



Nomination Criteria

Paris 2024 Olympic Games

Rowing

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 AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law, certain of which have been reproduced below for the sake of convenience.

2023 World Rowing Championships means the International Federation's 2023 championships to be held between 3 September 2023 and 10 September 2023, in Belgrade, Serbia.

2024 Event Requirements means the National Federation's requirements for the Games and any preliminary event including World Cups, set out in documentation issued to Athletes as amended from time to time by the National Federation.

AOC means the Australian Olympic Committee Inc and any of its officers, employees or agents and any committee it convenes including the AOC Selection Committee.

AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law means the document adopted by the Executive which governs, among other things, the nomination and selection of Athletes to a Team for an Olympic Games or Olympic Winter Games and which is available at <https://www.olympics.com.au/the-aoc/athlete-guidelines/>.

AOC Selection Committee means the committee established by the AOC to select athletes and appoint officials to the Australian Olympic Team for the Games.

AOC Selection Criteria means the criteria adopted by the AOC in respect of the Games which outlines the requirements for an athlete to be selected by the AOC to participate in the Games and which appears at Appendix 1 of this Nomination Criteria.

Ap Alternate Athlete has the meaning given in the Qualification System.

Athlete means a person who:

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

Executive means the Executive of the AOC.

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.

Final Olympic and Paralympic Regatta means the International Federation's final qualification event to be held in May 2024 in Lucerne, Switzerland.

Games means Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

International Federation means World Rowing.

National Federation means Rowing Australia Limited.

National Team means the crews comprising Australian representative team that is selected by the National Federation to compete at various international regattas for the Sport.

Nomination Date means 21 June 2024.

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

RANSP means Rowing Australia Nomination and Selection Panel, which comprises of the members set out in section 4.1.1 of the RA Selection Policy.

RA Selection Policy means the National Federation's Selection Policy for the Games, which is available at <https://rowingaustralia.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/RA-Senior-Team-Selection-Policy-Approved-August-2022.pdf>

Sport means Rowing.

Sport Entries Deadline means the date on which entries to a Games must be submitted by the AOC, being 8 July 2024.

Team means the team of athletes and officials selected by the AOC 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 make this Nomination Criteria available to all Athletes, participating in the Sport, including by publishing this Nomination Criteria on the National Federation's website.
- 2.2 The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC in accordance with this Nomination Criteria.
- 2.3 This Nomination Criteria will take effect on and from the date of approval by the AOC and will cease to have effect at the conclusion of the Games.
- 2.4 This Nomination Criteria applies to:
- (a) all Athletes;
 - (b) the National Federation; and
 - (c) the AOC.
- 2.5 The terms of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law are incorporated by reference into this Nomination Criteria. The National Federation must provide and make available, the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law to all Athletes.

3 Long List

- 3.1 For the purpose only of identifying prospective members of the Team, the National Federation and AOC may maintain a Long List of Athletes.
- 3.2 For the avoidance of doubt, membership of the National Federation's or the AOC'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 the AOC, to the Team.

4 Athlete Quota Positions

- 4.1 The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC for selection to the Team where, pursuant to the Qualification System, the International Federation has awarded the AOC or the National Federation athlete quota positions.
- 4.2 A National Federation may not nominate more Athletes than the number of athlete quota positions awarded to the AOC or the National Federation under the Qualification System.
- 4.3 The National Federation may nominate less Athletes than the number of athlete quota positions awarded to the AOC or the National Federation under the Qualification System.

