

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES – BUENOS AIRES 2018

Nomination and Selection Criteria

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This document contains the criteria for nomination and selection of athletes to the Australian Olympic Youth Team for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games (2018 YOG) in Buenos Aires, Argentina (AYOT). This document also contains general information about the nomination and selection process.
- 1.2. For ease of reference and simplicity, this document combines the Nomination Criteria set by the National Federation and the Selection Criteria set by the AOC.
- 1.3. Each National Federation is responsible for drafting its Nomination Criteria in conjunction with the AOC. All National Federations must submit their draft Nomination Criteria to the AOC for review and approval prior to the criteria being finalised.
- 1.4. Clauses 1 to 3 and clause 5 may not be amended by athletes or National Federations. National Federations may amend or adapt the contents of clause 4 in order to draft their Nomination Criteria.
- 1.5. This document is governed by the AOC Nomination and Selection By-Law (By - Law), a copy of which can be accessed on the AOC website. In the event of any inconsistency between this document (including the Nomination Criteria set out in clause 4 and the Selection Criteria set out in clause 5) and the By-Law, the By-Law will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.
- 1.6. The qualification timeline is set by the International Judo Federation and as outlined in Clause 4.11.

2. GENERAL PRINCIPALS

- 2.1. In accordance with the requirements set by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) under the document governing the YOG nomination and selection process, the Qualification System Principles and Allocation Procedure for NOC Universality Places, the maximum number of quota places allocated to a National Olympic Committee (NOC) for the 2018 YOG:
 - 2.1.1. for individual sports is 75; and
 - 2.1.2. for team sports (i.e. football, handball, hockey and rugby) is one men's team and one women's team. This means that the AOC will choose only two teams in total.
- 2.2. In respect of the individual sports, if the AOC qualifies more than 75 quota places, the AOC will be required to designate which quota places, among all quota places allocated to the AOC, will be utilised by the AOC and allocated to sports. For example, even though a National Federation qualifies 6 quota places for Australia in its sport, the AOC may designate that the National Federation is only able to utilise 2 of those 6 quota places.

3. NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE 2018 AUSTRALIAN YOUTH OLYMPIC TEAM

3.1. For information purposes only, the process for the nomination and selection of athletes for the AYOT is as follows:

3.1.1. Qualification: the AOC, as Australia's NOC, may be awarded athlete quota positions for a sport on the programme of the 2018 YOG by the International Federation governing the sport;

3.1.2. Designation of quota places: Where the AOC is allocated more than 75 quota places, the AOC will designate which, among all quota places allocated to the AOC, will be utilised by the AOC and allocated to sports.

3.1.3. Nomination: Where the AOC has been allocated quota places for a sport and the AOC has determined to utilise those quota places, the National Federation governing the sport in Australia must nominate athletes to the AOC for selection to the AYOT.

3.1.4. Selection: From amongst the nominated Athletes, the AOC is responsible for determining which athletes should be selected to the AYOT.

4. NOMINATION BY THE JUDO FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA

4.1. Definitions

In addition to the capitalised terms used throughout this document, for the purposes of this clause 4 only, the following definitions apply:

Athletes means an athlete who:

- participates in the Sport; and
- is recognised by the National Federation as eligible for nomination to the AOC for selection to the AYOT pursuant to this Nomination Criteria.

AOC Selection Committee means the committee established by the AOC to send athletes and appoint officials to the AYOT.

AOC Selection Criteria means the criteria set out at clause 5 of this document.

International Federation means International Judo Federation (IJF).

National Federation means Judo Federation of Australia.

Sport means Judo

Sport Entries Deadline means 31 August 2018.

Qualification System means the eligibility, participation and qualification criteria for the Sport in respect of the 2018 YOG issued by the International Federation.

4.2. General

4.2.1. The National Federation must provide a copy of this Nomination Criteria to all Athletes.

4.2.2. The National Federation may only nominate athletes to the AOC for the AYOT in accordance with this Nomination Criteria.

4.2.3. The terms of the By-Law are incorporated by reference into this Nomination Criteria. The National Federation must provide a copy of the AOC Selection By-Law to all Athletes.

