

Gymnastics Australia

Nomination Criteria

Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

Rhythmic Gymnastics (RG)

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 GA 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 GA to constitute extenuating circumstances.

GA means the National Federation, Gymnastics Australia.

Games means Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

International Federation means Federation International de Gymnastique (FIG).

Nomination Date means 1 July 2021.

Qualification Period means 1 September 2018 to 29 June 2021.

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

Sport means Gymnastics.

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 GA. GA must provide, or otherwise make available, this Nomination Criteria to all Athletes.

- 2.2 GA may only nominate Athletes to the AOC in accordance with this Nomination Criteria.
- 2.3 This Nomination Criteria will take effect on and from 1 September 2018 and will cease to have effect at the conclusion of the Games.
- 2.4 This Nomination Criteria applies to:
- (a) all Athletes;
 - (b) GA; 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. GA 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, GA or the AOC may maintain a Long List of Athletes.
- 3.2 For the avoidance of doubt, membership of the GA or AOC Long List does not increase, decrease or otherwise affect an Athlete's prospects of being nominated by GA, or being selected by the AOC, to the Team.

4 Athlete Quota Positions

- 4.1 GA 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 GA athlete quota positions.
- 4.2 GA may not nominate more Athletes than are permitted to be nominated by the AOC under the Qualification System.
- 4.3 GA may nominate less Athletes than are permitted under the Qualification System, in its absolute discretion.

5 Eligibility Criteria

GA will not nominate an Athlete unless, as at the Nomination Date, GA is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the Athlete:

- (a) is an Australian citizen;
- (b) is a member of GA;
- (c) satisfies the Qualification System;

- (d) holds a valid FIG License until the end of the 2020 Olympic Games Rhythmic Gymnastics competitions;
- (e) has reached the minimum technical standard established by FIG. Full information regarding the minimum technical standards is available on the FIG official website (www.fig-gymnastics.com);
- (f) is likely to satisfy the AOC Selection Criteria;
- (g) satisfies the GA Olympic Nomination Criteria;
- (h) has not breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;
- (i) 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;
- (j) is age eligible for the Games i.e. born on or before 31 December 2005;
- (k) participates in all National Squad activities, national training camps and competitions as required by the GA National Performance Director and RG National Technical Director.

6 Nomination Criteria

General Considerations

- 6.1 GA will only nominate Athletes who, in the opinion of GA, in its absolute discretion:
- (a) will most likely achieve as an individual or contribute to the Team achieving, the best possible results at the Games; and
 - (b) are, and will remain until the conclusion of the Games, a positive ambassador for Australia, the Sport, GA, the AOC and the Games.
- 6.2 When determining its nominations, GA, in its opinion and at its absolute discretion, will also consider the following factors:
- (a) The potential benefit or detriment of the Athlete's membership of the Team with respect to Team dynamics, Team behaviour and Team performance;
 - (b) The extent to which the Athlete has demonstrated, during the Qualification Period:
 - (i) discipline;
 - (ii) motivation;
 - (iii) resilience; and
 - (iv) commitment to the Sport and to the Team.

Individual Qualification – Individual quota place awarded by name of Athlete

- 6.3 GA will nominate any Athlete to whom FIG allocates a quota place by name to an individual Athlete in accordance with the FIG Qualification System providing that the Athlete has demonstrated competition readiness.
- 6.4 In making its determination under clause **Error! Reference source not found.** with respect to an Athlete, GA may have regard to the following considerations, in its opinion and at its absolute discretion:
- (a) performances at the 2020 Continental Championships; and
 - (b) injury and illness status of the Athlete as determined by the GA Chief Medical Officer (or delegated representative).

