

**2016 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM  
SWIMMING AUSTRALIA LTD  
NOMINATION CRITERIA – SWIMMING**

***NOTE:** The AOC reserves the right to require amendments to the Nomination Criteria and amend its Selection Criteria as necessary, particularly where there is a change to the Qualification System or significant circumstances affecting the nomination process.*

**1 Shadow Team**

- (1) Swimming Australia Ltd (SAL) will choose Athletes from within its sport to be members of the Shadow Team. The AOC may also recognise other Athletes from within this sport to be members of the Shadow Team.
- (2) In order to be chosen by SAL as a member of the Shadow Team each Athlete must:
  - (a) have been first, second, third or fourth Australian place getters in the final of the Men's 1500m freestyle, Women's 800m freestyle and the Men's and Women's 50m freestyle, 100m freestyle, 200m freestyle, 400m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 200m backstroke, 100m breaststroke, 200m breaststroke, 100m butterfly, 200m butterfly, 200m IM and 400m IM events at the 2015 Australian Swimming Championships held from 3-10 April 2015 in Sydney, or in respect of the 100m freestyle and 200m freestyle to have placed fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth Australian place getter in the finals at that event; or
  - (b) have been selected as a member of the 2015 World Championships Team to compete in Kazan, Russia; or
  - (c) be an 'A Finalist' in any Individual Olympic Event at the 2016 Australian Swimming Championships (the swimming trials for nomination to the 2016 Australian Olympic Team) to be held from 8-15 April 2016.
- (3) SAL may add Athletes to the Shadow Team at any time at its absolute discretion where based on performances in 2015 or 2016 the SAL National Head Coach is of the opinion that the Athlete has the potential to be nominated for selection to the 2016 Australian Olympic Team.
- (4) In order to be recognised as a member of the Shadow Team the Athlete must have signed:
  - (a) the Consent to Shadow Team Membership Form (Attachment 1A) and in the case of minors, the Parents/Guardians Acknowledgment for Minors Form (Attachment 1B) and provided it electronically to the AOC; and
  - (b) the statutory declaration regarding anti-doping matters as required by the AOC from time to time (FORM 2, attached) and provide the original to the AOC at PO Box R1788 Royal Exchange NSW 1225.
- (5) SAL will provide all Athletes chosen or recognised as members of the Shadow Team with the Guide to Olympic Team Selection, the Selection Criteria and this Nomination Criteria. The AOC Olympic Team Selection By-Law and the Qualification System will be made available on the AOC's website ([www.olympics.com.au](http://www.olympics.com.au)).
- (6) SAL will advise the AOC of the Athletes that it has chosen as members of the Shadow Team at such time as required by the AOC.
- (7) If an Athlete breaches the requirements of the Nomination Criteria, the Selection Criteria or the AOC Olympic Team Selection By-Law, SAL or the AOC may suspend or terminate the Athlete's membership of the Shadow Team.

## **Nomination of Athletes**

For the purposes of nomination to the AOC of Athletes for selection to the 2016 Australian Olympic Team SAL will:

- (1) nominate those Athletes who have competed at the 2016 Australian Swimming Championships to be held 8-15 April 2016, unless clause 2(3) below applies; and
- (2) nominate those Athletes who have met the additional competition requirements as outlined below at the 2016 Australian Swimming Championships, unless clause 2(3) below applies:

(a) **Individual Events**

- (i) the first and second placed finisher in the A Final of any Individual Olympic Event, provided they swim a time that equals or better the SAL Qualifying Time listed in clause 2(4) below; or
- (ii) in the case of a tie by three or more Athletes for first place, or two or more Athletes for second place in the A Final of an Individual Olympic Event and all the Athletes have satisfied the Nomination Criteria and swum a time that equals or better the SAL 'A' Qualifying time listed in clause 2(4) below, a swim off will be conducted between the Athletes that tied in that event at a time to be determined by the SAL Technical Manager.
- (iii) where an Athlete qualified under clause 2(2)(a)(i) elects not to contest the Individual Olympic Event at the 2016 Olympic Games, SAL will nominate the next highest ranked Athlete in that event in the A Final at the 2016 Australian Swimming Championships pursuant to the nomination process set out in clauses 2(2)(a) above, provided that the Athlete has met the SAL 'A' Qualifying Time, as outlined in 2(4) below, at the 2016 Australian Swimming Championships. These nominations by SAL must comply with the AOC deadline for nominations as outlined in clause 4 below, and any deadlines imposed by the Rio 2016 Organising Committee in relation to athlete entries.