4.3. Long List

4.3.1. The AOC and the National Federation may maintain a 'Long List' of Athletes who are prospective members of the AYOT for administrative purposes. The Long Lists maintained by the AOC and the National Federation need not include the same Athletes.

4.3.2. Membership on the AOC or the National Federation'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 AYOT.

4.4. Athlete quota positions

4.4.1. The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC for selection to the AYOT where the AOC has designated that one or more quota positions should be allocated to the National Federation.

4.4.2. The National Federation may not nominate more Athletes than the National Federation is permitted to nominate by the AOC.

4.5. Eligibility criteria

The National Federation may not nominate an Athlete unless the Athlete:

4.5.1. satisfies the Qualification System;

4.5.2. is likely to satisfy the AOC Selection Criteria;

4.5.3. does not suffer from any physical or mental impairment that would prevent the Athlete from competing at the 2018 YOG to the best of their ability;

4.5.4. is born between 1 January 2001 and 31 December 2003 inclusive;

4.5.5. has Australian Citizenship;

4.5.6. is a financial member of the Judo Federation of Australia (**JFA**) and is in good standing with the JFA, in the JFA's opinion;

4.5.7. has signed the current JFA Team Member Agreement;

4.5.8. holds a valid IJF ID Card; and

4.5.9. has the minimum grade of 2nd Kyu (blue belt).

4.6. Nomination Criteria

The JFA will only nominate Athletes who achieved qualification through the IJF's Qualification System for the Youth Olympic Games.

The World Ranking List (WRL) as of 1 August 2018 will be used for qualification and selection purposes. The maximum allocated quota for Australia is **one male** and **one female** athlete **across four male and four female Youth Olympics Games weigh categories** as follows.

For the Youth Olympic Games, the eight (8) IJF cadets boys weight categories will be combined in pairs to form four (4) Youth Olympic Games weight categories for men.

IJF Cadet Weight categories Boys (8)	YOG Weight categories Men (4)
Under 50kg	Under 55kg
Over 50 and under 55kg	
Over 55 and under 60kg	Over 55 and under 66 kg
Over 60 and under 66kg	
Over 66 and under 73kg	Over 66 and under 81kg
Over 73 and under 81kg	
Over 81kg and under 90kg	Over 81kg and under 100kg
Over 90kg*	

For the Youth Olympic Games, the eight (8) IJF cadets girls weight categories will be combined in pairs to form four (4) Youth Olympic Games weight categories for women.

IJF Cadet Weight categories girls (8)	YOG Weight categories Women (4)
Under 40kg	Under 44kg
Over 40 and under 44kg	
Over 44 and under 48kg	Over 44 and under 52 kg
Over 48 and under 52kg	
Over 52 and under 57kg	Over 52 and under 63kg
Over 57 and under 63kg	
Over 63kg and under 70kg	Over 63kg and under 78kg
Over 70kg*	

*Men weighing more than 100kg and women weighing more than 78kg will not be considered in the Youth Olympic Games selection.

The top five (5) athletes from each IJF cadets weight category according to the IJF cadet WRL as of 1 August 2018 will qualify. They will be selected and combined into the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) weight categories (40 men and 40 women, 10 per category).

If Australia has more than one (1) male athlete qualify, in the top five (5) athletes from each IJF cadet weight category, the athlete with the better chance to achieve the highest competitive result at the YOG will be selected at the absolute discretion of the National Federation. In exercising this discretion, the National Federation will take into account a number of factors, including (without limitation):

- International results;
- Position on the WRL
- WRL points; and
- Ability to win fights with ippon.

In the event of two male athletes having very similar results and no clear distinction can be made within the YOG weigh category the athletes will be required to 'fight off' for the

position in a 'best of three' event in the week of the 6 August 2018, final date to be determined at the time of quota allocations from the IJF.

In the event of two male athletes having similar results in different YOG weight categories, the National Federation will determine which athlete will be nominated for the one available male position, at its absolute discretion.

