



# **2024 PARALYMPIC GAMES**

# **NOMINATION CRITERIA**

***Date Effective:***

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

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

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

**PA General Selection Criteria** means the criteria adopted by the PA in respect of the Games, which outlines the requirements for an athlete to be selected by the PA to participate in the Games.

**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 the PA for selection to the Team pursuant to this Nomination Criteria.

**PA Board** means the Board of PA.

**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.

**Games** means 2024 Paralympic Games.

**International Federation** means World Shooting Para Sport (WSPS).

**National Federation** means Shooting Australia (SA).

**SA Member Organisation** means Pistol Australia and/or Target Rifle Australia.

**Nomination Date** means by 15 July 2024.

**Qualification Period** means 1 January 2022 to 15 July 2024.

**Qualification System** means the eligibility, participation and qualification criteria for the Sport in respect of the Games issued by the International Federation which can be found at [https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/2023-09/2023\\_09\\_11%20Paris%20QR\\_v1.5.8.pdf](https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/2023-09/2023_09_11%20Paris%20QR_v1.5.8.pdf).

**Sport** means Shooting.

**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 the PA 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 PA in accordance with this Nomination Criteria.
- 2.3 This Nomination Criteria will take effect on and from the date of approval by PA 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) PA.
- 2.5 The terms of the PA General Selection Criteria are incorporated by reference into this Nomination Criteria. The National Federation must provide, or otherwise make available, the PA General Selection Criteria to all Athletes.

## **3 Long List**

- 3.1 For the purpose of identifying prospective members of the Team, the National Federation or PA may maintain a Long List of Athletes.
- 3.2 For the avoidance of doubt, athletes can be added or removed from the National Federation's or PA's Long List at any time. An athlete must be a member of the Long List at the time of nomination to be considered eligible for selection to the Team.

## **4 Events**

- 4.1 Subject always to clause 5, the SA Nomination Panel may nominate athletes to PA for selection to the Team for the following events at the Games:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Gender</b>
P1 – 10m Air Pistol	SH1	Male
P2 – 10m Air Pistol	SH1	Female
P3 – 25m Pistol	SH1	Mixed
P4 – 50m Pistol	SH1	Mixed
R1 – 10m Air Rifle Standing	SH1	Male
R2 – 10m Air Rifle Standing	SH1	Female
R3 – 10m Air Rifle Prone	SH1	Mixed
R4 – 10m Air Rifle Standing	SH2	Mixed
R5 – 10m Air Rifle Prone	SH2	Mixed
R6 – 50m Rifle Prone	SH1	Mixed
R7 – 50m Rifle 3 Position	SH1	Male
R8 – 50m Rifle 3 Position	SH1	Female
R9 – 50m Rifle Prone	SH2	Mixed

## **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.
- 5.3 The National Federation may nominate less Athletes than are permitted under the Qualification System, in its absolute discretion.

## **6 SA Nomination Panel**

- 6.1 The SA Nomination Panel for each Event will be made up of four (4) members including:
- (a) a Chairperson appointed by the SA Board (Voting member);
  - (b) the High Performance Representative for each of the relevant SA Member Organisations (Voting member);
  - (c) the SA High Performance Manager (Voting member).
- 6.2 The SA Nomination Panel will determine, in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, the Athletes to nominate to PA for selection to the Team for the Games.
- 6.3 PA will select the Team for the Games.

## **7 Athlete Eligibility**

7.1 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 relevant SA Member Organisation;
- (c) is in good standing with SA and the relevant SA Member Organisation;
- (d) is internationally classified in an eligible Sport Class with a Sport Class status of 'Confirmed'; or 'Review' with a Fixed Review Date of 2025 or later;
- (e) has an active WSPS Athletes Licence for the 2024 season;
- (f) satisfies the Qualification System including the attainment of two Minimum Qualification Scores (MQS) at two (2) WSPS Recognised Competitions (WSPS Championships, WSPS Sanctioned Competitions, WSPS Approved Competitions or IPC Games) in the same medal event between 1 January 2022 and 15 July 2024 (inclusive);
- (g) is likely to satisfy PA Selection Criteria;
- (h) has not breached PA Anti-Doping Policy, 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 Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) and if requested by SIA, provided up-to-date information regarding their whereabouts on a regular basis;
- (j) has not breached the WSPS 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;
- (k) has disclosed any criminal convictions and/or involvement in ongoing criminal proceedings, and;
- (l) 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;

