

Australian Wrestling Union Inc

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2007 Major International Events

Selection Policy

Selection for the team representing Australia at major international events will be made by the Australian Wrestling Union in accordance with the selection process in Attachment 1:

To be eligible for selection the athlete must

- be an Australian Citizen
- be a member of the Australian Wrestling Union through a Member State Wrestling Association
- have competed at the last AWU Australian National Wrestling Championships

When making selection the AWU will use the following criteria:

- The athlete's consistency of performance at bench mark events over previous 12 months.(Attachment 2). **Please note this is just one of the selection criteria.**
- The athlete's compliance with AWU and ASADA anti-doping requirements
- The athlete's commitment to attain their full potential through training and personal development; this includes the athlete's willingness to participate in any AWU training program established for elite or potential elite athletes.
- The athlete's performance and behaviour at previous events. Any official sanctions or warnings will be taken consideration.
- The athlete's adherence with the AWU Athlete's Code of Ethics
- The athlete's understanding of current FILA rules and regulations

From time to time Event Organisers may place additional requirements for eligibility of competitors. The AWU Board reserves the right to use additional criteria for specific events, but will notify athletes of those criteria when calling for nomination for selection. An example of this would be the Olympic Games where the IOC, AOC and FILA may set additional selection criteria.

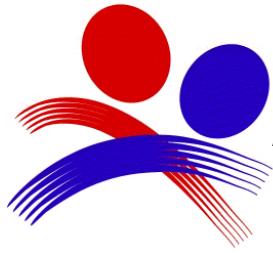
The selection criteria/process for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games is attached.
(Attachment 3)

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SELECTION PROCESS

ATTACHMENT 1

1. AWU National Office will advertise events (with selection criteria for each event) via email to member State Associations and call for nominations. All events and selection criteria and application forms will be available on the AWU website.
2. Applications received on the AWU application form will be evaluated in accordance with Selection criteria by the National Office.
3. When necessary, applications will be referred to the High Performance Selection panel to make a recommendation to the AWU Board. The High Performance Selection panel will consist of the AWU High Performance Manager, an assistant National Coach, and an independent person chosen at the time.
4. Final selections will be sent to the AWU Board for ratification.
5. AWU Operations Manager will notify candidates of the result of their application for selection.
6. All team members must sign a team agreement for their appointment to be valid. The AWU Operations Manager will issue team agreements to all successful applicants. Applicants are to sign the Agreement and return to National Office by due date.
7. Appeals and disputes may be made in writing to the AWU Board within 7 days of notification. The AWU Board will review the appeal and advise the candidate of its decision. The AWU Board may refer the appeal to an independent Appeals committee.



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Application for Selection to TEAM Australia for

Event:

Name:	
Weight Division	
Discipline	
Date of Birth	
Contact details Address	
Phone	
Email	
Club/Coach	

I wish to apply for selection to TEAM Australia at:

Event:

I confirm that

- a) if selected I am willing to participate in any AWU training program for elite athletes
- b) I have not been sanctioned or warned at any previous AWU or FILA events and
- c) I will adhere to the AWU Athlete's Code of Ethics and the current FILA rules and regulations

Signed:

Date:

Parent/Guardian signature if under 18

1. Are you an Australian Citizen?	Yes	
	No	<i>Non Australian Citizens are not eligible for inclusion in TEAM Australia</i>
2. Are you a current member of the AWU?	Yes	State Association: Member number: Expiry date:
	No	<i>Non-AWU members are not eligible for inclusion in TEAM Australia – please contact your State Wrestling Association for more details before continuing with application</i>
3. Are you up to date with your ASADA (anti-doping) reporting requirements?	Yes	
	No	<i>If not, do not continue with application. please contact the National Operations Manager for more details before continuing with application</i>
4. Did you compete at the last AWU National Championships?	Yes	Weight Discipline Result
	No	<i>If not, you will need to provide the AWU with a medical certificate or reason for not attending and justify your inclusion in the team</i>

5. List results at Benchmark events in the last 12 months					
Event	Tier	Discipline	Weight	Result	Points

6. Brief statement in support of application	
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PERFORMANCE BENCH MARKS

ATTACHMENT 2

Each year points will be allocated to athletes based on their performance at benchmark events during the year..

