

## Nomination Criteria – Paris 2024 Olympic Games – Women's Football

### 1 Definitions and Interpretation

#### 1.1 Definitions

Unless otherwise defined below, capitalised terms in this Nomination Criteria have the meaning given to them in the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law, certain of which have been reproduced below for the sake of convenience.

**AOC** means the Australian Olympic Committee Inc and any of its officers, employees or agents and any committee it convenes including the AOC Selection Committee.

**AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law** means the document adopted by the Executive which governs, among other things, the nomination and selection of Athletes to a team for an Olympic Games or Olympic Winter Games and which is available at <https://www.olympics.com.au/the-aoc/athlete-guidelines/>.

**AOC Selection Committee** means the committee established by the AOC to select athletes officials to the Australian Olympic team for the Games.

**AOC Selection Criteria** means the criteria adopted by the AOC in respect of the Games which outlines the requirements for an athlete to be selected by the AOC to participate in the Games and which appear at Appendix 1 of this Nomination Criteria.

**Ap Alternate Athlete** has the meaning given in the Qualification System.

**Athlete** means a person who:

- (a) participates in the Sport; and
- (b) is recognised by the National Federation or the AOC as eligible for nomination to the AOC for selection to the Team pursuant to this Nomination Criteria.

**Executive** means the Executive of the AOC.

**Extenuating Circumstances** means:

- (a) injury or illness;
- (b) equipment failure;
- (c) travel delays;
- (d) 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
- (e) any other factors considered by the National Federation to constitute extenuating circumstances.

**Games** means Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

**International Federation** means Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA).

**National Federation** means Football Australia (FA).

**National Team Agreement** means the form of agreement for the engagement of an Athlete by the National Federation to participate in matches for the National Federation.

**National Teams Code of Conduct** means the code of conduct for Athletes as promulgated by the National Federation from time to time.

**Nomination Date** means Saturday 1 June 2024.

**Qualification Period** means the 2024 AFC Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament from 26 October 2023 to 28 February 2024.

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

**Sport** means Women's Football.

**Sport Entries Deadline** means the date on which entries to a Games must be submitted by the AOC, being 8 July 2024.

**Team** means the team of athletes and officials selected by the AOC to participate in the Sport at the Games.

## 1.2 Interpretation

- (a) Unless the context otherwise requires, reference to:
  - (i) a clause is to a clause of this Nomination Criteria;
  - (ii) the singular includes the plural and the converse also applies;
  - (iii) persons include incorporated and unincorporated bodies, partnerships, joint ventures and associations and vice versa and their legal personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes; and
  - (iv) a party includes the party's executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes.
- (b) If a person to whom this Nomination Criteria applies consists of more than one person, then this Nomination Criteria binds them jointly and severally.
- (c) A reference to time, day or date is to time, day or date of Sydney, Australia.
- (d) Headings are for convenience only and do not form part of this Nomination Criteria or affect its interpretation.

## 2 General

- 2.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the board of the National Federation. The National Federation must make this Nomination Criteria available to all Athletes participating in the Sport, including by publishing this Nomination Criteria on the National Federation's website.
- 2.2 The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC in accordance with this Nomination Criteria.
- 2.3 This Nomination Criteria will take effect on and from the date of approval by the AOC and will cease to have effect at the conclusion of the Games.
- 2.4 This Nomination Criteria applies to:
  - (a) all Athletes;
  - (b) the National Federation; and
  - (c) the AOC.
- 2.5 The terms of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law are incorporated by reference into this Nomination Criteria. The National Federation must provide and make available, the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law to all Athletes.

### **3 Long List**

- 3.1 For the purpose only of identifying prospective members of the Team, the National Federation and AOC may maintain a Long List of Athletes.
- 3.2 For the avoidance of doubt, membership of the National Federation's or the AOC'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 Team.

### **4 Athlete Quota Positions**

- 4.1 The National Federation may only nominate Athletes to the AOC for selection to the Team where, pursuant to the Qualification System, the International Federation has awarded the AOC or the National Federation athlete quota positions.
- 4.2 A National Federation may not nominate more Athletes than are permitted to be nominated by the AOC under the Qualification System.

### **5 Eligibility Criteria**

The National Federation will not nominate an Athlete unless, as at the Nomination Date, the National Federation is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the Athlete:

- (a) is an Australian citizen;
- (b) is a member of the National Federation;
- (c) satisfies the Qualification System;
- (d) is likely to satisfy the AOC Selection Criteria set out at Appendix 1 of this Nomination Criteria;
- (e) has not breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;
- (f) does not, and is not likely to in the foreseeable future, suffer from any physical or mental impairment that would prevent the Athlete from competing at the Games to the highest possible standard for that Athlete; and
- (g) has signed a National Federation National Team Agreement.

