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2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES NOMINATION CRITERIA

- i. Wrestling Australia (WAI) will only nominate selected eligible athletes to Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA) for selection in the 2018 Australian Commonwealth Games Team (Team).
- ii. The athletes chosen by WAI for nomination to CGA according to the terms of these criteria will be submitted to CGA for selection in the Team.
- iii. CGA has the exclusive authority to select athletes to represent Australia at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, Gold Coast (2018 Games).
- iv. This document sets out the minimum eligibility and qualification criteria that athletes must meet to be considered by WAI for nomination to the CGA for selection to the Team and the process by which WAI will nominate athletes to the CGA for selection for 2018Games.

1 OBJECTIVE

- i. WAI's objective when nominating for the 2018Games is to nominate eligible athletes who WAI considers have the greatest potential of a podium performance at the 2018Games or have the potential of a podium performance at future Commonwealth Games.
- ii. WAI is under no obligation to nominate a full team or any team whatsoever for the 2018Games.
- iii. The intent of WAI is to nominate eligible athletes who are in good standing with WAI through adherence to the WAI Athlete's Code of Behaviour, have no outstanding debts with WAI or associated organisation, are clearly (in the opinion of WAI) in form, fully committed to the 2018Games and, in the view of WAI, internationally competitive for the purpose of the 2018Games.

2 MAKING NOMINATIONS

- i. Final nominations by WAI must be received by the CGA by 20 February 2018. Any nominations received after this deadline (or within such a further deadline as the CGA may allow) will be invalid.
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3 NOMINATION OF ATHLETES

- i. To be eligible for consideration for nomination to the CGA, an athlete must:
 - a. Be an Australian Citizen;
 - i. Proof of such citizenship must be provided to WAI by no later than the closing date for registrations for the Qualification Event (see clause 4.1).
 - ia) Athletes who do not have Australian Citizenship on the closing date for this Qualification Event will only be allowed to compete in this Qualification event if they provide to WAI by the closing date for registrations for this Qualification Event a letter from the Australian Department of immigration that clearly stipulates that the athlete will be granted Australian Citizenship by no later than 30th September 2017
 - ii. Athletes who have represented another Country at International Level, must provide to WAI by no later than the closing date for registrations for the Qualification Event written approval from the Official Wrestling Association of that other Country, addressed to WAI and to United World Wrestling (UWW) that the other Country has no objection against the athlete representing Australia at any International Level Competition;
 - b. Be a current financial member of WAI;
 - c. Have no outstanding debts with WAI or any associated organisation;
 - d. Sign and adhere to the WAI Athlete's Code of Behaviour;
 - e. Not have breached any applicable anti-doping policy (including but not limited to, any relevant declaration as required by either WAI or the CGA) and have had a sanction imposed which has not been completed;
 - f. Be compliant with ASADA reporting requirements which include participation in testing and providing up to date location reporting as well as attending any ASADA sessions as requested both prior to and after selection to Team; and
 - g. Sign and adhere to the CGA 2018Games Team Agreement and any required forms.

4 QUALIFICATION EVENT

- i. The Qualification Event used to identify athletes to be nominated to the CGA is the Australian National Selection Competition which commences on Friday 25 November 2017.
 - ii. To be eligible to compete in the Qualification Event an athlete must:
 - a. Be an Australian citizen; AND
 - b. Have placed first, second or third at the 2017 Australian Wrestling Nationals; OR
 - c. Be 17 years old who has applied to enter the event based on turning 18 in 2018 and has provided relevant paperwork with parental consent in order to wrestle up a division for this competition: OR
 - d. Have received an exemption from entering 2017 Australian Wrestling Nationals OR Australia Cup OR both due to an extensive training programme overseas that is accepted by HP Committee and the Board of Wrestling Australia as suitable preparation for the Commonwealth Games: OR
 - e. Have received an exemption from entering 2017 Australian Wrestling Nationals OR Australia Cup OR both due to recovery/rehabilitation from a long-term injury with proof from a medical specialist as approved by WAI that this recovery/rehabilitation prevents entering these competitions and have received a clearance to compete at the Qualification event from the same medical specialist;
 - f. REQUESTS FOR ALL EXEMPTIONS as listed in 4 ii d and 4 ii e MUST be received by the Board members by email to wai@wrestling.com.au by no later than:
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- Saturday 5th April 2017 for Australian Nationals and
 - Friday 4th May 2017 for Australia Cup; OR
- g. Have sustained a severe injury in last 30 days prior to Nationals or Australia Cup and have proof of being unable to compete from a medical specialist certificate approved by WAI that this injury prevents competing and then has a certificate of clearance to compete at the Qualification event from the same medical specialist; AND
- h. Fulfilled all the criteria in Clause 3 above.