An athlete's point score will be used to *assist* in selection of athletes for major international events and for the allocation of any athlete assistance grants eg Australian Olympic Committee's Athlete Assistance Grant. Point scores may also be used to assist in identification of athletes for the AWU High Performance and Development squads eg Junior Development Squad, Team 2010 training squads.

The point system will allow the AWU to better identify athletes with international potential and assist the AWU to select the best wrestler to represent Australia, rather than rely on performance at a single event. Athletes, who are injured or unable to compete in one event, now have the opportunity to perform at other events and gain selection. Athletes who develop and improve their skills by competing in high calibre events outside of Australia will be able to gain recognition (points) for their achievements.

The tier status of an event will be determined by the High Performance Selection panel.

Please note

An athlete's point score is only one of the selection criteria – having the largest number of points will not automatically guarantee selection.

Points will be allocated as follows:

1st Tier events – Major International FILA tournaments

Place	Points
1 st	20 pts
2 nd	17 pts
Equal 3 rd	13 pts
Equal 5 th	10 pts
Participation	5 pts

2007 Benchmark Events: , 2007 Junior and Senior World Champions, 2007 Asian Championships; 2007 Commonwealth Cup, 2007 Canada Cup, other events as advised by the High Performance Selection panel

2nd tier events - National and Regional Championships

Place	Points
1 st	10 pts
2 nd	8 pts
3 rd	6 pts
4 th	4pts
Participation	1 pt

** Please note: In weight divisions with only one competitor – 6 pts will be allocated to the competitor

2006 Benchmark Events: 2007 National Championships, 2007 New Zealand National Championships, 2007 Oceania Championships, 2007 Down Under Tournament, other events as advised by the High Performance Selection panel

Third tier events – State Championships and other major events

Place	Points
1 st	8 pts
2 nd	6 pts
3 rd	4 pts
4 th	2 pts
Participation	1 pt

** Please note: In weight divisions with only one competitor – 4 pts will be allocated to the competitor

2007 Benchmark Events: 2007 State Championships, 2007 Australia Cup; other events as advised by the High Performance Selection panel

Attachment 3

Nomination Criteria for the FILA 2008 Beijing Qualification Events:

Background:

The Australian Olympic Committee in conjunction with the National body for each sport, is responsible for setting the selection criteria for inclusion into the Australian team for Beijing 2008. Any event used for selection for qualification must be notified to the AOC 12 months in advance. Once approved by the AOC, this is viewed as a contract and may not be changed.

Stage 1 of FILA Qualification: 2007 World Championships – Baku Azerbaijan

In order for an Australian entrant to Qualify to compete in the 2007 FILA Senior World Championships in Men's Freestyle, Greco Roman or Women's wrestling the Athlete must compete in and meet the following standard:

National Stage 1: Melbourne 16-17 June 2007

Australian Senior Wrestling Championships 16-17 June 2007 Melbourne) the National Championships will be an open event to all competitors holding Australian Citizenship on the day of competition.

National Stage 2: Sydney 7-8 July 2007

Top 5 in each weight classification from the Senior Nationals will be invited to compete in event 2 (Late June 2007), the Selection Trials - at the weight in which they competed at the National Championships. Note the essential criteria to compete in stage 2 is to have competed in stage 1 (Senior Australian National Championships). If the winner of stage 1 (National Champion) wins again in stage 2 then that athlete is awarded the nomination to the 2007 Worlds.