### **6 Nomination Criteria**

- 6.1 Australia will receive quota places in accordance with the Qualification System.
- 6.2 The National Federation will nominate Athletes who, in the opinion of the National Federation, in its absolute discretion:
  - (a) will be most likely to achieve the highest competitive results at the Games; and
  - (b) is, and will remain until the conclusion of the Games, a positive ambassador for the Sport, National Federation and the Games.
- 6.3 In making its determination under clause 6.2 with respect to an Athlete, the National Federation may have regard to any, all or none of the following factors, in its absolute discretion, which may or may not be exercised:
  - (a) the Athlete's physical form and fitness;
  - (b) the likelihood that the Athlete will suffer an injury in the lead up to or during the Games;

- (c) the Athlete's performance and discipline in national camps and tours;
  - (d) the Athlete's physiological capacity;
  - (e) the Athlete's technical ability;
  - (f) the Athlete's tactical understanding;
  - (g) the Athlete's mental strength;
  - (h) the benefit or detriment of the Athlete's membership on the Team with respect to team dynamics, team behaviour and team performance;
  - (i) the extent to which the Athlete has demonstrated, during the previous 12 months, including the Qualification Period:
    - (i) discipline;
    - (ii) motivation; and
    - (iii) commitment to the Sport and to the Team.
  - (j) the possibility of future representation of the Athlete, at the senior national team level
  - (k) recent performances at international and club level;
  - (l) National/International experience of the Athlete;
  - (m) specific positional requirements to achieve optimal team balance;
  - (n) the Athlete's full availability for national team commitments;
  - (o) the ultimate objective for the team (i.e. the Games) and the Athlete's availability and suitability for preparation games leading up to and for the Games; and
  - (p) whether nominating the Athlete is in accordance with National Federation's regulations and policies and is not contrary to the interests of football in Australia generally.
- 6.4 If Australia receives quota places in accordance with the Qualification System, four Athletes will be identified as Ap Alternate Athletes.
- 6.5 The Athletes identified as the Ap Alternate Athletes will be selected in accordance with clauses 6.2 and 6.3.
- 6.6 For the avoidance of doubt, Athletes nominated as Ap Alternate Athletes in accordance with this clause 6 will not be part of the Team unless and until they are required to replace a selected Athlete.

## **7 Extenuating circumstances**

- 7.1 In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in clause 6, the National Federation may, in its absolute discretion have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.
- 7.2 In the event that an Athlete determines that she is unable to attend a competition, camp or other event which is referred to in this Nomination Criteria (**Nomination Event**), that Athlete must notify the National Federation of her non-attendance in writing as soon as practicable.
- 7.3 The National Federation may consider an Athlete's non-attendance at a Nomination Event to be an Extenuating Circumstance in its absolute discretion. The National Federation may require an Athlete to undergo a medical examination as a condition of treating the Athlete's non-attendance at a Nomination Event as an Extenuating Circumstance.

## **8 Submission of Nominations**

- 8.1 The National Federation must notify Athletes of the Nomination Date in writing.
- 8.2 The AOC may, in its absolute discretion extend the Nomination Date for the National Federation for any reason.
- 8.3 The National Federation must nominate Athletes to the AOC by the Nomination Date. The National Federation must inform Athletes of their nomination or non-nomination by no later than:
- (a) 48 hours prior to the Nomination Date, where such written notice would be received by the Athlete 14 days prior to the Sport Entries Deadline; or
  - (b) 24 hours prior to the Nomination Date, where such written notice would be received by the Athlete within 14 days of the Sport Entries Deadline,
- or such later date as the AOC advises the National Federation.
- 8.4 Nominations submitted to the AOC must be in the form prescribed by the AOC or in a form that is otherwise acceptable to the AOC and include any such information that is required pursuant to the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.
- 8.5 The AOC may, in its absolute discretion, accept a nomination submitted after the Nomination Date where it is submitted by the National Federation as a result of an appeal brought in accordance with the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law.

## **9 Appeals**

- 9.1 A non-nominated athlete may only appeal against their non-nomination (**Nomination Appeal**) in accordance with the procedure set out in clause 9.6 or clause 9.9 of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law (**AOC By-Law**).
- 9.2 Any Nomination Appeal arising out of this Nomination Criteria which is commenced under clause 9.6 of the AOC By-Law will be heard by the NST General Division in accordance with clause 9.6(c) of the AOC By-Law. For clarity, clause 9.2 does not apply to appeals against non-nomination commenced under clause 9.9 of the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law (**Nomination Fast Track Appeal**).

## **10 Amendments**

- 10.1 This Nomination Criteria may only be amended with the written consent of the AOC Selection Committee.
- 10.2 Where the AOC forms a reasonable opinion that this Nomination Criteria requires amendment, the AOC must notify the National Federation of the required amendments. The National Federation must work collaboratively with the AOC in good faith to amend this Nomination Criteria to the satisfaction of the AOC.

## **11 Governing Law**

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

## **12 Priority of Documents**

To the extent of any inconsistency, the following documents shall be given the following descending order of precedence:

- (a) the AOC Constitution;

- (b) the AOC Olympic Team Nomination and Selection By-Law (including AOC Selection Criteria); and
- (c) this Nomination Criteria.

## **Appendix 1 – AOC Selection Criteria**