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### Nomination Criteria (Revised 24 March 2021)

#### Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

#### Wrestling

### 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.

**2019 Australia Cup** means the event held in Melbourne on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

**2019 Oceania Championships** means the event held in Guam between 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

**2019 Oceania Selection Event** means the event held in Melbourne on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**2019 Senior National Championships** means the event held in Canberra on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

**2019 Senior World Championships** means the event held in Kazakhstan between 14<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019.

**2020 Oceania Selection Event** means the event held in Sydney on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019.

**2021 Africa and Oceania Olympic Games Qualifier** means the event currently scheduled to be held in Tunisia in April 2021. Athletes shall be notified by the National Federation of the venue and dates as well as relevant changes to the same with reasonable notice.

**2021 Challenge Event** means the event that is currently scheduled to be held in May 2021. Athletes shall be notified by the National Federation of the venue and dates as well as relevant changes to the same with reasonable notice.

**2021 Oceania Championships** means the event currently scheduled to be held in January or February 2021. Athletes shall be notified by the National Federation of the venue and date as well as relevant changes to the same with reasonable notice.

**2021 Senior National Championships** means the event currently scheduled to be held in May 2021. Athletes shall be notified by the National Federation of the venue and dates as well as relevant changes to the same with reasonable notice.

**2021 World Olympic Games Qualifier** means the event currently scheduled to be held in Bulgaria in May 2021. Athletes shall be notified by the National Federation of the venue and dates as well as relevant changes to the same with reasonable notice.

**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.

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

**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 the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

**International Federation** means United World Wrestling (UWW).

**National Federation** means Wrestling Australia Ltd. (WAL).

**Nomination Date** means 7 June 2021

**Professional Body** means the Ultimate Fighting Championship, Bellator MMA, ONE Championship or any other mixed martial arts promotion company.

**Qualification Period** means 1 January 2019 to 1 June 2021

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

**Replacement Athlete** means an athlete that is selected to attend the 2021 Africa and Oceania Olympic Games Qualifier in accordance with clause 6.2.

**Sport** means Wrestling.

**Sport Entries Deadline** means the date on which entries to a Games must be submitted by the AOC.

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

**Weight Category** means the weight class in which an Athlete will compete throughout the Qualification Period and 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 provide, or otherwise make available, this Nomination Criteria to all Athletes.
- 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 24 March 2021 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
  - (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, or otherwise 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 or 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.

- 3.3 The National Federation will include an Athlete as a member of the Long List if they finish in the first three placings at the 2019 Senior National Championships in the style and Weight Category to be contested by the Athlete at the Games. The National Federation in its absolute discretion may also select additional athletes to be part of the Long List.

#### **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.
- 4.3 The National Federation will nominate the maximum number of Athletes that are permissible 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) has provided proof of citizenship to the National Federation no later than the entries closing date for the 2021 Senior National Championships;
- (c) is a member of a state association and the National Federation;
- (d) satisfies the athlete eligibility requirements in Part C of the Qualification System
- (e) is likely to satisfy the AOC Selection Criteria;
- (f) has not breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the Athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;
- (g) has signed and will adhere to the National Federation's Code of Behaviour;
- (h) has no outstanding debt with the National Federation or any associated organisations;
- (i) has engaged in ongoing and high-level training and international competitions throughout the Qualification Period;
- (j) if applicable, has provided the National Federation and the International Federation with written approval from the country that the Athlete last represented in international competition confirming that there is no objection against the athlete representing Australia at international competitions (including the Games);
- (k) has provided the National Federation with written clearance to participate in the Games from any Professional Body to which they are contracted or affiliated with;
- (l) 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
- (m) attended training camps arranged by the National Federation in August 2019, January 2020 and February 2020, unless they have received an exemption in accordance with clause 7(a) below;

- (n) competed at the 2019 Senior Nationals Championships unless they have received an exemption in accordance with clause 7(b)(i) below;
- (o) competed at the 2019 Australia Cup unless they have received an exemption in accordance with clause 7(b)(ii) below;
- (p) competed at the 2020 Oceania Selection Event unless they have received an exemption in accordance with clause 7(b)(ii) below;
- (q) competed at the 2021 Senior National Championships unless they have received an exemption in accordance with clause 7(b)(iii).

## **6 Nomination Criteria**

- 6.1 The National Federation will select Athletes to attend the 2019 Senior World Championships. To be eligible for selection, an Athlete must:
- (a) place first at the 2019 Oceania Selection Event in their Weight Category; and
  - (b) compete at the 2019 Oceania Championships in their Weight Category, unless that weight category is closed by the International Federation for any reason.

If a quota place is achieved for Australia in a weight category at the 2019 Senior World Championships, then the Athlete that has achieved that quota place will be considered the number 1 seeded wrestler in that weight category and will be given an automatic entry into the 2021 Challenge Event in that weight category.

- 6.2 To the extent that there are additional quota places available which may be allocated to Australia under the Qualification System, the National Federation will select Athletes to attend the 2021 Africa and Oceania Olympic Games Qualifier. To be eligible for selection, the Athlete(s) must:
- (a) place first at the 2020 Oceania Selection Event in their Weight Category; and
  - (b) compete at the 2021 Oceania Championships in their Weight Category, unless the Weight Category is closed by the International Federation for any reason or the event is cancelled for any reason.

In the event that the selected Athlete is unable to attend the 2021 Africa and Oceania Olympic Games Qualifier, the National Federation may select a Replacement Athlete. The National Federation will give the Athlete that placed second at the 2020 Oceania Selection Event first preference to attend in their weight category, followed by athletes that finished in third and fourth place at the 2020 Oceania Selection Event.

