

2022 COMMONWEALTH GAMES
NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR BADMINTON
BADMINTON AUSTRALIA

Version 3 - 10 November 2021

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of Badminton Australia.
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from 1 September 2021 and conclude on 8 August 2022
- 1.3 This Nomination Criteria applies to:
- (a) all Athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to the Games Team to compete in a Badminton Event; and
 - (b) Badminton Australia, including its Selectors, that wish to nominate Athletes CGA to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

2. Performance Aim for B2022

- 2.1 The 2022 Commonwealth Games represents the pinnacle of athletics achievement within Commonwealth nations. Badminton Australia will nominate athletes that will assist Australia achieve its aspiration for Australia “to be the No. 1 nation in both gold and overall medals at the 2022 Commonwealth Games”.
- 2.2 Badminton Australia’s performance aim for B2022 within the Badminton Australia high performance strategy is to select a team of 5 female and 5 male players with the best chances of winning a medal in the Team Event and winning medals in the Individual event.

3. Selectors

- 3.1 **Composition:** The Selectors have been appointed by the Board of Badminton Australia and will consider the nomination of Athletes to CGA to be considered for selection in the Games Team.

4. Nomination Procedure

- 4.1 **Conditions of Nomination:** The Selectors may only consider an Athlete for nomination to CGA if the Athlete has satisfied the following conditions of nomination:
- (a) is an Australian citizen; and

- (b) is an affiliated member of Badminton Australia or eligible to represent Badminton Australia; and
- (c) signed and returned a completed 2022 Birmingham 2022 Athlete Team Agreement (Athlete Agreement) to the CGA, in the form prescribed by the CGA prior to the Nomination Date; and
- (d) demonstrated to the satisfaction of Badminton Australia that they are not suffering any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing in the Games to the highest possible standard; and
- (e) acted in such a manner so as not to bring the Athlete, the sport, Badminton Australia or CGA into public disrepute; and
- (f) has not breached CGA Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the athlete had already been sanctioned by the breach and completed the sanction imposed; and
- (g) to Badminton Australia's knowledge has not used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the Athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in Badminton Australia's, the BWF or CGA's Anti-Doping By-law; and
- (h) is a member of the Badminton Australia National Senior Program as per the Badminton Australia Selection Policy; and
- (i) participated (mandatory) in the Playoffs (as required by BA) the athlete is a member of the National Senior Program. At the playoffs, National Coaches have the discretion to trial new partnership combinations for doubles events; and
- (j) committed to the attendance of local and international competitions and/or training camps prior to the 2022 Commonwealth Games as directed; and
- (k) has submitted their nomination by 3 December 2021 using the nomination form on the Badminton Australia website.

QUALIFICATION EVENTS – MIXED TEAM EVENT

- 4.2 **Qualification:** Australia must qualify for places in the Badminton Team Event in accordance with the BWF's Qualification System for Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games ("Athlete Allocation System"). Qualification for a place in any Badminton Event(s) by an Athlete does not guarantee that Athlete will be nominated or selected to compete in the Badminton Event at the Games unless specified in the Athlete Allocation System.
- 4.3 **Nomination if Nomination Criteria Met:** Provided the requirements set out in clauses 4.1 and 4.2 are met, the Selectors shall nominate to the CGA on the Nomination Date those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out in clause 5.
- 4.4 Badminton Australia may not nominate more athletes to CGA than are permitted to be nominated under the Athlete Allocation System – but may select non travelling reserve athletes at its discretion who are not members of the Team
- 4.5 **Athlete Slot Quota:** The Commonwealth Games Federation has set athlete quota restrictions for the Games. As a result, CGA has allocated ten Open Athlete slots to Badminton Australia.

4.6 Badminton Australia may only nominate athletes to CGA up to the number of athlete slots allocated.

5. Nomination Criteria

5.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The Badminton Australia Nomination Criteria for nomination to the Games Team is made up of two parts:

- (a) the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria specified in clause 5.2; and
- (b) the Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 5.3.