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) satisfies the Qualification System;
- (c) will satisfy the AOC Selection Criteria set out at Appendix 1 of this Nomination Criteria;

- (d) has not breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;
- (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; and
- (f) satisfies the Rowing Australia Nomination and Eligibility Requirements, available at the following URL: <https://rowingaustralia.com.au/national-team-selection-information/>

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- 6.1 Quota places will be awarded to the AOC or the National Federation (hereafter, "Australia" in this clause 6) at the qualification events set out below in clause 6.2 in accordance with the Qualification System.
- 6.2 The National Federation will nominate Athletes to the AOC for selection to the Team in accordance with the following process:
- (a) where Australia is awarded a quota place in an event at the 2023 World Rowing Championships, then the National Federation will nominate Athletes for that boat to compete at the Games based on recommendations of the RANSP in accordance with clauses 6.3 - 6.5 (inclusive). For the avoidance of doubt, the Athletes who achieved the qualification at the 2023 World Rowing Championships are not guaranteed to be nominated to the AOC for selection to the Team.
 - (b) where Australia is awarded a quota place for a boat at the Final Olympic and Paralympic Regatta, then the Athletes who achieved the qualification will be nominated by the National Federation to the AOC for selection to the Team and be required by the National Federation to row in that event at the Games.

For the avoidance of doubt, nominations under this clause 6.2 are subject to the National Federation, at its sole and absolute discretion, accepting the quota place obtained at the events set out in clauses 6.2(a) and 6.2(b) and choosing to send a boat to compete in that event at the Games.

- 6.3 In determining the Athletes who will be nominated to the AOC for selection in the Team pursuant to clause 6.2(a), the National Federation will nominate Athletes who, in the opinion of the RANSP, in its absolute discretion:
- (a) will be most likely to achieve the highest competitive results at the Games; and
 - (b) have met the requirements outlined in the RA Selection Policy (including the 2024 Event Requirements) for the 2024 Senior A National Team in a boat for which Australia has qualified a quota place(s) for the Games; and
 - (c) are, and will remain until the conclusion of the Games, positive ambassadors for the Sport, National Federation and the Games.
- 6.4 In making its determination under clause 6.3 with respect to an Athlete, the RANSP must have regard to the following considerations:
- (a) an Athlete's performance in trialling and competition specified in the 2024 Event Requirements; and
 - (b) an Athlete's national and international performances at any time.

- 6.5 If the RANSP considers that the criteria in clause 6.4 do not provide sufficient evidence to make a conclusive determination under clause 6.3 with respect to an Athlete, the RANSP may have regard to the following considerations, in its absolute discretion:
- (a) the Athlete's current level of skill and physical fitness;
 - (b) any current injury or condition, which, in the RANSP's discretion, will impair or prevent the Athlete's performance at the Games;
 - (c) factors relevant to crew combination, namely crew compatibility, technical compatibility, and team balance and harmony;
 - (d) relevant rowing conditions in relation to an Athlete's performance in trialling or competition, for example wind and stream effects;
 - (e) coach input. For the avoidance of doubt the reference to coach may include the Athlete's club coach, the State head coach and/or the National Team crew coach;
 - (f) the potential development of crew combinations for subsequent National Teams following the Games;
 - (g) equipment breakages or malfunctions during the events and performances set out in clause 6.4;
 - (h) maintaining specified weight profiles (applicable only for lightweight Athletes and Athletes that are coxes); and
 - (i) consultation with an Athlete's crew members (applicable only for Athletes that are coxes).

For the avoidance of doubt, the RANSP may, in its absolute discretion rely on any one or more of the criteria and also may in its absolute discretion decide in the case of each Athlete the relevant weighting of each consideration where it relies on two or more criteria. Further, the RANSP may consider the data and information set out in clause 2.4 of the RA Selection Policy.

