to achieve the primary objective for WPPC2023 in clause 1.1.
- 1.4 Only with the approval of Paralympics Australia's (**PA**) Board can this Policy be amended or supplemented. Any amendment or supplement to this Policy can only be issued by PA. PA will endeavour to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any amendment or supplement to this Policy.

2. Process of Selection

- 2.1 PA will appoint a Panel which will be responsible for applying this Policy in respect of considering selections to the Team. The Panel will comprise three (3) members chosen by PA:
 - one representative from PA (Chair);
 - one representative from the sport of Para Powerlifting; and
 - one independent person with high performance para sport expertise.
- 2.2 For Athletes to be considered for selection they must have:
 - 2.2.1 Completed a PA Expression of Interest (**EOI**) Application and signed the Participation Waiver; and
 - 2.2.2 Achieved the required Minimum Qualifying Standards (**MQS**) for desirable bodyweight division and age category, between 27 November 2021 – 19 March 2023.
- 2.3 A maximum quota (if applicable) Number of Athletes per nation for each medal event is permitted. Should more Athletes achieve the MQS in any weight category(s), the highest ranked Athletes within the qualification period will be prioritised for selection.

- 2.4 EOI Applications must be submitted to PA by no later than 20 March 2023. EOI Applications will not be accepted past this date.
- 2.5 Athletes must keep the fact that they have been selected confidential until such time as they are made public by PA.
- 2.6 Selected Athletes are not members of the WPPC2023 Team until all self-funded invoices and the criteria in this Policy have been met.

3 Medal Events

- 3.1 The standard bodyweight divisions are the same across Rookie (15-17yrs), Next Gen (18-20yrs), Elite (Open) and Legend (+45yrs) age categories:

Males	Females
Up to 49kg	Up to 41kg
Up to 54kg	Up to 45kg
Up to 59kg	Up to 50kg
Up to 65kg	Up to 55kg
Up to 72kg	Up to 61kg
Up to 80kg	Up to 67kg
Up to 88kg	Up to 73kg
Up to 97kg	Up to 79kg
Up to 107kg	Up to 86kg
Over 107kg	Over 86kg

4 Selection Framework

- 4.1 In considering Athletes for selection, the Panel in its sole and absolute discretion may consider factors including but not limited to:
- (a) MQS has been achieved;
 - (b) The overall WPP World Rankings (period 27 November 2021- 19 March 2023)
 - (c) Recognise the maximum quote of Athletes per nation per medal event (if applicable);
 - (d) Only WPP Recognised/Approved competitions will be accepted for the purpose of the WPP World Ranking database (27 November 2021 – 19 March 2023);
 - (e) Competition strength;
 - (f) Regularly practicing Athletes (including competitions/ training camps);
 - (g) Demonstrated availability to attend the entire length of the Championships; and
 - (h) Any other factor(s) considered relevant by the Selection Panel.
- 4.2 The viability of events is based on current WPP Rules and Regulations available on WPP website.

5 Athlete Eligibility

- 5.1 Irrespective of PA receiving an EOI Application, to be eligible for consideration for selection to the WPPC2023 Team, all Athletes must:
- a) Be an Australian citizen;
 - b) Be classified with a confirmed (C) sport class status, or review with a fixed review date (FRD) of 2023 or later;
 - c) Hold an active WPP license for the 2023 season;
 - d) Have competed in at least one (1) WPP Recognised/Approved Competition within the Qualification period of 27 November 2021 – 19 March 2023, and had been international licence at the time of the performance;

- e) Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), WPP or under the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code;
- f) Have been available for sample collections as required by Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) and if requested by SIA, provided up to date information regarding their whereabouts on a regular basis;
- g) Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the IPC, WPP and the WADA Code as may be modified and applied by the Federation to ensure that the overriding principles of WPP are observed. In the case of inconsistency, WPP rules and regulations will prevail;
- h) Have met the PA/IPC's eligibility regulations in accordance with the PA/IPC Constitutions;
- i) Have complied with the minimum age regulations as stipulated by WPP;
- j) Agree to submit to injury and medical assessment and examinations and fitness monitoring as determined by and when requested by PA;
- k) Have not breached the WPP 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;
- l) Commit to Signing the Participation Waiver;
- m) Agree to undertake all reasonably expected education courses, including but not limited to Sport Integrity Australia, e-learning modules: Anti-Doping Fundamentals and Anti-Doping Annual Update Courses, Match Fixing Awareness in Sport and Classification Modules; and
- n) Have not by their actions or omissions brought themselves, PA, IPC, WPP or the Sport into disrepute.

6 Classification

- 6.1 Athletes will abide by the WPP Classification rules and regulations, the IPC Athlete Classification Code and any relevant PA classification policies and requirements, including attending classification assessment as required.