(b) **Relay Events**

- (i) If two athletes do not qualify for the team in accordance with clause 2(2)(a) above in the 100/200m Freestyle and the 100m Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly, then the following criteria will apply to determine the nomination of any additional athletes for these events at the sole and absolute discretion of SAL;
- (ii) For the purposes of determining rankings for clause 2(2)(b)(iii), rankings will be undertaken using the 2015 Swim Vortex World Rankings (adjusted to reflect a maximum of two athletes per nation for all Individual Events);
- (iii) **Medley Relay**
  - a) The highest ranked available athlete in the 100m Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly, provided they meet the SAL Qualifying Time for the Medley Relay listed in clause 2(4) below
  - b) A fifth swimmer, who is the highest ranked athlete not already qualified for the team in the 100m Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly, provided the combined time of this swimmer with the highest ranked athlete in the other three strokes meets the Qualifying Time for the Medley Relay listed in clause 2(4) below may be considered for nomination.
  - c) A sixth swimmer, who is the next highest ranked athlete not already qualified for the team in the 100m Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly, provided the combined time of this

swimmer, with the athlete selected under 2(2)(b)(iii)(b) above, and the highest ranked athlete in the other two strokes meets the qualifying time for the Medley Relay listed in clause 2(4) below may be considered for nomination.

- (iv) **100m and 200m Freestyle Relay**
    - a) The first, second, third, fourth ranked available finishers in the A Final of the 100m and 200m Freestyle at the 2016 Australian Swimming Championships , provided their combined time meets the Qualifying Time listed in clause 2(4) below will be nominated.
    - b) The fifth highest ranked available finisher in the A Final of the 100m and 200m Freestyle at the 2016 Australian Swimming Championships may be considered for nomination, provided the combined time of the athletes that are ranked second to fifth meets the Qualifying Time listed in clause 2(4) below, may be considered for nomination.
    - c) The sixth highest ranked available finisher in the A Final of the 100m and 200m Freestyle at the 2016 Australian Swimming Championships may be considered for nomination, provided the combined time of the athletes that are ranked third to sixth meets the Qualifying Time listed in clause 2(4) below.
  - (v) all Athletes eligible for nomination in Individual Events under clause (2)(2)(a) above are also eligible for nomination in the Relay Events where Australia has qualified a team.
  - (vi) the Athletes identified for nomination in relay events only (relay-only swimmers) entered for a specific event, must swim either in the heat or final of that relay event. Should a relay-only swimmer not compete, this could lead to the disqualification of the respective team in the final. For this reason, meeting the criteria for relay events does not guarantee nomination to the team, and a decision regarding nomination of additional relay-only Athletes will be at the sole and absolute discretion of SAL.
  - (vii) the General Manager, Performance in consultation with the National Head Coach at their absolute discretion, may recommend to the National Selectors the number of Athletes up to the maximum as per clause 2(9) to be nominated as relay only swimmers, taking into consideration all available information regarding the particular relay events, the date of Olympic Games competition, the strategic objective of the team and overall needs of the team. The number of relay swimmers selected for each relay event may differ from event to event.
  - vii) in the case of a tie by two or more Athletes in the A Final of an Individual Olympic Event at the 2016 Australian Swimming Championships, where all Athletes have satisfied the requirements of this Nomination Criteria but only one position is available for nomination to the team as a relay-only swimmer, a swim off will be conducted in that event between the Athletes that tied at a time to be determined by the SAL Technical Manager.
- (3) The General Manager, Performance in consultation with the National Head Coach at their absolute discretion, may recommend to the National Selectors a change to the Athletes nominated for an individual or relay event due to Extenuating Circumstances that prevents an Athlete from meeting the qualification standards at the 2016 Australian Championships.