In the event that the winner of Stage 1 (National Champion) is beaten in Stage 2 and wishes to challenge the Stage 2 winner then a break of not less than one hour and not more than 2 hours after the last match of either contestant is allowed after which the Winner of Stage 1 and Stage 2 must meet head to head in a one off repercharge match to decide (making it the best two out of three contests) the winner of this repercharge then wins the Nomination to the 2007 worlds.

Medical Exemption – The athlete must compete successfully in both the National Championships and the Selection Trials. There will be no exemption for medical condition even if covered by a Doctors certificate at either event, or any repercharge contest - failure to wrestle due to injury is ruled as a forfeit.

FILA Round 2 Qualification – 2008 Oceania Championships (9 February 2008 Canberra Australia), and Round 3 FILA World Qualification Events (Various international locations):

In order for an Australian entrant to Qualify to compete in the 2008 FILA Senior Oceania Championships or FILA Qualification Events in Men's Freestyle, Greco

Roman or Women's wrestling the Athlete must compete in and meet the following standard

Qualify to 2008 Senior Oceania and to FILA World Qualifier Rounds

National Stage 3: Canberra 9-10 December 2007

Qualifiers to National Stage 2 (Selection Trials) above are invited to Stage 3 (Canberra Dec 9-10), An athlete who did not compete in Stage 1 or 2 may make application to AWU stating grounds for consideration to compete at Stage 3. Invitation to compete in Stage 3 will be at discretion of AWU Board.

This "wild card" will be only granted due to:

Medical grounds

- Recent award of citizenship (since June 2 2007)
- Absence from Australia during Stage 1&2 and proof of international preparation.
- A valid Medical Certificate indicating the athlete was unable to compete in either of the National Stage 1 or Stage 2 events

Winner of Stage 3 is awarded the Nomination to compete at the Oceania and remaining FILA qualifiers.

In the event that the Stage 3 winner is different to the Nominee to the 2007 Worlds there may be a challenge and the same criteria as for the Repercharge at the Stage 2 Selection Trial would apply.

There will be No medical or other exemptions for failing to compete in the National Stage 3 Trial,

Nomination to the FILA events is governed by FILA criteria that the NF must have been represented in that category at the 2007 Worlds before FILA allow eligibility for Beijing qualification in that category at their Round 2 and Round 3 Qualifying events. AWU may only nominate into those categories to these events.

In the event that the winner of the AWU Nomination to any Beijing qualifier withdraws, then that Nomination may be offered to the winner of a match between the 2nd & 3rd place getters. Location of such a contest will be at the discretion of the AWU Board.

All costs to compete in any stage of the qualification rounds must be met by the athlete; AWU does not guarantee/offer any financial assistance.

The AWU's Athletes Code of Ethics

All AWU Wrestlers shall:

1. Treat opponents with respect.
2. Wrestle hard within the rules.
3. Exercise self-control at all times.
4. Respect the decisions of officials without gesture or argument.
5. Show good sportsmanship by winning with humility and losing with dignity.
6. Show that it is a privilege to represent their Club, State and Nation.
7. Recognize and applaud honesty and wholeheartedly the efforts of team-mates or opponents regardless of gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.

In addition, athletes selected to represent Australia will be required to sign a team agreement which includes the following "Team Code of Conduct"

NATIONAL TEAM MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

When representing the Australian Wrestling Union Inc, National Team members shall meet these standards:

1. Good Behaviour

- 1.1 I shall behave in a dignified manner at all times and shall not do anything that may bring the Team, the Australian Wrestling Union Inc, wrestling or me into disrepute.
- 1.2 I shall respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence towards all other competitors.
- 1.3 I shall abide by the team rules laid down by the Team Manager and Coach and all directions given by them.
- 1.4 I shall respect the authority of the Team Manager and Coach, and all tournament officials.
- 1.5 I shall be professional in, and accept responsibility for, my actions.
- 1.6 I shall respect the laws and customs of places I visit.
- 1.7 I shall not misuse funds or property belonging to another party.