If a quota place is achieved for Australia in a weight category at the 2021 Africa and Oceania Olympic Games Qualifier, then the Athlete that has achieved that quota place will be considered the number 1 seeded wrestler in that weight category and will be given an automatic entry into the 2021 Challenge Event in that weight category.

- 6.3 To the extent that there are remaining quota places available which may be allocated to Australia under the Qualification System, the National Federation will select Athletes to attend the 2021 World Olympic Games Qualifier. Athletes that placed first at the 2020 Oceania Selection Event will be given first preference to attend in their weight category, followed by athletes that finished in second and third place.

If a quota place is achieved for Australia in a weight category at the 2021 World Olympic Games Qualifier, the Athlete that achieved that quota place will be considered the number 1 seeded wrestler in that weight category and will be given automatic entry into the 2021 Challenger Event in that weight category.

6.4 If a quota place has been achieved for Australia at one of the three qualification tournaments referred to in clauses 6.1 to 6.3 above, the following will occur:

(a) 2021 Senior National Championships

The results of Athletes at the 2021 Senior National Championships will be used to determine which Athlete will wrestle the number 1 seeded wrestler at the 2021 Challenge Event.

The Athlete that places first in an Olympic weight category at the 2021 Senior National Championships will be considered the challenger and will receive entry to the 2021 Challenge Event.

Any Athlete who has received an exemption from the 2021 Senior National Championships in accordance with clause 7(b)(iii) below will also receive entry to the 2021 Challenge Event.

(b) 2021 Challenge Event

If there is more than one challenger who qualifies for the 2021 Challenge Event in an Olympic weight category, the challengers will wrestle each other first to determine the first placed challenger. The number of matches required to determine the first placed challenger will be dependent on the number of challengers.

(i) The first placed challenger and the number 1 seeded wrestler will compete in a best of three matches competition.

(ii) The National Federation will nominate to the AOC for selection to the Team the Athlete in each Weight Category who wins the best of three matches competition at the 2021 Challenge Event.

## **7 Extenuating circumstances**

(a) The National Federation may decide to exempt an Athlete from the eligibility criteria set out in clause 5(m) in the following circumstances:

(i) if the Athlete has participated in an intensive overseas training program which the National Federation considers to be a reasonable substitute for a National Federation arranged training camp, with reports provided to the National Federation on a fortnightly basis; or

(ii) if the Athlete has suffered a bereavement in their immediate family, namely spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, or sibling, with a death certificate being provided to the National Federation within two weeks of the conclusion of the training camp; or

(iii) if the Athlete has been undergoing recovery or rehabilitation from an injury that prevents the Athlete from attending the camp based on advice from a medical professional affiliated with the Australian Institute of Sport or an Institute of Sport in the Athlete's home State, with such advice being provided to the National Federation within two weeks of the conclusion of the training camp; or

- (iv) if the Athlete was born after the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003 and was not able to attend the events mentioned above as they did not meet the Qualification System age requirements to compete in a Senior Age Category; or
  - (v) any other extenuating circumstances at the discretion of the National Federation.
- (b) The National Federation may decide to exempt an Athlete from the requirements set out in clauses 3.3, 5(n) to 5(q) and 6 in the following circumstances:
- (i) Athletes may receive an exemption from competing in the 2019 Senior National Championships due to:
    - (A) recovery/rehabilitation from an injury that prevents the athletes from attending the 2019 Senior National Championships, based on advice from a medical professional affiliated with the Australia Institute of Sport or an Institute of Sport in a given state, with such advice being provided to the National Federation prior to the start of the 2019 Senior National Championships; or
    - (B) a bereavement in an athlete's immediate family, namely spouse, de factor partner, child, parent or sibling, with a Death Certificate being provided to the National Federation within two weeks of the conclusion of the 2019 Senior National Championships;
    - (C) the athlete being born after the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003 and was not able to attend the events mentioned above as they did not meet the Qualification System age requirements to compete in a Senior Age Category; or
    - (D) any other extenuating circumstances at the discretion of the National Federation.
  - (ii) Athletes may receive an exemption from competing in the 2019 Australia Cup and/or the 2020 Oceania Selection Event due to:
    - (A) recovery/rehabilitation from an injury that prevents the athlete from attending, the 2019 Australia Cup and/or the 2020 Oceania Selection Event, based on advice from a medical professional affiliated with the Australian Institute of Sport or an Institute of Sport in a given state, with such advice being provided to the National Federation prior to the start of the 2019 Australia Cup and/or the 2020 Oceania Selection Event;
    - (B) participating in an intensive overseas training program, with reports provided to the National Federation on a fortnightly basis;
    - (C) a bereavement in an athlete's immediate family, namely spouse, de facto partner, child, parent or sibling, with a Death Certificate being provided to the National Federation within two weeks of the conclusion of the 2019 Australia Cup or the 2020 Oceania Selection Event;
    - (D) the athlete being born after the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003 and was not able to attend the events mentioned above as they did not meet the Qualification System age requirements to compete in a Senior Age Category; or

- (E) any other extenuating circumstances at the discretion of the National Federation.
- (iii) Athletes may receive an exemption from competing in the 2021 Senior National Championships due to:
  - (A) a bereavement in an athlete's immediate family, namely spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, or sibling, with a death certificate provided to the National Federation within two days of the conclusion of the 2021 Senior National Championships;
  - (B) recovery/rehabilitation from an injury or illness that prevents the athlete from attending the 2021 Senior National Championships;
  - (C) the cancellation or postponement until after the Nomination Date of the 2021 Senior National Championships;
  - (D) achieving a quota place for Australia at the 2019 Senior World Championship or the 2021 Africa and Oceania Olympic Games Qualifier or the 2021 World Qualification Tournament; or
  - (E) any other extenuating circumstances at the discretion of the National Federation.

## **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 the Nomination Date,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 Amendments**

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

**10 Governing Law**

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