5.2 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:**

- (a) In determining whether or not Badminton Australia nominates an Athlete to the Badminton Event, the Selectors must be satisfied overall that the Athlete:
 - i. has a track record of sufficient quality and depth demonstrates the Athlete will be competitive at the Games and will perform creditably in the Badminton Event.
- (b) In determining whether or not the Athlete has met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Badminton Events in clause 5.2(a), the Selectors shall consider the Athlete's performances and results in the following Badminton Events during the period 1 December 2021 to 30 March 2022 (or longer if determined by BA as long as prior to 6 May 2022) :
 - (i) **International Tournament result performance:**
 - a. Results at Oceania Championships held in February or April 2022
 - (ii). **Domestic Tournament result performance:**
 - a. Results at National Championships held in April 2022
 - (iii). **Head-to-head performance:**
 - a. Results at Playoffs held in January 2022 (and/or at any other time) where required to attend by Badminton Australia
- (c) The selection timeline 2022 Commonwealth Games and 2022 Oceania Team Championships is as follows:

Date	Event
3 December 2021	Nominations for Commonwealth Games selection due
25-29 January 2022	Playoffs for Oceania Men's & Women's Team Championships 2022 selection
14-17 February 2022	Oceania Championships 2022
18-20 February 2022	Oceania Men's & Women's Team Championships 2022
9-14 or 16-21 April 2022	National Championships 2022
April / May 2022	Playoff matches as determined by the BA Selection Committee for Commonwealth Games selection where required
6 May 2022	Selection of 2022 Commonwealth Games Team

20 May 2022

Nominate athletes to Commonwealth Games Australia for the 2022 Commonwealth Games Team

Note that the above dates and Events may change pending COVID restrictions including the Oceania Championships 2022 and Oceania Men's & Women's Teams Championships 2022 which may be held in April 2022.

- (d) The Badminton Australia Selection Committee reserves the right to select AIS Podium Level athletes (are athletes categorised by Badminton Australia/ AIS as athletes considered Podium Level as part of the AIS Athlete Categorisation Framework) for the Games if they have not satisfied other requirements in this Selection Policy

5.3 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria above, the Selectors may also take into account any one or more of the following factors about an Athlete:

- (a) any other performances or results in competitions / events in addition to the Key Events;
- (b) adequate fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es);
- (c) demonstrated professional behaviour that is conducive of high performance, including a commitment to training and attendance at training camps;
- (d) demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment;
- (e) demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions;
- (f) understanding and respect for the obligations that accompany being a member of an Australia team when competing at the Games, including respect for team members and support staff;
- (g) willingness to promote Badminton in a positive manner;
- (h) demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
- (i) proven ability to be reliable; and
- (j) any other factor(s) the Selectors consider relevant.

5.4 **Own Enquiries:** In considering any one or more of the above factors, the Selectors may make such enquiries of the Athlete, or other persons, as they see fit.

5.5 **Weight to be Given to Specific Nomination Factors:** The Selectors may give weight to any one or more of the Specific Nomination Factors and, if it does, to apply such weighting to one or more Athletes. No particular factor shall be weighted more or less significantly by reason only of the order in which that factor appears in this Nomination Criteria.

5.6 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In any decision regarding the nomination of Athletes to the Games Team, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, take into account any extenuating circumstances in accordance with clause 6 below.

5.7 **Nomination Procedure:** After consideration of this Nomination Criteria, the Selectors shall follow the nomination procedure set out by CGA.

6. **Extenuating Circumstances**

6.1 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In considering the nomination of Athletes in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, give weight to any extenuating circumstances which may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) injury or illness;
- (b) travel delays;
- (c) equipment failure;
- (d) bereavement or personal misfortune; and/or
- (e) any other factors reasonably considered by the Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.

6.2 **Athlete to Advise:** Athletes unable to compete at events, trials, or other attendances required under this Nomination Criteria, must advise the Chair of Selectors of the extenuating circumstances and reasons, in writing, with as much advance notice as possible and ideally seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the event, trial or other attendance. If the Chair of Selectors is notified of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, then the Selectors have no obligation to rely on such circumstances.