If Australia has more than one (1) female athlete qualify, in the top five (5) athletes from each IJF cadet weight category, the athlete with the better chance to achieve the highest competitive result at the YOG will be selected at the absolute discretion of the NSC. In exercising this discretion, the National Federation will take into account a number of factors, including (without limitation):

- International results;
- Position on the WRL
- WRL points; and
- Ability to win fights with ippon.

In the event of two female athletes having very similar results and no clear distinction can be made within the YOG weight category the athletes will be required to 'fight off' for the position in a 'best of three' event in the week of the 6 August 2018, final date to be determined at the time of quota allocations from the IJF.

In the event of two female athletes having similar results in different YOG weight categories, the National Federation will determine which athlete will be nominated for the one available female position, at its absolute discretion .

4.7. Extenuating Circumstances

4.7.1. In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in clause 4.6, the National Federation will not have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.

4.7.2. For the purposes of this clause, Extenuating Circumstances means:

- injury or illness;
- 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
- any other factors considered by the National Federation to constitute extenuating circumstances.

4.8. Submission of Nominations

4.8.1. The National Federation must nominate Athletes to the AOC by 5pm on 1 August 2018 (Sydney time) (Nomination Date). The National Federation must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date prior to the Nomination Date.

4.8.2. Subject to clause 4.8.3, the National Federation must inform Athletes of their nomination or non-nomination by no later than 48 hours prior to the Nomination Date.

4.8.3. Where the National Federation is required to nominate an Athlete after the Nomination Date (where, for example, the AOC allocates an additional quota place to the National Federation after the Nomination Date), and the secondary date for nomination is within 14 days of the Sport Entries Deadline i.e. 17 August – 30 August 2018, the National Federation must inform Athletes of their nomination or non-nomination:

- by no later than 24 hours prior to the Sport Entries Deadline; or
- where the Sport Entries Deadline is less than 24 hours from the time the National Federation is required to submit its nominations to the AOC, by a time that affords non-nominated Athletes a reasonable opportunity to commence a nomination appeal in accordance with the By-Law.
- The AOC may, in its absolute discretion, accept a nomination submitted after the Nomination Date or the Sport Entries Deadline.

4.9. Amendments

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

4.10. Governing Law.

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

4.11. Qualification Timeline

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	1 January 2018 – 31 July 2018	YOG 2018 qualification period
	1 August 2018	Publication of World Ranking List
Inform and confirm	2 August 2018	IJF to inform JFA of allocated quote places
	3 August 2018	JFA to notify athletes of IJF allocated quota places and if applicable date and time of 'fight off'
	Week of 6 August 2018 (date and place TBA on 3 August 2018)	'Fight off' for positions if required
	16 August 2018	JFA to confirm use of allocated quota places to the IJF and BAYOGOC
Reallocation	17 August 2018	IJF to reallocate all unused quota places and NSO to confirm
	30 August	End of reallocation period

Sports entries deadline	31 August 2018	Entries deadline by name for all sports
YOG	6-18 October 2018	3 rd Summer Youth Olympic Games – Buenos Aires 2018

5. SELECTION BY THE AOC

5.1. Definitions

In addition to the capitalised terms used throughout this document, for the purposes of this clause 5 only, the following definitions apply:

2018 Australian Youth Team Membership Agreement for Athletes means the AOC team membership agreement which governs athlete's participation in the 2018 YOG.

Nomination Athlete means an athlete who is nominated by their National Federation to the AOC for selection to the AYOT.

Organising Committee means the committee commissioned by the IOC which is charged with organising the 2018 YOG.

