



Nomination Criteria

Paris 2024

Tennis

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 and which is available at <https://www.olympics.com.au/the-aoc/athlete-guidelines/>.

AOC Selection Committee means the committee established by the AOC to select 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 and which appears at Appendix 1 of this Nomination Criteria.

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.

Direct Acceptance has the meaning given to it in the Qualification System.

Executive means the Executive of the AOC.

Final Qualification Places has the meaning given to it in the Qualification System.

Games means Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

International Federation means International Tennis Federation or ITF.

National Federation means Tennis Australia or TA.

Nomination Date means 19 June 2024.

Qualification Period means 12 August 2021 to 10 June 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 the following URL <https://www.itftennis.com/media/8035/paris-2024-olympic-tennis-event-qualification-system.pdf>.

Sport means Tennis.

Sport Entries Deadline means the date on which entries to a Games must be submitted by the AOC, being 8 July 2024.

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 make this Nomination Criteria available to all Athletes participating in the Sport, including by publishing this Nomination Criteria on the National Federation's website.
- 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 the date of approval by the AOC and will cease to have effect on the Sport Entries Deadline.
- 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 and make available

on the National Federation's website, 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 and 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 the number of athlete quota positions awarded to the AOC or the National Federation under the Qualification System.
- 4.3 The National Federation may nominate less Athletes than the number of athlete quota positions awarded to the AOC or the National Federation under the Qualification System.

5 Eligibility Criteria

The National Federation will only nominate an Athlete if, 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) satisfies all ancillary requirements set by the International Federation (or has received an exemption from the International Federation), including, without limitation, that the Athlete satisfies all of the following requirements:
 - (i) the International Federation's Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup 'Eligibility to Represent a Nation Rule' (available at <https://www.daviscup.com/media/328655/328655.pdf> and <https://www.billiejeankingcup.com/media/328654/328654.pdf>), as in force at the Nomination Date;
 - (ii) the minimum participation requirements of the International Federation as outlined in the International Federation's Olympic Eligibility Rules available at: <https://www.iftennis.com/media/7241/olympic-tennis-event-eligibility-rule-paris-2024.pdf>;
 - (iii) any other minimum eligibility requirements of the International Federation as set out in the Qualification System; and
 - (iv) any supplementary, additional or amending rules issued by the International Olympic Committee and/or the International Federation prior to the commencement of the Paris 2024 Olympic Tennis Event;
- (e) will satisfy the AOC Selection Criteria set out at Appendix 1 of this Nomination Criteria;

- (f) 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
- (g) 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.

6 Nomination Criteria

- 6.1 Subject to clause 6.2, the National Federation will nominate all eligible Athletes in the singles and double events for each gender who have been allocated a quota place by name by way of Direct Acceptance or Final Qualification Places in accordance with the Qualification System.
- 6.2 The National Federation will only nominate eligible Athletes to the AOC for selection to the Team if:
- (a) the Athlete is of Good Standing; and
 - (b) the Athlete optimises Australia's prospects of success at the Games as determined by the National Federation in its sole and absolute discretion.
- 6.3 For the purposes of clause 6.2, 'Good Standing' means an Athlete who:
- (a) as at the Nomination Date, is not subject to a suspension imposed by the National Federation or the International Federation;
 - (b) has not been convicted by a competent court of any country of an offence:
 - (i) in respect of which an unsuspended custodial sentence of at least 12 months was imposed; or
 - (ii) which involved any act or omission which would, in the National Federation's reasonable opinion, be considered to compromise the integrity of the Sport; and
 - (c) in the National Federation's reasonable opinion:
 - (i) respects the spirit of fair play and non-violence at all times; and
 - (ii) has not otherwise engaged in conduct which, in the sole opinion of the National Federation, brings or could bring the Athlete or the National Federation into disrepute.
- 6.4 Where an Athlete meets the criteria for nomination under clause 6.1 in respect of a doubles event under the Qualification System (**Qualified Doubles Athlete**), the National Federation will nominate another Athlete as that Qualified Doubles Athlete's partner in the doubles event, subject to that Athlete meeting the requirements of a doubles partner under the Qualification System. While the National Federation will consult with the Qualified Doubles Athlete when deciding which Athlete will be nominated as the Qualified Athlete's Doubles partner, the final decision with respect to an Athlete nominated under this clause 6.4 will be made by the National Federation in its sole and absolute discretion.
- 6.5 Where an Athlete becomes eligible for nomination on account of a 'reallocated place' under Section F of the Qualification System, the National Federation will only nominate those Athletes (if any) who in the opinion of the National Federation in its absolute discretion are likely to achieve the highest competitive results at the Games. In making its determination under this clause with respect to an Athlete, the National Federation may have regard to any, all or none of the following considerations, in its absolute discretion, which may or may not be exercised:
- (a) the Athlete's physical form and fitness; and

(b) the Athlete's attitude and discipline during the Qualification Period.

7 Submission of Nominations

7.1 The National Federation must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date in writing.

7.2 The AOC may, in its absolute discretion extend the Nomination Date for the National Federation for any reason.

7.3 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 the Nomination Date,

or such later date as the AOC advises the National Federation.

7.4 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.

7.5 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.

8 Appeals

8.1 A non-nominated athlete may only appeal against their non-nomination (***Nomination Appeal***) in accordance with the procedure set out in clause 9.6 or clause 9.9 of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law (***the AOC By-Law***).

8.2 Any Nomination Appeal arising out of these Nomination Criteria which is commenced under clause 9.6 of the AOC By-Law will be heard by the NST General Division in accordance with clause 9.6(c) of the AOC By-Law For clarity, clause 8.2 does not apply to appeals against non-nomination commenced under clause 9.9 of the AOC By-Law (***Nomination Fast Track Appeal***).

9 Amendments

9.1 This Nomination Criteria may only be amended with the written consent of the AOC

9.2 The AOC may amend the AOC Selection Criteria from time to time in its absolute discretion. If advised by the AOC of such an amendment, the National Federation must update Appendix 1 to this Nomination Criteria and re-upload an updated Nomination Criteria to the National Federation's website and advise Athletes of the amendment.

9.3 Where the AOC forms a reasonable opinion that this Nomination Criteria requires amendment, the AOC must notify the National Federation of the required amendments. The National

Federation must work collaboratively with the AOC in good faith to amend this Nomination Criteria to the satisfaction of the AOC.

10 Governing Law

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

11 Priority of Documents

To the extent of any inconsistency, the following documents shall be given the following descending order of precedence:

- (a) the AOC Constitution;
- (b) the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law (including AOC Selection Criteria); and
- (c) this Nomination Criteria.

Approved by the AOC on: 18th September 2023

Appendix 1 – AOC Selection Criteria