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# Selection Policy Part B –

# 2020 Oceania Continental Championships

# Rhythmic Gymnastics

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<i>Approved by GA CEO Kitty Chiller:</i>	

## 1. Definitions and Interpretation

All defined terms in this **Selection Policy Part B** have the same meaning as in the Gymnastic Australia (GA) Selection Policy Part A, unless otherwise stated.

## 2. The ‘Event’

- 2.1. 2020 Oceania Continental Championships to be conducted on the Gold Coast, Australia on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2021<sup>1</sup> (the **Event**).
- 2.2. The Event is a qualifying event for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games (to be held in 2021).
- 2.3. The Event will be held as part of the Australian Gymnastics Championships and will be conducted under FIG competition rules and technical regulations. If the Australian Championships does not go ahead, the Oceania Continental Championships will be conducted as a standalone event.<sup>2</sup>

## 3. Objective of this Policy

- 3.1. This Selection Policy Part B, as amended by GA from time to time, describes the specific eligibility and selection criteria for the selection of Athletes and Coaches to the Australian Gymnastics Team to contest the Event.
- 3.2. This Policy must be read and applied with GA’s Selection Policy Part A and the Selection Appeals Policy, which together form the **GA Selection Policy** for the Selection of the Team for the Event.
- 3.3. The GA Selection Policy exhaustively sets out the parameters, process and criteria (both eligibility and performance) that will be applied to determine the selection of Athletes and Coaches to the Team for the Event.

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<sup>1</sup> Subject to the GA Board decision on if it is feasible for the Event to go ahead, and subject to change due to Australian and State Government COVID-19 health advisories and travel restrictions.

<sup>2</sup> Australian and State Government COVID-19 health advisories and travel restrictions permitting.

## 4. The 'Team'

- 4.1. The **Team** is the Rhythmic Gymnastics (RG) Team for the Event and includes Athletes and Coaches who are selected to the Team and Officials who are appointed to the Team.
- 4.2. The maximum number of Athletes and Coaches that may be selected for the Event will be:
  - (a) Athletes
    - (i) Individual – Three (3)
    - (ii) Group – Six (6)
  - (b) Coaches
    - (i) Individual – Two (2)
    - (ii) Group – One (1)
- 4.3. The final number of Athletes and Coaches selected to the Team for the Event shall be at the discretion of Selection Panel and it may select fewer than the maximum number.

## 5. Event Performance Targets

- 5.1. Individual – To qualify a 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games quota place by Australia having the highest placed eligible Oceania Athlete in the Individual All Around competition at the Event.
- 5.2. Group – Finish the highest ranked Group from in the Group competition at the Event, which may qualify Australia a Group quota position for the 2020 Olympic Games.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> As stated in GA's Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Nomination Criteria – RG, an Australian Group will only be nominated to the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) for selection to the 2020 Australian Olympic Team if an Australian Group finishes the highest ranked Group in the Group competition at the Continental Championships **and** achieves an overall score of 34.0 (or better) from the two routines combined. If an Australian Group finishes the highest ranked Group from the Group highest ranked Group in the Group competition at the Continental Championships but does not achieve or better the required score, the GA Olympic Nomination Panel will direct the AOC to forfeit the Olympic quota position.

## 6. Selection Panel

- 6.1. In accordance with the Selection Policy Part A, the 2021 Selection Panel for RG has been appointed by the GA Chief Executive Officer and will consist of:
- Andrew Logan – GA National Performance Director
  - Name – RG Technical Expert (TBC)
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## 7. Nominated Selection Event

- 7.1. There is no specific Nominated Selection Event to determine the selection of Athletes to the Team for this Event.
- 7.2. Eligible Athletes and Groups must demonstrate that they are competition ready at a domestic competition prior to 30 April 2021 by performing to a standard that is comparable to or better than the performance standard achieved at the RG competition held in Kirrawee (Sydney, NSW) from 8-9 February 2020.

