



## 2024 Australian Paralympic Team

### Nomination Criteria

#### Badminton

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The objective of these Nomination Criteria (**Criteria**) is to identify and nominate to Paralympics Australia (**PA**) those athletes who will achieve the best possible results at the 2024 Paralympic Games (**Games**). This is an objective only and is not a matter that PA need consider in exercising any discretion under this Criteria.
- 1.2 These Criteria may be amended or supplemented by Badminton Australia (**BA**) at any time in its absolute discretion. Any amendment or supplement to these Criteria must be first approved by PA. Any such amendment or supplement must be in writing given by the CEO of BA who will endeavour to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any amendment or supplement to these Criteria.

#### 2. Paralympic Long List

- 2.1 BA will nominate athletes from within the sport to the PA Paralympic Long List. (**Long List**) PA may recognise other athletes from within the sport to also be on the Long List. All athletes chosen to be on the Long List must be members of BA.
- 2.2 BA may only nominate athletes on the Long List to PA for selection in the 2024 Australian Paralympic Team (**Team**).

#### 3. Athlete Quota Positions

- 3.1 BA may only nominate athletes to PA for selection to the Team where, under the Qualification System, Badminton World Federation (**BWF**) has awarded PA or BA athlete quota positions.
- 3.2 BA may not nominate more athletes than are permitted to be nominated by PA under the Qualification System.
- 3.3 BA is not obliged to nominate any athletes and may nominate fewer athletes than permitted under the Qualification System, in its absolute discretion.





#### 4. Eligibility Criteria

- 4.1 BA will not nominate an athlete unless, as at the Nomination Date, BA is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the athlete:
- a) is an Australian citizen and is eligible to represent Australia;
  - b) is a member of BA and is in good standing with BA and the athletes State/Territory association;
  - c) is internationally classified with either a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2024;
  - d) to be eligible for selection for a singles event:
    - has participated in their relevant singles event at a minimum of three (3) designated qualifying tournaments counting towards the Race to Paris Paralympic Ranking List published on 02 April 2024. Exception is made if a player qualifies in doubles or mixed doubles and is required to play singles;
  - e) to be eligible for selection for a doubles event:
    - has participated in their relevant doubles or mixed doubles event with their partner at a minimum of three (3) designated qualifying tournaments counting towards the Race to Paris Paralympic Doubles and Mixed Doubles Ranking list published on 2 April 2024. Exception is made if the BWF invites qualified singles players to create a doubles or mixed doubles pair;
  - f) is medically fit to complete all obligations. Any injury sustained or medical condition which may affect performance, must be reported to the Head Coach as soon as the athlete is or should reasonably be aware of such injury or medical condition;
  - g) is likely to satisfy the PA General Selection Criteria;
  - h) is willing to sign a Team Membership Deed when required by PA;
  - i) has not committed any doping offence under the policies of BA, PA, Sport Integrity Australia (**SIA**) or the World Anti-Doping Agency (**WADA**), unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;



- j) has been available for sample collections as required by SIA and if requested by SIA, provided up-to-date information regarding their whereabouts on a regular basis;
- k) has not committed any offence under any integrity policy of BA, SIA, IPC or PA, which a sanction imposed has not been discharged; and
- l) has not breached the BWF classification rules and regulations, or the IPC Athlete Classification Code (**Code**), unless the athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed.
- m) not by their actions or omissions have brought themselves, their NF or PA into disrepute or censure unless such conduct is disclosed to PA in the team membership deed and PA Paralympic Team Nomination, Selection & Appeals By-Law decides to confirm your eligibility notwithstanding such conduct.

## 5. Classification

- 5.1 Athletes agree to abide by the BWF classification rules and regulations, the Code and any relevant BA or PA classification policies and requirements, including attending classification assessment as required.
- 5.2 Athletes must complete any classification education modules as released by the BWF or PA.
- 5.3 Athletes must notify BA, PA and BWF if there is any change to assistive devices, or equipment used, which may impact their classification in any way, and must undergo further classification assessment if required.
- 5.4 Athletes must disclose previous classification documentation and/or medical diagnostic documentation from relevant specialists for classification which may include;
  - 5.4.1 Providing medical diagnostic information detailing the athlete's underlying health condition and eligible impairment; or
  - 5.4.2 Undertaking any additional medical assessment or provide further medical diagnostic information as required by BA, PA or BWF for the purpose of classification.
- 5.5 If an athlete has any medical intervention, or if changes occur to the athlete's impairment which may impact on their classification, athletes must provide appropriate medical documentation to BA, PA or BWF.