5.2. General

A Nominated Athlete must satisfy the following selection criteria in order to be selected by the AOC to the AYOT. A Nominated Athlete must:

- 5.2.1. have met the requirements of the Qualification System applying to the Nominated Athlete's sport;
- 5.2.2. have satisfied the Nomination Criteria adopted by their National Federation applying to the Nominated Athlete's sport;
- 5.2.3. have been nominated to the AOC by their National Federation;
- 5.2.4. have met and continue to meet the eligibility requirements for Australian competitors outlined in the Olympic Charter;
- 5.2.5. meet the requirements of rules 40 and 41 of the Olympic Charter;
- 5.2.6. have signed the 2018 Australian Youth Team Membership Agreement for Athletes applying to the 2018 YOG and agree to sign any entry form required by the IOC, AOC or the Organising Committee for the 2018 YOG;
- 5.2.7. have signed a consent to consideration of nomination form or any equivalent document prescribed by the AOC;
- 5.2.8. if a minor, have provided to the AOC a signed parent or guardian consent and acknowledgement form in respect of the Nomination Athlete's participation in the 2018 YOG;
- 5.2.9. comply with the AOC Constitution and its by-laws, including the By-Law and the Code of Conduct;
- 5.2.10. not have breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the Nominated Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;
- 5.2.11. have been available for sample collection for the purpose of conducting anti-doping testing and have provided accurate and up to date whereabouts information;

- 5.2.12. have, if required by the AOC, signed a statutory declaration regarding child protection, anti-doping matters and any other matter determined by the AOC to require declaration from time to time;
- 5.2.13. not at any time have engaged in conduct (whether publicly known or not), which has brought, brings or would have the tendency to bring the Nominated Athlete or their sport into disrepute or censure, or which is or would have the tendency to be inconsistent with, contrary to or prejudicial to the best interests, image or values of the AOC or AYOT sponsors, or as a result of which, the Nominated Athlete's continued membership would not be or would not likely be in the best interests of the AYOT;
- 5.2.14. not at any time be convicted of, or charged with, any offence involving violence, child abuse, drugs, or any sex offence, or any offence relating to any betting or gambling activities on sport, or any offence which is punishable by imprisonment;
- 5.2.15. have disclosed any criminal offence of whatever nature, with which the Nominated Athlete has been charged, or of which the Nominated Athlete has been convicted, and has consented to the Nominated Athlete's National Federation and the AOC making enquiries to relevant authorities for any details of the Nominated Athlete's criminal record (if any), including details of any charges pending or any spent convictions disclosable by law, and consents to those authorities providing that information in answer to those enquiries;
- 5.2.16. have and must continue to honestly and fully disclose information pertaining to clauses 5.2(1) - (15), to their National Federation and the AOC, and consent to:
- their National Federation and the AOC making enquiries with relevant authorities regarding any disclosures; and
 - consent to relevant authorities providing information to their National Federation and the AOC in relation to those enquiries; and
 - undergo medical assessments and testing, as required by the AOC.
- 5.2.17 A breach of, or a failure by a Nominated Athlete to comply with clauses 5.2(1) – (15) may render that Nominated Athlete ineligible for selection to the AYOT, at the complete and absolute discretion of the AOC.

5.3. Other Requirements

Except where the AOC has otherwise agreed in writing, the AOC will not select a Nominated Athlete unless the Nominated Athlete has provided an undertaking that he or she will attend:

- 5.3.1.the 2018 YOG for the entire games period, being 6 October - 18 October 2018 (inclusive);
- 5.3.2.the 'Learn & Share' education sessions organised by the Organising Committee for the 2018 YOG; and
- 5.3.3.a training and preparation camp convened and facilitated by the AOC to be held in October 2018 in Sydney, Australia.

5.4. Discretion

The AOC has the sole and absolute discretion to determine:

- 5.4.1.whether a Nominated Athlete has met the requirements of this Selection Criteria;

5.4.2.that a Nominated Athlete is ineligible for selection to the AYOT for any reason (irrespective of whether the Nominated Athlete has met some or all of the requirements of this Selection Criteria); and

5.4.3.whether it will select the maximum number of athletes (or teams, where applicable) permitted for selection by the AOC, regardless of how many Nominated Athletes meet the standards required under a Qualification System.

5.5. Extenuating Circumstances

5.5.1.In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in this clause 5, the AOC will not have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.

5.5.2.For the purposes of this clause, Extenuating Circumstances means:

- injury or illness;
- equipment failure;
- travel delays;
- 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
- any other factors considered by the National Federation to constitute extenuating circumstances.

5.6. Amendments

This Selection Criteria may be amended by the AOC from time to time.

5.7. Governing law

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