

Nomination Criteria

Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games

Cross Country Skiing

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.

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.

AOC Selection Committee means the committee established by the AOC to send 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.

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) 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.

FIS World Cup Event means the event designated as a world cup event by the International Federation.

FIS Nordic Ski World Championships means the event designated as a Nordic Ski World Championship event by the International Federation.

Games means the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games.

International Federation means Federation Internationale de Ski (FIS) or in English, the International Ski Federation.

National Federation means Snow Australia Limited.

Nomination Date 20 January 2022.

OWIA Chief Medical Officer means the Chief Medical Officer or Medical Director appointed or authorised as such by the Olympic Winter Institute of Australia.

Qualification Period means 1 July 2020 (13 May 2019 for FIS Points) to 16 January 2022 Central European Time (CET).

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

Selection Panel means the panel as appointed by the National Federation to select and nominate Athletes.

Sport means Cross Country Skiing

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

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 provide, or otherwise make available, this Nomination Criteria to all Athletes.
- 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 21 December 2020 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, or otherwise 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 or 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 are permitted to be nominated by the AOC under the Qualification System.
- 4.3 The National Federation must nominate the maximum number of Athletes that are permissible 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) is a member of the National Federation;
- (c) satisfies the Qualification System;
- (d) is likely to satisfy the AOC Selection Criteria;
- (e) has not breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;
- (f) 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
- (g) in accordance with the Qualification System:
 - (i) was born before 1 January 2007;
 - (ii) achieved a maximum of 100.00 Distance FIS points (A-criteria) in Cross Country Skiing on the FIS Points List to be published on 17 January 2022; or
 - (iii) achieved a maximum of 300.00 Distance FIS points (B-criteria) in Cross Country Skiing on the FIS Points List to be published on 17 January 2022.

- (iv) achieved a maximum of 300.00 Sprint FIS points (B-criteria) in Cross Country Skiing on the FIS Points List to be published on 17 January 2022.
- (h) Athletes meeting the above criteria will be eligible for nomination for the following events:

Sprint	10/15km	Skiathlon & 30/50km Mass Start	Relay	Team Sprint
< 100 distance points or < 300 sprint points	< 300 distance points	< 100 distance points	< 300 distance points	< 300 distance points or < 300 sprint points

6 Nomination Criteria

6.1 If Australia obtains quota places in accordance with the Qualification System, the National Federation will nominate Athletes in accordance with clauses 5 and 6.

6.2 Objective Performance Based Criteria (Tiered Priority):

- (a) The National Federation will use a tiered priority system to nominate Athletes based on quota places allocated to Australia under the Qualification System.

Tier 1 Criteria

- (b) The National Federation will nominate Athletes who placed in the **top ten (10)** in any individual competition at a FIS World Cup or FIS World Championship during the Qualification Period. In the event that the number of Athletes who are placed in the top 10 in any individual competition at a FIS World Cup or FIS World Championship exceeds the number of quota places available, quota places will be allocated to Athletes who, in the opinion of the National Federation in its absolute discretion will be most likely to achieve the highest competitive results at the Games.
- (c) In making its determination under clause 6.2(b) with respect to an Athlete, the National Federation may have regard to some, none or all of the following considerations, in its absolute discretion:
- (i) the Athlete's physical form and fitness including any injury issues relating to the athlete (following consultation with the program medical staff in consultation with the OWIA Chief Medical Officer);
 - (ii) the athlete's consistency of results, i.e. the likelihood of the athlete repeating achievements that put them in contention for this tier (e.g. achieved a performance standard multiple times)
 - (iii) the athlete having demonstrated the ability to produce a medal winning result or has demonstrated future medal potential;
 - (iv) the Athlete's experience at major events and proven performances under pressure;
 - (v) the level of competition at each FIS World Cup and/or FIS World Championship event considered;

- (vi) any other factor that, in the opinion of the National Federation Selection Panel is relevant to achieving the objective of choosing the athlete/s who will achieve the best result at the Games.

Tier 2 Criteria

- (d) The National Federation will nominate Athletes who placed in the **top 30 % of field** in any individual competition at a FIS World Cup or FIS World Championship during the Qualification Period. In the event that the number of Athletes who are placed in the top 30 percent of field in any individual competition at a FIS World Cup or FIS World Championship exceeds the number of quota places available, quota places will be allocated to Athletes who, in the opinion of the National Federation in its absolute discretion, will be most likely to achieve the highest competitive results at the Games. In making its determination under this clause 6.2(d) with respect to an Athlete, the National Federation may have regard to some, none or all of the considerations listed under clause 6.2(c).

Tier 3 Criteria

- (e) The National Federation will nominate Athletes who placed in the **top 60 % of field** in any individual competition at a FIS World Cup **during the period 1 July 2021 to 16 January 2022 CET**. In the event that the number of Athletes who are placed in the top 60 % of Field in any individual competition at a FIS World Cup during the period 1 July 2021 to 16 January 2022 CET exceeds the number of quota places available, quota places will be allocated to Athletes who, in the opinion of the National Federation in its absolute discretion, will be most likely to achieve the highest competitive results at the Games. In making its determination under this clause 6.2(e) with respect to an Athlete, the National Federation may have regard to some, none or all of the considerations listed under clause 6.2(c).

Tier 4 Criteria

- (f) In the event that there are additional quota places are available following the allocation of quota places according to the Tier 1 to Tier 3 Nomination clauses, being clauses 6.2(b) to 6.2(e) (inclusive), the remaining quota places will be allocated to Athletes who, in the opinion of the National Federation in its absolute discretion, will be most likely to achieve the highest competitive results at the Games. In making its determination under this clause 6.2(f) with respect to an Athlete, the National Federation may have regard to some, none or all of the considerations listed under clause 6.2(c).

7 Extenuating circumstances

- 7.1 In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in clause 6, the National Federation will not have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.

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 Amendments

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

10 Governing Law

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