- 6.2 Athletes will notify PA and WPP 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.
- 6.3 Athletes will disclose previous classification documentation and/or medical diagnostic documentation from relevant specialists for classification which may include:
 - 6.3.1 Providing medical diagnostic information detailing the Athlete's underlying health condition and eligible impairment; and
 - 6.3.2 Undertaking any additional medical assessment or provide further medical diagnostic information as required by PA/WPP for the purpose of classification.
- 6.4 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.

7 Minimum Qualifying Standards (MQS)

7.1 To be considered for selection, throughout the qualification period, an Athlete must:

7.1.1 Have achieved a MQS at a recognised/approved WPP competition and been International licence at the time of the performance.

The MQS are outlined by WPP and were updated in May 2022.

Bodyweight Division	Elite (Open)	Rookie (15-17yrs)	Next Gen (18-20yrs)	Legend (+45yrs)
MALES				
Up to 49kg	96kg	52kg	70kg	70kg
Up to 54kg	101kg	55kg	74kg	74kg
Up to 59kg	107kg	58kg	78kg	78kg
Up to 65kg	108kg	59kg	79kg	79kg
Up to 72kg	125kg	68kg	91kg	91kg
Up to 80kg	131kg	70kg	95kg	95kg
Up to 88kg	132kg	71kg	96kg	96kg
Up to 97kg	133kg	72kg	97kg	97kg
Up to 107kg	134kg	73kg	98kg	98kg
Over 107kg	140kg	76kg	102kg	102kg
FEMALES				
Up to 41kg	59kg	32kg	43kg	43kg
Up to 45kg	60kg	33kg	44kg	44kg
Up to 50kg	66kg	36kg	48kg	48kg
Up to 55kg	72kg	37kg	52kg	52kg
Up to 61kg	73kg	38kg	53kg	53kg
Up to 67kg	74kg	389kg	54kg	54kg
Up to 73kg	75kg	41kg	55kg	55kg
Up to 79kg	78kg	42kg	57kg	57kg
Up to 86kg	83kg	45kg	60kg	60kg
Over 86kg	86kg	47kg	62kg	62kg

7.1.2 Demonstrate a high level of commitment;

7.1.3 Have shown consistent performance and results in national/international Recognised/Approved competitions;

7.1.4 Be medically cleared to compete if recovering from injury or illness;

7.1.5 Meet the Athlete Eligibility Criteria in Clauses 5 and 6.

8 Selection Announcements & Timelines

- 8.1 PA will determine the date when it announces the selection of the **Team**, and this date will be advised.
- 8.2 PA is solely responsible for the announcement of WPPC2023 Team.
- 8.3 PA Communication Team will promote the announcement via its communications tools and networks.

9 Key Dates

27 November 2021	Start of the Qualification Period for Athletes to achieve the required MQS at recognised/ approved WPP Competitions.
6 March 2023	Opening of the EOI form for Athletes to complete
19 March 2023	Close of the Qualification Period for Athletes to have achieved the required MQS.
20 March 2023	Deadline for Athletes who have achieved more than one MQS in more than one bodyweight division on the WPP World Rankings, to declare to PA which medal event they wish to compete in, via the EOI Application.
20 March 2023	Deadline for Athletes to submit EOI Application and Sign the Participation Waiver.
29 March 2023	Deadline for PA Selection Panel to have meet to consider EOI Applications
29 March 2023	Deadline for PA to notify Athletes of Selection or Non-Selection
31 March 2023	Deadline of the Appeals window closes for Athletes to write to PA for written statement for reason(s) of their non-Selection with \$200 non-refundable fee.
4 April 2023	Deadline for PA to have provided written statement to the Athlete on the reason(s) for their non-Selection
6 April 2023	Deadline for Athlete to provide a written response to PA which indicates whether they intends to proceed to a hearing of their non-Selection Appeal
TBA 2023	NST to hold Appeals Hearing(s)
28 April 2023	Deadline for NST to notify PA and athlete on the decision(s) of the Appeal(s)



1 May 2023	PA to send out 1 st instalment invoice to self-funded Athletes (non-refundable)
15 May 2023	Deadline for self-funded Athletes to have paid 1 st instalment to PA (non-refundable)
22 May 2023	Deadline for WPP to receive Entry by Number information from PA
8 June 2023	PA to send out 2 nd Instalment invoice to self-funded Athletes (non-refundable)
22 June 2023	Deadline for self-funded Athletes to have paid 2 nd instalment (non-refundable)
1 July 2023	Deadline for WPP to receive Entry by Name Information from PA
TBA 2023	PA announces the Selection of WPPC2023 Team

Deadline refers to 5:00pm COB AEST/AEDT on the date of the deadline.

10 Appeals

A Non-Selected Athlete may appeal against their non-selection to WPPC2023 (**Selection Appeal**) to the National Sports Tribunal (**NST**) as set out in Schedule 1 available on PA website under the Powerlifting page.

11 Interpretation

Words used in this Criteria have the same meaning ascribed to them in the WPP Championship Invitational Package or WPP Rules and Regulations unless a contrary meaning appears in the context.