- (4) nominate those Athletes who have met the qualifying times as follows;

<b>2016 Olympic Games Qualifying Times</b>		
	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOMEN</b>
<b>SELECTION EVENTS</b>	<b>Benchmark</b>	<b>Benchmark</b>
50m Freestyle	22.02	24.52
100m Freestyle	48.49	53.92
200m Freestyle	1:46.45	1:56.95
400m Freestyle	3:47.19	4:07.58
800m Freestyle		8:26.96
1500m Freestyle	14:57.82	
100m Backstroke	53.39	59.71
200m Backstroke	1:57.12	2:09.16
100m Breaststroke	59.75	1:07.11
200m Breaststroke	2:09.64	2:23.06
100m Butterfly	51.51	58.05
200m Butterfly	1:55.75	2:07.69
200 IM	1:58.54	2:11.39
400 IM	4:15.47	4:38.20
4 x 100m Freestyle	3:16.26	3:39.14
4 x 200m Freestyle	7:11.70	7:55.81
4 x 100m Medley	3:34.44	3:59.88

- (5) only nominate Athletes who are, or are recognised by the AOC as, members of the Shadow Team;
- (6) only nominate those Athletes it honestly believes have met the requirements described in the Selection Criteria;
- (7) only nominate those Athletes who have signed the AOC statutory declaration regarding anti-doping matters as required by the AOC from time to time;
- (8) not nominate more Athletes (including reserves) than the maximum number permitted under the Qualification System. As per the FINA Qualification System, up to a maximum of twelve (12) additional relay only Athletes may be selected; and
- (9) not nominate Athletes who have breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law unless the Athlete has already been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;

### 3 **Illness/Misadventure/Extenuating Circumstances**

This clause will only apply in determining whether an Athlete has met the criteria imposed by SAL pursuant to clause 2.

- (1) In considering the performances of Athletes at events required under clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria the General Manager, Performance in consultation with the National Head Coach at their absolute discretion, may recommend to the National Selectors that they give weight to extenuating circumstances.
- (2) For the purposes of this clause 3, “extenuating circumstances” means an inability to compete and/or attend events arising from:
  - (a) injury or illness;
  - (b) equipment failure (where applicable);
  - (c) travel delays;
  - (d) bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member; and/or
  - (e) any other factors reasonably considered by the General Manager, Performance in consultation with the National Head Coach at their absolute discretion, may recommend to the National Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- (3) Athletes unable to compete at events required under this Nomination Criteria must advise the SAL General Manager, Performance in writing of this fact and the reasons before the commencement of the events required under this Nomination Criteria.
- (4) In the case of illness or injury, Athletes will be required to undergo a medical examination by a doctor or doctors nominated by SAL.

A decision in each case of extenuating circumstances will be made by the SAL National Selectors on an individual basis. Any such decision will not be binding on the AOC.

### 4 **Additional Performance Requirements**

- (a) The General Manager, Performance in consultation with the National Head Coach must be satisfied that selected athletes are in full training and have demonstrated an uncompromised commitment to preparation for peak performance at the 2016 Olympic Games.
- (b) Selected Athletes will be required, to the satisfaction of the SAL General Manager in consultation with the National Head Coach, complete the training regime and attendance and team participation requirements as follows:
  - i) attend all team activities designated by the General Manager, Performance, unless provided an exemption, including but not limited to;
    - Orientation Camp 15-16 April 2016
    - Grand Prix 1 – 19-22 May 2016
    - Grand Prix 2 – 23-26 June 2016
    - Staging Camp – from 17 July 2016
- (c) An athlete may be requested to undertake a time trial (fitness test) to demonstrate that they are prepared to compete at peak performance levels at the event. This request will be at the absolute discretion of the General Manager, Performance after consultation with the National Head Coach. The timing of the fitness test to be discussed between the athletes home coach and the National Head Coach.

- (d) If the National Head Coach is of the view that the athlete is not or will not be in a state of preparation for peak performance at the 2016 Olympic Games then an agreed action will be developed to support and address the identified concerns.
- (e) If the National Head Coach is of the view that participation of the selected athlete is not in the best interest of the team or the individual's performance then the General Manager, Performance will make a recommendation to the SAL High Performance Committee (HPC) to deselect the athlete from the team. If approved by the HPC a formal request will be submitted to the AOC. Any recommendation by SAL to the AOC is not binding on the AOC, and the AOC will make a decision in its' sole and absolute discretion.
- (f) If an athlete is de-selected under any circumstance following the team announcement, the General Manager, Performance in consultation with the National Head Coach may request that the National Selectors consider a replacement, provided the replacement athlete has met the performance requirements. If a replacement athlete is required, the selection committee will make a recommendation to the SAL High Performance Committee (HPC). If approved by the HPC, the athlete will be nominated to the AOC.

#### 4 **Making of Nominations**

Nominations by SAL must be received by the AOC by 5pm AEST on 4 July 2016. Nominations made after this deadline (or within such further deadline as the AOC may allow) will be invalid unless made pursuant to a direction or award in respect of an appeal against non-nomination to the SAL Appeals Tribunal or the Court of Arbitration for Sport pursuant to the AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law and which appeal had been commenced prior to the deadline for receipt of nominations by the AOC.