## 6. Process of Nomination

- 6.1 BA will nominate athletes in its absolute discretion who, in the opinion of the Sport Selection Panel:
- 6.1.1 will be most likely to achieve the highest competitive results at the Games; and
  - 6.1.2 is, and will remain until the conclusion of the Games, a positive ambassador for the Sport, BA and the Games.
- 6.2 The Selection Panel will be made up of the National Para Head Coach, National Participation Manager and an independent selector.
- 6.3 In determining which athletes may be nominated, the Selection Panel may have regard to any, all or none of the following factors, in its absolute discretion, which may or may not be exercised:
- 6.3.1 the athlete's past performances at domestic and international competitions;
  - 6.3.2 the athlete's world ranking;
  - 6.3.3 the athlete's demonstrated consistent rate of improvement;
  - 6.3.4 the athlete's ability to work successfully with the other athletes and Head coach for the team;
  - 6.3.5 the athlete's personal commitment to setting goals and achieving those goals in consultation with the Head Coach;
  - 6.3.6 the athlete's ability to maintain regular communication with the Head Coach; and
  - 6.3.7 any other factor the Selection Panel considers relevant.
- 6.4 If Australia is awarded bipartite commission invitation allocation slots by the BWF, the Selection Panel may only nominate the athletes specified by the BWF for those slots.
- 6.5 BA must notify athletes of the Nomination Date (**30 April 2024**) in writing.
- 6.6 BA must inform athletes of their nomination or non-nomination by no later than 1 week prior to the Nomination Date in writing.

- 6.7 Nominations submitted to PA must be in the form prescribed by PA or in a form that is otherwise acceptable to PA and include any such information that is required pursuant to the PA General Selection Criteria.
- 6.8 PA may, in its absolute discretion, accept a nomination submitted after the Nomination Date where it is submitted by BA as a result of an appeal brought in accordance with BA appeals process.

## **7. Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation**

- 7.1 PA may apply to receive Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation quota slots through an application process.
- 7.2 To be considered for the Bipartite Commission Invitation Application an athlete must have demonstrated the following:
  - 7.2.1 high level of commitment;
  - 7.2.2 shown improved performance and results in qualifying international events;
  - 7.2.3 be a role model for other developing players;
  - 7.2.4 worked with the coach in all aspects of training, planning, communication and development;
  - 7.2.5 meet the Eligibility Criteria specified at 4.1; and
  - 7.2.6 be recommended to PA by the Selection Panel.
- 7.3 The Selection Panel, in its sole discretion, may recommend at least one male athlete and at least one female athlete to the BA board who, if in agreement, will nominate the athletes to PA for submission to the IPC or BWF.

## **8. Extenuating Circumstances**

In considering the nomination of athletes in accordance with this Criteria, the Selection Panel may, in its 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.

The Selection Panel is not obliged to act under this clause.

## 9. Appeals

- 9.1 All appeals concerning the nomination or non-nomination of athletes will follow the Nomination Appeals Policy as detailed in the PA Paralympic Team Nomination, Selection & Appeals By-Law, the details of which are available on the PA website via <https://www.paralympic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Team-Nomination-Selection-Appeal-By-Laws.pdf>
- 9.2 All appeals concerning the selection or non-selection of athletes to the Team by PA will follow the process set out in the PA General Selection Criteria.
- 9.3 Slots awarded as a result of a bipartite commission invitation allocation are not subject to an appeals process.

## 10. Interpretation

- 10.1 Words used in these Criteria have the same meaning ascribed to them in the PA Paralympic Team Nomination, Selection and Appeals By-Law unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.
- 10.2 Any failure to give any notice or follow any process under these Criteria does not invalidate such notice or process and does not give rise to an appeal in respect to the notice or process.