Group Event Qualification – Group event quota place awarded to the AOC

- 6.5 Where Australia qualifies a group event quota place through the Qualification System by winning the 2020 Oceania Continental Championships, GA will nominate five (5) Athletes who were members of the group that achieved the quota place (Group) provided that:
- (a) the Group has achieved an overall score of 34.0 from the two routines performed in the group All-Around qualifying round at the 2020 Continental Championships; and
 - (b) no more than one (1) of the five (5) Athletes who participated (other than as the reserve) in the 2020 Oceania Continental Championships are unavailable for nomination due to injury, illness or any other reason) at the time nominations are made.
- 6.6 Should the Group that wins the 2020 Oceania Continental Championships meet the conditions for nomination under clause 6.5, then:
- (a) if the five (5) Athletes who participated in the 2020 Oceania Continental Championships (other than as reserve) are available, they will be nominated; or
 - (b) where one Athlete is unavailable for nomination due to injury, illness or any other reason, then the four (4) available Athletes will be nominated and the athlete who travelled to the 2020 Oceania Continental Championships as the reserve will be nominated for selection as the fifth Athlete.
- 6.7 Should the Group that wins the 2020 Oceania Continental Championships not meet the conditions for nomination in clause 6.5, then GA will direct the AOC to forfeit the

quota place and no Group athletes will be nominated to the AOC for selection to the Team.

Group Event Qualification - Reserve

- 6.8 Where Athletes are nominated in accordance with clause 6.6(a), GA will name one Reserve Athlete who shall be the Athlete who was the reserve for the Group at the 2020 Oceania Continental Championships.
- 6.9 If a selected Group Athlete becomes unable to participate in the Games, then GA may nominate the Reserve to the AOC for selection in the Team to replace the selected Athlete (subject to any applicable rules of the International Olympic Committee or International Federation governing athlete replacements at the Games).
- 6.10 For the avoidance of doubt:
- (a) an Athlete named as a Reserve will not be part of the Team unless and until they are required to replace a selected Athlete; and
 - (b) where Athletes are nominated in accordance with clause 6.6(b), GA will not name a Reserve.

7 GA Nomination Panel

- 7.1 The GA Nomination Panel will identify the Athletes who will be nominated to the AOC for selection to the Team.
- 7.2 The GA Nomination Panel will be comprised of:
- (a) the GA National Performance Director (or designated representative) – Chair;
 - (b) the GA Chief Executive Officer;
 - (c) the GA RG National Technical Director; and
 - (d) one (1) RG Technical Expert appointed by GA.
- 7.3 Should a member of the Nomination Panel have direct and regular input into the daily training environment of any Athlete being considered for nomination, then that person will remove themselves from the final nomination decisions about said Athlete(s) but will remain a member of the Nomination Panel.
- 7.4 The Nomination Panel may seek information that will facilitate the nomination consideration process from any person it sees fit.

8 Extenuating Circumstances

- 8.1 In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in clause **Error! Reference source not found.**, GA may, in its absolute discretion, have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.
- 8.2 In the event that an Athlete determines that they are unable to attend a competition, camp, training session or other event which is referred to in this Nomination Criteria (**Nomination Event**), that Athlete must notify GA of their non-attendance in writing as soon as practicable.
- 8.3 In the event that the Athlete is not able to participate or participate at their best in the Nomination Event(s), the Athlete may still be eligible for nomination to the Team if, in the opinion of GA, the Athlete's participation has been affected by an Extenuating Circumstance.
- 8.4 GA may consider an Athlete's non-attendance at a Nomination Event to be an Extenuating Circumstance in its absolute discretion. GA may require an Athlete to undergo a medical examination as a condition of assessing the reason for and accepting the Athlete's non-attendance at a Nomination Event as an Extenuating Circumstance.

9 Submission of Nominations

- 9.1 GA must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date in writing.
- 9.2 The AOC may, in its absolute discretion may extend the Nomination Date for GA for any reason.
- 9.3 GA must nominate Athletes to the AOC by the Nomination Date. GA 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,
- or such later date as the AOC advises GA.
- 9.4 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.

9.5 The AOC may, in its absolute discretion, accept a nomination submitted after the Nomination Date where it is submitted by GA as a result of an appeal brought in accordance with the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.

10 Amendments

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

11 Governing Law

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