- 6.6 The National Federation will identify the maximum amount of Ap Alternate Athletes permitted under the Qualification System.
- 6.7 Notwithstanding anything in this Nomination Criteria, to determine the Ap Athletes, the RANSP may take into account one or more of any of the criteria in clauses 6.4 and 6.5, including the additional criterion of "athlete versatility" (which shall mean performances that demonstrate an Athlete's ability to row one or more of the following: (i) both sweep and scull; (ii) in both big and small boats; and (iii) on both bow and stroke sides). For the avoidance of doubt, the RANSP may give precedence to the additional criterion of "athlete versatility" or one or more of the further criteria in clause 6.5 over the criteria in clause 6.4 when considering the determination of the Ap Athletes.
- 6.8 For the avoidance of doubt, Ap Athletes will not be part of the Team unless and until they are required to replace a selected Athlete and only if they satisfy the conditions of the IOC/Paris 2024 Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

7 Extenuating circumstances

- 7.1 In considering the performance of Athletes at events, trials, training camps or other attendances for the purposes of the RA Selection Policy, this Nomination Criteria or the 2024

Event Requirements (**Nomination Event**), the RANSP may, in its absolute discretion, have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.

- 7.2 In the event that an Athlete determines that he or she is unable to compete at a Nomination Event, that Athlete must notify the Performance Director of the National Federation of his or her non-attendance in writing, including all relevant reasons. The written advice must where practicable be given within 24 hours of the commencement of the Nomination Event and in all other cases within a reasonable time of becoming aware of the failure to meet the particular requirement.
- 7.3 The National Federation may consider an Athlete's non-attendance at a Nomination Event to be an Extenuating Circumstance in its absolute discretion. The National Federation may require an Athlete to undergo a medical examination by a medical practitioner or other health professional nominated by the National Federation and/or seek additional information or documentation as a condition of treating the Athlete's non-attendance at a Nomination Event as an Extenuating Circumstance. The Athlete must also consent to the provision of information from any such practitioner or professional to the RANSP and the National Federation.

8 Submission of Nominations

- 8.1 The National Federation must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date in writing.
- 8.2 The AOC may, in its absolute discretion extend the Nomination Date for the National Federation for any reason.
- 8.3 The National Federation must nominate Athletes to the AOC 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
 - (b) 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,
- or such later date as the AOC advises the National Federation.
- 8.4 Nominations submitted to the AOC must be in the form prescribed by the AOC or in a form that is otherwise acceptable to the AOC and include any such information that is required pursuant to the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.
- 8.5 The AOC 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 AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.

9 Appeals

- 9.1 A non-nominated Athlete may only appeal against their non-nomination (**Nomination Appeal**) in accordance with the procedure set out in clause 9.6 or clause 9.9 of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law (**AOC By-Law**).
- 9.2 Any Nomination Appeal arising out of this Nomination Criteria which is commenced under clause 9.6 of the AOC By-Law will be heard by the National Sports Tribunal General Division in accordance with clause 9.6(c) of the AOC By-Law. For clarity, clause 9.2 does not apply to

appeals against non-nomination commenced under clause 9.9 of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law (***Nomination Fast Track Appeal***).

- 9.3 A Nominated Athlete has no right of appeal in respect of their nomination or non-nomination to a particular event or discipline within the programme of a Games (see clause 9.4 of the AOC By-Law).

10 Amendments

- 10.1 This Nomination Criteria may only be amended with the written consent of the AOC Selection Committee.
- 10.2 The AOC may amend the AOC Selection Criteria from time to time in its absolute discretion. If advised by the AOC of such an amendment, the National Federation must update Appendix 1 to this Nomination Criteria and re-upload an updated Nomination Criteria to the National Federation's website and advise Athletes of the amendment.
- 10.3 Where the AOC forms a reasonable opinion that this Nomination Criteria requires amendment, the AOC must notify the National Federation of the required amendments. The National Federation must work collaboratively with the AOC in good faith to amend this Nomination Criteria to the satisfaction of the AOC.

11 Governing Law

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

12 Priority of Documents

To the extent of any inconsistency, the following documents shall be given the following descending order of precedence:

- (a) the AOC Constitution;
- (b) the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law (including AOC Selection Criteria);
- (c) this Nomination Criteria;
- (d) the RA Selection Policy; and
- (e) the 2024 Event Requirements.

Appendix 1 – AOC Selection Criteria