6.3 **Medical Certificate:** In the case of injury or illness, Athletes may be required by the Selectors to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the Selectors, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the Selectors. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the Selectors being unable to consider the injury or illness as an extenuating circumstance.

6.4 **Case by Case:** In the case of any extenuating circumstance/s, the Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

7. **Appeal Procedure**

7.1 **Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal to Badminton Australia against their non-nomination to the CGA by the Selectors provided that the Athlete has returned a completed Athlete Team Agreement to the CGA by the Nomination Date.

7.2 **Grounds For a First Instance Appeal:** A Non-Nominated Athlete (the **Appellant**) may bring a First Instance Appeal for hearing on one or more of the following grounds (which the Appellant bears the onus of making out):

- (a) that the Nomination Criteria was not properly applied by Badminton Australia with respect to the Appellant
- (b) the Appellant was not afforded a reasonable opportunity by the NSO to satisfy the selection criteria set out in the Nomination Criteria
- (c) Badminton Australia was affected by actual bias in making its decision to not select the Appellant; and or
- (d) there was no material basis on which Badminton Australia's decision could

be reasonably based

7.3 **Procedures for Nomination Appeals:** All nomination and selection appeals are to be conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in CGA Team Nomination, Selection & Appeals By-Law.

8. Inconsistencies

8.1 **IF Qualification System:** If this Nomination Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the Athlete Allocation System, this shall not be regarded as an inconsistency.

9. Amendments to this Nomination Criteria

9.1 **Prior to Nomination Date:** This Nomination Criteria may be amended or supplemented from time to time by the Badminton Australia Board, before the Nomination Date, provided CGA has approved the amendment/s and supplement/s. For the purpose of version control, any amended Nomination Criteria will incorporate the version number and date of the amendment.

9.2 **Notice:** The Badminton Australia Board will give as much notice as possible of any amendment/s or supplement/s made under clause 9 to this Nomination Criteria, to persons it considers may be affected by any such amendment/s or supplement/s.

10. Definitions

10.1 **Athlete** means a person who wishes to be considered for nomination to the Games Team.

10.2 **Athlete Team Agreement** means the agreement that must be completed by any Athlete wishing to be considered for nomination and selection to the Games Team.

10.3 **Appellant** means a Non-Selected Athlete who has commenced a Selection Appeal in the NST

10.4 **Badminton Event** means an event in the Games in which an Athlete competes in the following events:

Men's Events	Women's Events	Mixed Events
Men's Singles	Women's Singles	Mixed Doubles
Men's Doubles	Women's Doubles	Team

10.5 **Board** means the Board of Badminton Australia as constituted under the Constitution.

10.6 **BWF** means the Badminton World Federation.

10.7 **Badminton** means Sport.

10.8 **Constitution** means the Constitution of Badminton Australia.

- 10.9 **CGA** means the Commonwealth Games Australia Incorporated.
- 10.10 **Games** means the 2022 Commonwealth Games to be held in Birmingham, UK from 28 July – 8 August 2022.
- 10.11 **Games Team** means the Australia Commonwealth Games Team .
- 10.12 **Key Events** mean international, continental, or national competition listed in clause 5.2(b) which is a major or pinnacle event for the sport or is at least the equivalent of a World Cup or World Championship and have an equivalent field to that which is likely to occur at the Games.
- 10.13 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the CGA by Sport.
- 10.14 **Nomination Criteria** means the criteria made up of the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria and the Specific Nomination Factors and is also referred to as “this Criteria”.
- 10.15 **Nomination Date** means on or before 20 May 2022 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between CGA and Sport), by which Sport must submit any Nominated Athletes to the CGA.
- 10.16 **NST** means the Australian Government entity known as the National Sports Tribunal established by the *National Sports Tribunal Act 2019*, comprised of the General Division, the Anti-Doping Division, and the Appeals Division
- 10.17 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 5.2.
- 10.18 **Playoffs:** means events organised by Badminton Australia to assess athlete performance as part of the selection process
- 10.19 **Selectors** means the selectors appointed by Badminton Australia in accordance with clause 3 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 10.20 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the nomination factors set out in clause 5.3.