

## Nomination Criteria

### XXIV Olympic Winter Games, Beijing 2022

#### Figure Skating

## 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;

For the avoidance of doubt, an **Athlete** refers to:

- (a) an individual who competes in the Men's Single Skating Division or Women's Single Skating Division;
- (b) a pair who competes in the Pair Skating Division; or
- (c) a couple who competes in the Ice Dance Division.

**Division** means the Men Single Skating, Women Single Skating, Pair Skating, Ice Dance or Team Event as referenced in the Qualification System.

**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.

**Games** means the XXIV Olympic Winter Games, Beijing 2022.

**International Federation** means the International Skating Union (ISU).

**Minimum Total Elements Score** as defined in the Qualification System (and updated by the ISU from time to time). For the avoidance of doubt, the Minimum Total Elements Score is a technical score reached in an ISU recognised international competition which combines the short program/rhythm dance and the free program/free dance technical element scores. Each of the scores that make up the Minimum Total Element Score (short program/rhythm dance and free program/free dance) may be earned at separate ISU recognised international competitions.

**Mixed Event** means Pair Skating, Ice Dance and/or Team Event as referenced in the Qualification System.

**National Federation** means Ice Skating Australia (ISA).

**Nomination Date** means by 8pm, 22 January (AEST) 2022.

**Qualification Period** means:

- (a) **Individual events:** commencing 22 March 2021 with the ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2021 and ending on 22 January 2022.
- (b) **Team Event:** commencing 9 December 2021 (TBD) with the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final 2021, and ending on 12 December 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 Figure Skating.

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

**State Sporting Association** means the governing body for the Sport in each state or territory of Australia which is recognised by the National Federation on [www.isa.org.au](http://www.isa.org.au).

**Team** means the team of athletes and officials selected by the AOC to participate in the Sport at the Games.

**Team Event** means the team event as described in the section D3 of the Qualification System.

## 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 22 April 2021 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 a State Sporting Association affiliated to 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; and

- (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;
- (g) in accordance with the Qualification System, all Athletes:
  - (i) must be born before 1 July 2006; and
  - (ii) must have reached, in an ISU Championships or ISU recognized International Competition (as per Article 39 paragraph 7 of the ISU Constitution and Rule 107, paragraph 1 to 9 of the ISU General Regulations) during the ongoing or immediately preceding season, the applicable Minimum Total Elements Score (points) established for the ISU Championships (see ISU Special Regulations Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance, Rule 378, paragraph 3). The applicable Minimum Total Elements Scores shall be decided by the ISU Council and shall be published in an ISU Communication at the beginning of the Olympic season 2021/2022.

## 6 Nomination Criteria

6.1 The National Federation will only nominate Athletes who:

- (a) have satisfied the Eligibility Criteria; and
- (b) have competed at:
  - (i) the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2022 (currently scheduled to finish on 22 January 2022) in both the short program/rhythm dance and free skating/free dance program. The National Federation will select Athletes to the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2022 according to ISA -03 International Championship Selection Policy; and
  - (ii) another event (**Nominated Event**) to be confirmed by the National Federation and advised in writing to the Athletes at least 45 days prior to the Nominated Event. Athletes must compete in both the short program/rhythm dance and free skating/free dance program of this Nominated Event. The National Federation will select Athletes to this Nominated Event in accordance with the following criteria.
    - (A) Athletes must be one of the two highest ranked Athletes in a Division as determined by adding together the two highest total elements scores earned at two ISU recognised International Competitions/Championships during the period beginning 1 April 2021 and concluding on the entries closing date for the Nominated Event. If two ISU recognised International Competitions/Championships have not occurred in this period, the National Federation will apply the same criteria but during the period beginning 1 January 2020 and concluding on the entries closing date for the Nominated Event.
    - (B) In the case of the pair skating division, the National Federation will rank Athletes based on the highest two total TES scores (being the total of the technical element short program score and the technical element free skating score) earned at two Australian benchmark designated events or ISU recognised International Competition/Championship during the period beginning 1 January 2021 and concluding on the entries closing date for the Nominated Event. In each case both the short program and free skating technical element scores must be earned at the same event.

- 6.2 If the number of Athletes in the Men's or Women's or Mixed Events who have satisfied the criteria set out in clause 6.1, including achieving the Minimum Total Elements Score on or before the Nomination Date, exceeds the number of quota places available, then Athletes will be nominated to the AOC in order of their highest ranking, determined solely by the following criterion:
- (a) the combined total of their total elements scores achieved at the events specified in clause 6.1(b)(i) and 6.1(b)(ii).
- 6.3 If there is a tie in the combined total of the total elements scores in any Division under clause 6.2, the highest ranked Athlete with the highest total elements score in the short program/rhythm dance from the events specified in clause 6.1(b)(i) and 6.1(b)(ii) will be nominated to the AOC.
- 6.4 If:
- (a) prior to the Sports Entries Deadline a selected Athlete advises the National Federation that they are no longer able to compete at the Games, the National Federation will immediately notify the AOC and, following de-selection by the AOC of that unavailable Athlete, the National Federation will nominate to the AOC the next highest ranked Athlete assessed in accordance with the criteria set out in clauses 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 as a replacement Athlete.
- (b) after the Sports Entries Deadline a selected Athlete advises the National Federation that they are no longer able to compete at the Games, the National Federation will immediately notify the AOC and, following de-selection by the AOC, the National Federation will request that the AOC replace a selected Athlete with a replacement Athlete if the criteria for replacement under the "IOC / Beijing 2022 Late Athlete Replacement Policy" is satisfied. For clarity, in this circumstance, the National Federation will nominate to the AOC the next highest ranked Athlete assessed in accordance with the criteria set out in clauses 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 as a replacement Athlete.
- 6.5 If additional quota places are available following the allocation of quota places under the Qualification System, the additional quota places will be allocated to additional Athletes in order of their highest ranking assessed in accordance with the criteria set out in clauses 6.1 – 6.4 above.
- 6.6 For the avoidance of doubt, if one skater from a Pair Skating pair or Ice Dance couple is unable to attend the Games for any reason, the remaining skater from the pair or couple will not be able to attend and compete at the Games and will be replaced under clause 6.4.

## **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,

8.4 **or such later date as the AOC advises the National Federation. For clarity, due to the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2022 not concluding until 22 January 2022 (2pm AEST), the National Federation may not be able to meet the timeframe set out in clause 8.3(b) in relation to some Athletes. However, the National Federation will use its best endeavours to meet the timeframe set out in clause 8.3(b) in relation to those Athletes whose event at the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships 2022 has concluded in sufficient time to allow it to do so.** 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.