## 8. Athlete Eligibility Requirements

- 8.1. In addition to meeting the Athlete eligibility criteria outlined in the Selection Policy Part A, to be eligible for selection an Athlete must also:
- (a) be age eligible for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games i.e. be born on or before 31 December 2005;
  - (b) for Athletes in the Individual discipline, have participated at the 2019 FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships.
  - (c) For Individual and Group Athletes, have participated in the RG competition held in Kirrawee (Sydney, NSW) from 8-9 February 2020.
  - (d) participate in a domestic competition in 2021 by no later than 30 April;
- 8.2. An eligible Individual or Group Athlete who has not been able to meet all of the Athlete Selection Performance Considerations/Requirements as outlined below in clause 9, may still be eligible for selection if the Selection Panel accepts that Extenuating Circumstances (as outlined in clause 7.2(c) in the Selection Policy Part A) have prevented the athlete from meeting those requirements;

## 9. Selection Process, Considerations & Performance Requirements – Athletes

### *General*

- 9.1. Athletes seeking selection to the Team for the Event agree to be bound by the process and criteria outlined in the Selection Policy Part A and in this Selection Policy Part B.
- 9.2. Athletes who meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the Selection Policy Part A and in clause 8 above will be considered for selection to the Team for the Event.
- 9.3. The Selection Panel will meet after 30 April 2021 to select athletes to the Team for the Event.

### *Performance Requirements*

- 9.4. The requirements to be met by an Athlete at the Nominated Selection Event in order to be considered for selection (Performance Requirements) are as follows and are subject at all times to adjustment in accordance with clause 3.6 of the Selection Policy Part A.

### **Individual**

- 9.5. Individual discipline Athletes will be required to perform full competition routines for each of the four apparatus at a domestic competition in 2021 conducted prior to 30 April.
- 9.6. Eligible Athletes will be selected to the Team for the Event if they are deemed by the Selection Panel to be competition ready i.e. their physical, mental and performance preparedness is at a level deemed appropriate to represent Australia at the Event. In making its assessment on an Athlete's performance readiness, the Selection Panel may consider at its discretion:
  - (a) the All Around scores achieved by the Athlete at domestic competitions in 2021 conducted prior to 30 April;
  - (b) the overall performance data of the Athlete at domestic competitions in 2021 conducted prior to 30 April;
  - (c) the injury and illness status of the Individual Athlete.

### **Group**

- 9.7. The eligible Group will be required to perform full competition routines for each of the two apparatus at a domestic competition conducted in 2021 prior to 30 April.

- 9.8. The eligible Group will be selected to the Team for the Event if they are deemed by the Selection Panel to be competition ready i.e. their physical, mental and performance preparedness is at a level deemed appropriate to represent Australia at the Event. In making its assessment on the Group's performance readiness, the Selection Panel may consider at its discretion:
- (a) The two combined apparatus routine scores achieved by the Group at domestic competitions conducted in 2021 prior to 30 April;
  - (b) the overall performance data of the Group and its Athletes at domestic competitions conducted in 2021 prior to 30 April;
  - (c) the injury and illness status of the Athletes in the Group.

#### *Additional Information*

- 9.9. In making its final determinations regarding selections, the Selection Panel will consider any Extenuating Circumstances applications and Additional Athlete considerations [as per the Selection Policy Part A (clauses 7 and 8 respectively)].

## 10. Selection of Coaches

Coaches will be selected to the Team for the Event based on the eligibility criteria and considerations detailed in clause 9 of the Selection Policy Part A.

## 11. De-Selection

- 11.1. An Athlete may be de-selected from the Team for the Event for any of the reasons detailed in clause 15 of the Selection Policy Part A.
- 11.2. A Coach may be de-selected from the Team for the Event for any of the reasons detailed in clause 16 of the Selection Policy Part A.

## 12. Appeals

- 12.1. An Athlete who is eligible for selection pursuant to this Selection Policy Part A and this Selection Policy Part B, but who has not been selected, may appeal their non-selection only in accordance with the Selection Appeals Policy.
- 12.2. Coaches have no right to appeal against their non-selection to the Team.

## 13. Event Preparation Activities

Team members may be required to participate in a pre-Event preparation camp in QLD.

## 14. Financial Considerations

- 14.1. Athletes and Coaches selected to the Team for the Event may be required to contribute to the costs associated with their membership of the Team, attendance at the Event and any preparation activities. Prior to an Athlete or Coach accepting their position on the Team, they will be provided with a summary of any financial assistance that will be provided by GA and any costs that would need to be self-funded or funded from a source other than GA.
- 14.2. Any costs associated with Team membership that are required to be self-funded or funded from a source other than GA must be paid prior to the Team departing for the Event.
- 14.3. As per clause 6(b) and 9(c) of the Selection Policy Part A respectively, to be eligible for selection to the Team and participation at the Event, Athletes and Coaches must have no outstanding debt with GA.