## **8 Classification**

- 8.1 Athletes agree to abide by the WSPS Para Shooting classification rules and regulations, the IPC Athlete Classification Code and any relevant SA or PA classification policies and requirements, including attending classification assessment as required.
- 8.2 Athletes agree to complete any classification education modules as released by the WSPS, PA or SIA.
- 8.3 Athletes agree to notify SA, PA and WSPS 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.
- 8.4 Athletes agree to disclose previous classification documentation and/or medical diagnostic documentation from relevant specialists for classification which may include:
- (a) Providing medical diagnostic information detailing the athlete's underlying health condition and eligible impairment.
  - (b) Undertaking any additional medical assessment or provide further medical diagnostic information as required by SA, PA or WSPS for the purpose of classification
  - (c) 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 SA, PA or WSPS.

## **9 Nomination Process for All Events**

- 9.1 Subject always to clause 5, the Athletes to compete in the Games in the Events listed in clause 4 will be nominated by the SA Nomination Panel to PA for selection to the Team according to the following process:
- (a) In relation to each event that SA has been allocated a quota place at the Games, the SA Nomination Panel will nominate the Athlete that the SA Nomination Panel determines, at its sole and absolute discretion.
  - (b) Without in any way limiting the discretion of SA Nomination Panel, in making a determination as to which athlete to nominate under this clause, the SA Nomination Panel may consider the following Factors:
    - (i) which Athlete/s have secured the available Paralympic Games quota position/s;
    - (ii) international podium performances since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023;
    - (iii) international qualifying and finals performances since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023;
    - (iv) domestic head-to-head competition results in SA Endorsed Events since 1 January 2024.
    - (v) domestic head-to-head competition results in SA Endorsed Events between 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023; or

- (vi) any other factors the SA Nomination Panel considers relevant.
  - (c) The discretion granted to the SA Nomination Panel in clause 9.1(a) above is absolute and it need not be exercised. In exercising its discretion, the SA Nomination Panel may consider any Factor, or combination of Factors that is, in the opinion of the SA Nomination Panel, relevant for consideration when nominating athletes to PA and may attribute whatever weight it deems appropriate to any particular Factor when making its decision. For the avoidance of doubt, the SA Nomination Panel is not required to consider, turn their mind to or rely on all the Factors in the exercise of their discretion to make a Nomination Decision (for example, the SA Nomination Panel is therefore entitled to rely on one Factor, two Factors, three Factors, etc. or a combination of a number of Factors in the exercise of discretion to make a nomination decision).
- 9.2 The SA Nomination Panel, in its absolute discretion, may make a request for PA to apply for Bipartite Commission invitation allocation slots.
- (a) In the event that Australia is awarded Bipartite Commission invitation allocation slots by the IPC or WSPS, the SA Nomination Panel may only nominate the Athletes specified by the IPC or WSPS for those slots.

## **10 Extenuating Circumstances**

- 10.1 In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in clause 9, the National Federation may, in its absolute discretion may take into account any Extenuating Circumstances which prevents an Athlete from achieving the results required to obtain nomination to PA. For the avoidance of doubt, the exercise of this discretion by the SA Nomination Panel may result in a different Athlete being nominated to PA for selection to the Team.

## **11 Submission of Nominations**

- 11.1 The National Federation must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date in writing.
- 11.2 PA may, in its absolute discretion extend the Nomination Date for the National Federation for any reason.
- 11.3 The National Federation must nominate Athletes to PA 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 the Nomination Date,
  - (c) or such later date as PA advises the National Federation.

- 11.4 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.
- 11.5 PA 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 National Federation Appeals Process.
- 11.6 Slots awarded as a result of a bipartite commission invitation allocation are not subject to the appeals process.

## **11 Amendments**

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

## **12 Governing Law**

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