5 NOMINATION PROCESS

- i. WAI may nominate up to seven (7) male and seven (7) female athletes for the TEAM as per the maximum number permitted under the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) athlete allocation.
- ii. The number of athlete allocations for the 2018 Games for wrestling per country is yet to be finalised and subject to confirmation from the CGF to the CGA. WAI can only nominate athletes up to the number of athlete allocations awarded by the CGF.
- iii. The first eligible athlete that places first in the Qualification Event of each weight category will be nominated by WAI to CGA, subject to:
 - a. the number of athlete allocations confirmed by the CGA (5ii); AND
 - b. the athlete satisfying and continuing to satisfy the requirements set out in Clause 7
- iv. In the event that the number of athlete allocations awarded by the CGF (5ii) is less than the maximum number of nominations outlined in (5i), WAI will nominate athletes (5iii) that it determines, at its sole direction, will have the best possible chance of winning a medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games or have the potential of a podium performance at future Commonwealth Games.
- v. Without in any way limiting the discretion of WAI in making a determination as to the athlete who will have the best possible chance of winning a medal at the 2018 Commonwealth games or who has the potential for a podium performance at a future Commonwealth Games, WAI will take into consideration any factor it considers relevant, including but not limited to:
 - a. The Selection Policy Process that can be found on the WAI website www.wrestling.com.au;
 - b. The athlete's overseas performances;
 - c. The quality of the opposition expected to attend the games;
 - d. The athlete's experience and ability to perform at a competitive level taking into account their overseas experience and performance;
 - e. The athlete's ability to learn from the experience with a view to future podium success at a future Commonwealth Games.

6 NOMINATED ATHLETES SUBJECT TO REVIEW

- i. In addition to qualifying in accordance to Clause 5, athletes must participate in the following events:
 - a. Australian National Championships 5th – 7th May 2017; AND
 - b. Australia Cup 3rd – 4th June 2017 with 2kg weight tolerance; AND
 - c. A pre selection training camp (date and place to be advised); AND
 - d. A post selection training camp in Feb or March 2018. (venue to be advised).
- ii. Nominated athletes are required to attend for the full duration of the camps outlined in clauses 6.i.c and 6.i.d.

7 SUBSTITUTE NOMINATION

- i. Should an athlete not meet the requirements and obligation set out in Section 6 OR no longer meet the Eligibility Criteria in Clause 3 OR is assessed as injured or ill to the extent that in the opinion of WAI he/she is not capable of performing in the 2018Games to a level that the athlete would be expected to perform if not affected by the injury or illness in question OR by competing with an injury or illness at the 2018Games the athlete may suffer an unacceptable risk of reasonable short or long term medical complications, WAI may withdraw that wrestler's nomination and nominate another athlete to the CGA.
- ii. If a nominated athlete is excluded from the list under clause 6, the excluded athlete will no longer be selected in the Team.
- iii. Substitute nominations will be limited to athletes who competed in the Qualification Event (Clause 4) and will be done in the order of placings at that weight category (i.e. the wrestler placed second in that weight category will be the next priority for nomination, then third place and so on).
- iv. To be considered for Substitute Nominations, athletes must meet all the other criteria set out in this document as well as being, in the view of WAI, able to satisfy the objective of this Nomination Criteria (clause 1). For the avoidance of any doubt, substitute nominations are not automatic.

8 AMENDMENTS TO SELECTION CRITERIA

This Nomination Criteria may be amended by WAI with the prior written approval of the CGA. Any amended Nomination Criteria will be distributed to eligible athletes by email from WAI and posted on the WAI website.

9 APPEALS

- i. An athlete who reasonably considers in all the circumstances that his/her non-nomination to compete at the 2018Games has occurred because the Selection Committee has failed to follow this Nomination Criteria is able to appeal his/her non-selection.
- ii. The sole grounds of any appeal to an Appeals Tribunal are that:
 - a. the athlete's omission from nomination was a result of a failure by WAI to properly follow and/or implement the process set out in this Policy;
 - b. the appellant was not given a reasonable opportunity by WAI to satisfy the nomination criteria;
 - c. the nomination decision was affected by actual bias; OR
 - d. there was no material on which the nomination decision could reasonably be based.
- iii. The Appeal procedure is detailed in the document titled ; Selection Process Policy, a copy of which may be downloaded from the Member Protection Policy on the website at <http://www.wrestling.com.au/> or by request from WAI.

10 CLARIFICATION OF THE POLICY

- i. It is the athlete's responsibility to read and understand this Nomination Criteria (and other supporting documents and/or policies).
 - ii. In the first instance, for further clarification relating to this Nomination Criteria, queries should be directed to Kaye Ortis, Secretary WAI on admin@wrestling.com.au
 - iii. If an athlete is still unclear about this Nomination Criteria (and other supporting documents and/or policies) operation or effect, independent legal advice should be sought.
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WRESTLING AUSTRALIA wishes all aspiring athletes well in their quest for selection for the Commonwealth Games in 2018.

Wednesday, 22 March 2017.