2. Anti Doping

- 2.1 I shall not use substances or procedures prohibited by FILA or the Australian Wrestling Union Inc.
- 2.2 I shall, at the request of representatives of the Australian Sports Drug Agency, World Anti Doping Authority, or tournament drug testing personnel, submit to drug testing procedures without complaint

3. Team Selection.

- 3.1 I agree to accept all of the selection decisions without dissent.

4. Coaching

- 4.1 I acknowledge that the coach(es) appointed by AWU is/are the sole coach(es) for all members of the Team
- 4.2 I acknowledge that any delegation of coaching duties, due to their unavailability, is at their sole and unfettered discretion.
- 4.3 I agree to accept coaching from the coaches appointed by AWU, or from anyone to whom they delegate the task, in all of my matches.
- 4.4 I agree to follow their instructions in all practice and warm up sessions.

5. Media Coverage

I acknowledge that as a participant at international events I may be filmed or photographed by accredited media organizations. I shall respect and comply with all media requests issued through the Team Manager.

6. Confidentiality

I shall respect the confidentiality of non-public information that comes to me in the course of representing the Australian Wrestling Union Inc.

7. Unsuitable Behaviour

The following list provides examples of actions that would be considered a breach of the Australian Wrestling Union Inc Athlete Code of Conduct This list is not exhaustive, but is intended to provide a guideline to what is considered unsuitable behaviour.

- 7.1 'Sledging' other athletes, officials or event organizers. Sledging is defined as a statement, which is deemed to denigrate and/or intimidate another person.
- 7.2 Publicly dissenting the decision of the Team Manager or Team Coach(es).
- 7.3 Missing or arriving late for team meetings, curfews, and travel arrangements.
- 7.4 Inappropriate use of alcohol.
- 7.5 Creating a public disturbance, or acting in a way that becomes a public nuisance
- 7.6 Causing damage to another person's property.
- 7.7 The use or encouragement of drugs and banned substances to enhance or inhibit performance.
- 7.8 Statements that are deemed to denigrate the group that an individual is representing.
- 7.9 Harassment of any form.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)

Attachment 5

Q What are the requirements for a competitor to compete at the First tier events this year (2007)?

A: Competitors will be selected based on the selection criteria. One of those criteria is performance at benchmark events in the 2006 and 2007.

Q. Will there be any requirements for competitors to qualify for any first tier events in 2007?

A: Yes, as in the past, all competitors representing Australia at first tier events must be nominated by the AWU and will be required to nominate for selection to the Australian team. As 2007 is the beginning of the 2008 Beijing Olympic selection period, there will be additional requirements. These will be notified to athletes as soon as they are known.

Q. Are ALL competitors going to be selected by the Selection committee once this document is established for all future events?

A. All competitors.(whether subsidized or self funded) for first tier events must nominate for selection. Nominations will be evaluated against **all** of the selection criteria. If a competitor is evaluated as not being suitable for any reason ie performance level, non compliance with Anti-doping regulations or breaches of the Code of Conduct, that competitor will not be selected regardless of how many people apply. Selection Committees will be established when necessary ie there are large numbers of competitors applying for a small number of places, or when the athletes applying are of equal ability.

Q. If competitor "A" has won the National Championships (10 points)- First tier event and competitor "B" has won the State Championships (8 Points) as well as the Australia Cup (8 Points) - Both second tier events (Total 16 points), who will be selected for example?

A. An athletes performance (point score) is only **one** of the selection criteria. In the case of athletes having equal points, and equal rating on all other criteria, the High Performance Selection panel will be formed to make the final recommendation to the AWU Board.

Q. If I am competing and training overseas and I miss the National Championships, can I still apply for selection to first tier events?

A Yes, athletes competing in high level events in other countries can apply to have their achievements recognised. Points will be awarded based on the level and type of competition, the size of the pool and the result achieved.