

## **Tokyo 2020 Australian Paralympic Team**

### **Nomination Criteria**

#### **Wheelchair Rugby**

##### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The objective of these Nomination Criteria is to identify and nominate to Paralympics Australia ("PA") those athletes who will achieve the best possible medal results at the 2020 Paralympic Games ("Games").
- 1.2 These Nomination Criteria may be amended or supplemented by the Head Coach, through consultation with Assistant Coach and Program Manager, specifically where matters arise which have not been provided for in these Nomination Criteria. Any amendment or supplement to these Nomination Criteria must be first approved by PA. Any such amendment or supplement must be in writing given by the Head Coach and Program Manager who will endeavour to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by any amendment or supplement to these Nomination Criteria.

##### **2. Paralympic Long List**

- 2.1 The Head Coach and Program Manager will nominate athletes from within the sport to be members of the PA Paralympic Long List. PA may recognise other athletes from within this sport to also be members of the Paralympic Long List. All athletes chosen to be members of the Shadow Squad must be members of the PA Wheelchair Rugby High Performance Program ("HPP").
- 2.2 The Wheelchair Rugby High Performance Program ("HPP") Squad ("Squad") will be comprised of those athletes who meet the criteria circulated by the Program Manager and who are invited to join the Squad by the Head Coach.
- 2.3 The Head Coach and Program Manager may only nominate members of the Paralympic Long List to PA for selection in the 2020 Australian Paralympic Team.
- 2.4 The Head Coach and Program Manager will nominate athletes to PA to be members of the Paralympic Long List at such time as required by PA.
- 2.5 In order to be nominated by the Head Coach and Program Manager as a member of the Paralympic Long List, each athlete must have satisfied the Athlete Eligibility standard described in

the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Qualification Guide.

### **3. Process of Nomination and Selection**

- 3.1 Athletes will be nominated to PA for selection to the Australian Paralympic Team ("Team") in accordance with the following:
  - 3.1.1 Notwithstanding the other provisions of these Nomination Criteria, individual athletes will be nominated on the basis that their selection assists in achieving the best possible medal results for Wheelchair Rugby at the Games.
  - 3.1.2 Athletes must have demonstrated skills, conditioning and team compatibility during International Competitions and Training Camps that indicate they are well placed to contribute to the objective set out in clause 1.1.
  - 3.1.3 PA will only nominate an athlete for selection to the Australian Paralympic Team who holds a valid international classification, listed on the IWRF Wheelchair Rugby classification masterlist, with a sport class and sport class status that meets the requirements under the Tokyo 2020 qualification guide.
  - 3.1.4 PA may include an athlete to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Long List who has the likelihood of meeting this criteria prior to nomination for the Australian Paralympic Team, including instances or exceptional circumstances where the athlete has an international review status and is required to attend a future international classification assessment to meet the qualification criteria for selection.
  - 3.1.5 Athletes will be nominated according to the positional point's balance of the team (for example, a team consisting of all low or high pointers would not be suitable).
  - 3.1.6 To be eligible to be nominated to PA for selection to the Team, an athlete must have demonstrated a consistent rate of improvement and/or competition performance, such that they are considered by the Head Coach to genuinely contribute to the Team's prospect to win a medal at the Games.
  - 3.1.7 Athletes must demonstrate the ability to work successfully with the other athletes nominated for the team.
  - 3.1.8 Athletes must maintain individual training programs and provide such programs to the Coaching Staff or PA for monitoring purposes.
  - 3.1.9 Athletes must demonstrate a personal commitment to setting goals and achieving those goals in consultation with the Coaching Staff.
  - 3.1.10 Athletes must maintain regular communication with the

Head Coach and/or delegated Coaching Staff.

3.1.11 Athletes must acknowledge and fulfil their obligations under PA's HPP Athlete Agreement.

3.1.12 Athletes must acknowledge and fulfil their obligations under PA's General Selection Criteria.

3.1.13 Athletes must be medically fit to complete all obligations. All injuries or medical conditions 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.

3.1.14 Athletes to be considered for nomination to PA for selection to the Team will be identified by the nomination panel. The Head Coach will establish the nomination panel consisting of them self, Assistant Coach and Program Manager.

3.1.15 The nomination of athletes to PA for selection to the Team will be ratified by the Head Coach prior to submission.

3.1.16 Unless otherwise stated in these Nomination Criteria, the Head Coach may give such weight to any or all of these Nomination Criteria as it sees fit. For the avoidance of doubt, the Head Coach need not have regard to all of the requirements of this clause 3.

3.2 The Head Coach and Program Manager will nominate athletes to PA for selection to the Team by no later than **30 April 2021**.

3.3 To be eligible to be nominated to PA for inclusion in the Team, athletes must comply with the requirements set out in PA's General Selection Criteria and the IPC Qualification Guide for Wheelchair Rugby ([www.paralympic.org](http://www.paralympic.org)).

3.4 The fact that an athlete is nominated to PA by the Head Coach and Program Manager does not guarantee PA will select that person as a member of the Team. Athletes will be selected to the Team at the sole discretion of PA.

3.5 PA will determine the date it will announce the selection of athletes to the Team and this date will be advised.

#### **4. Classification**

4.1 Athletes agree to abide by the IWRF Wheelchair Rugby classification rules and regulations, the IPC Athlete Classification Code and any relevant PA classification policies and requirements, including attending classification assessment as required.

4.2 Athletes agree to complete any classification education modules as released by the IWRF or PA.

- 4.3 Athletes agree to disclose previous classification documentation and/or medical diagnostic documentation from relevant specialists for classification which may include;
  - 4.3.1 Providing medical diagnostic information detailing the athlete's underlying health condition and eligible impairment.
  - 4.3.2 Undertaking any additional medical assessment or provide further medical diagnostic information as required by PA or the IWRF for the purpose of classification
  - 4.3.3 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 medical documentation to PA or the IWRF.
- 4.4 Athletes agree to notify PA and the IWRF if there is any change to assistive devices, or equipment used, which may impact their classification in any way, and agrees to undergo further classification assessment if required.
- 4.5 Athletes have not breached the IWRF classification rules and regulations, or the IPC Athlete Classification Code, unless the athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed (unless the sanction was equal to or greater than 2 years, in which case the athlete is ineligible for nomination). For purpose of this clause, a breach may include, among other things:
  - 4.5.1 An athlete under investigation for International Misrepresentation where a notice has been issued, or the athlete has been sanctioned under the IWRF Classification Rules and Regulations; or
  - 4.5.2 A failure to comply with an athlete's obligations under the IWRF Classification Rules and Regulations.

## **5. Appeals**

- 5.1 All appeals concerning the nomination or non-nomination of athletes by the Head Coach and Program Manager to PA will follow the process as detailed in the PA Nomination Appeals Process document, available on the PA website ([www.paralympic.org.au](http://www.paralympic.org.au)).
- 5.2 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.

## **6. Interpretation**

- 6.1 Words used in these Nomination Criteria have the same meaning ascribed to them in the PA General Selection Criteria unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.