The 5pm AEST on 4 July 2016 deadline for the making of nominations by SAL applies irrespective of any deadline prescribed under the Qualification System or by the Organising Committee for the 2016 Olympic Games.

#### 5 **Amendments to Nomination Criteria**

This Nomination Criteria may be amended by SAL with the prior written approval of the AOC. Any amended Nomination Criteria will be distributed by SAL via email to members of the Shadow Team and posted on the SAL website. An amended version will also be posted on the AOC website.

#### 6 **Interpretation**

(1) Words used in this Nomination Criteria have the same meaning ascribed to them in the AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.

(2) In this Nomination Criteria the following words and phrases have the following meanings:

Qualification System: means the 2016 FINA Qualification System issued and approved by the IOC.

#### 7 **Law**

This document is governed by the laws applicable in the State of New South Wales.

**2016 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM**  
**CONSENT TO SHADOW TEAM MEMBERSHIP**

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[insert name of NF]

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[insert name of Athlete]

I consent to being a member of the Shadow Team for nomination by the above NF for selection to the 2016 Australian Olympic Team. I make this acknowledgement honestly and fully and confirm that this acknowledgement is not false or misleading:

- 8 I have been provided with, or been given access to, and will be bound by and observe the terms of the AOC Olympic Team Selection By-Law, the AOC Selection Criteria applicable to my sport and my NF's Nomination Criteria in force and as amended from time to time. I acknowledge that all members of the Shadow Team will likewise be bound by and must observe the same terms.
- 9 The AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law and the Selection Criteria may be amended by the AOC from time to time. I will be bound by and observe the AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law and the Selection Criteria as amended, and acknowledge that any amendments to the AOC's Selection By-Law and Selection Criteria will be posted to the AOC's website ([www.olympics.com.au](http://www.olympics.com.au)) along with the Qualification System applicable to my event.
- 10 The AOC's Constitution and AOC By-Laws, including but not limited to the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law and AOC Ethical Behaviour By-Law may be amended by the AOC from time to time. To the extent to which they apply to me, I will comply with and be bound by all AOC By-Laws, and acknowledge that amendments to AOC By-Laws will be posted to the AOC's website ([www.olympics.com.au](http://www.olympics.com.au)).
- 11 I have been provided with, and will provide to the AOC, the AOC statutory declaration regarding anti-doping matters as required by the AOC from time to time.
- 12 The decision whether or not to nominate me to the AOC for selection in the 2016 Australian Olympic Team is subject to the Nomination Criteria and is at the discretion of my NF.
- 13 In the event that my NF nominates me to the AOC for selection in the 2016 Australian Olympic Team I am not guaranteed to be selected in the 2016 Australian Olympic Team. The decision whether or not to select me as a member of the 2016 Australian Olympic Team is subject to the AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law and Selection Criteria and is at the absolute discretion of the AOC.
- 14 (1) I have not at any time engaged in Prohibited Association as prescribed under Article 2.10 of the World Anti-Doping Authority (WADA) Code (in effect from 1 January 2015), meaning association in a professional or sport-related capacity with any Athlete Support Personnel who:
  - (a) is serving a period of Ineligibility; or
  - (b) has been convicted or found in a criminal, disciplinary or professional proceeding to have engaged in conduct which would have constituted a violation of anti-doping rules; or
  - (c) is serving as a front or intermediary for an individual described in (a) or (b) above.





(3) email, the announcement or notice is deemed to have been received by me by properly addressing the email address and transmitting it to the address supplied by me and to have been received by me on the next business day after the date of transmission unless the AOC or NF is advised that the transmission failed to send to the addressee.

17 I acknowledge that Specialised Equipment means equipment acknowledged by the AOC as having a material effect on performance due to the specialised characteristics of the equipment, pursuant to Bye-Law 2.3 of Rules 27 and 28 of the Olympic Charter. If I wish to utilise Specialised Equipment at the Games, I will submit a request in writing to the AOC Director of Sport no later than 6 months prior to the Games (being 5 February 2016). This request is subject to the approval of the AOC in accordance with the 2016 Australian Olympic Team Membership Agreement – Athletes.

18 This consent is governed by the laws applicable in the State of New South Wales.

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Signature of Athlete

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Date

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Witness Name

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Witness Signature

