



2010 AUSTRALIAN YOUTH OLYMPIC TEAM

for the **YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES**

SINGAPORE - 14-26 AUGUST 2010

Triathlon Nomination and Selection Policy

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Triathlon Australia (**TA**) **nominates** Athletes from within its sport to the Australian Olympic Committee (**AOC**) for selection in the Australian Youth Olympic Team ("**the TEAM**") for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games, Singapore (**YOG**).
- 1.2. The AOC has exclusive authority to select Athletes to represent Australia at YOG.
- 1.3. Eligibility, Qualification Standards and participation requirements for the YOG have been set by the International Olympic Committee (**IOC**) and the International Triathlon Union (**ITU**).
- 1.4. This Policy details the process and criteria by which TA will choose Athletes to be nominated to the AOC for selection in the TEAM.
- 1.5. This Policy can be amended at any time by TA with the approval of the AOC if TA is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary for any of the following reasons:
 - As a result of any change in the qualification system or eligibility criteria for YOG.
 - To give effect to the Policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight.
 - To clarify any ambiguity or otherwise give effect to the intended meaning of the Policy.

TA shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any such amendment.

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 2.1. In order to be eligible to compete in YOG Athletes must be born between 1 January

1992 and 31 December 1993.

- 2.2. Athletes must comply with all the relevant citizenship and nationality criteria of the IOC, ITU, AOC and TA.
- 2.3. Australian Athletes must qualify through the 2010 Oceania Youth Olympic Games Qualifier which will be held in Canberra, ACT on Saturday 23 January 2010 in conjunction with the "Canberra Capital Triathlon" - Junior Race (**the Selection Trial.**)

3. QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

- 3.1. The following events will be conducted at YOG:
 - **Men's Event (1) Individual Sprint Distance**
 - **Women's Event (1) Individual Sprint Distance**
 - **Mixed Event (1) 4 x Mixed Relay (2 men and 2 women)**
- 3.2. The field in each individual event is limited to thirty-two (32) Athletes.
- 3.3. A maximum of one (1) Athlete per National Olympic Committee (country) can compete in each individual event.
- 3.4. Qualification for the mixed relay event will be through performance at YOG. Teams for the mixed relay event will compete as regional teams and will be formed according to the Athletes finishing position in the individual event at YOG.
- 3.5. Each of the five (5) continental regions have been allocated a maximum number of Athletes for each individual event based on the number of National Olympic Committees with National Federations affiliated to the ITU.
- 3.6. The quota of Athletes qualified according to 3.3 above is set out in Schedule 1.

Australia is part of the Oceania region.

By way of explanation of the operation of Schedule 1, it is only possible for Australia to qualify one (1) Athlete in each of the individual events to be conducted at YOG. Qualification is through the 2010 Oceania YOG qualifying event (the Selection Trial). The one (1) quota position for Oceania in each individual event (Men's and Women's) will be awarded to the National Federation of the winner of the Selection Trial.

As a result of the qualification system, Australia is not guaranteed a quota position in either the individual Men's or Women's event at YOG.

If Australia does not win a quota position at the Selection Trial as set out above, Australia is not able to send an athlete in that event, unless the ITU re-allocate a place from another nation.

- 3.7. The Athletes responsible for securing a quota position in an individual event by performance at the Selection Trial do not acquire any right to participate in YOG.

4. LIMITATION ON TEAM SIZE

- 4.1. The IOC has determined that each National Olympic Committee must limit their TEAM size, across all sports to be contested at YOG, to seventy (70) individual athletes.

5. HOW ATHLETES WILL BE CHOSEN FOR NOMINATION TO THE AOC FOR SELECTION IN THE TEAM

The Triathlon Australia Elite Selection Committee (**TAESC**) will choose any eligible Australian Athlete who wins the Selection Trial (one (1) male and one (1) female) for nomination to the AOC for selection in the TEAM.

Under the qualification system the AOC cannot select an Athlete to compete in the Men's individual event at YOG if an Australian Athlete does not win the Men's Selection Trial, and cannot select an Athlete to compete in the Woman's individual event at YOG if an Australian Athlete does not win the Women's Selection Trial..

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ATHLETES TO BE NOMINATED TO THE AOC

The Athletes who will be nominated to the AOC for inclusion in the 2010 Australian Youth Olympic Team will be announced in the week beginning 24 January 2010.

7. SELECTION IN THE TEAM BY THE AOC

- 7.1. TA will nominate Athletes to the AOC for selection to the 2010 Australian Youth Olympic Team. The AOC has the sole and absolute discretion:

- 7.1.1. to determine whether an Athlete has met the requirements of selection;
- 7.1.2. to determine whether or not it should select the maximum number of Athletes permitted by the Qualification System, notwithstanding the number of Athletes who may have met the requirements of selection and/or the Qualification System.

- 7.2. In order to be selected by the AOC as a member of the 2010 Australian Youth Olympic Team, each Athlete must:

- 7.2.1. have been nominated by TA for selection by the AOC in accordance with clause 5 of this Policy;
- 7.2.2. have signed (or if a minor, parent or guardian have signed) the 2010 Australian Youth Olympic Team Membership Agreement and agree to sign any entry form required by the IOC and the Organising Committee for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games;
- 7.2.3. have observed and continue to observe the provisions of the AOC's Constitution and its by-laws (as applicable) and must not have breached the AOC's Anti-Doping By-Law unless the athlete has already been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed. A copy of AOC By-Laws are available from olympics.com.au;
- 7.2.4. undergo medical assessment and testing (if requested) to the complete

satisfaction of the AOC having consulted with the Triathlon Australia National Performance Director;

7.2.5. have disclosed information to the Athlete's NF or the AOC concerning any conduct that might breach the code of conduct required of Athletes selected to an Australian Youth Olympic Team under the 2010 Australian Youth Olympic Team Membership Agreement.

7.2.6. acknowledges that any matter arising under clauses (1) – (5) above is to be determined, or breach thereof excused, by the AOC in its sole and absolute discretion.

7.3. If, in the opinion of the AOC, an Athlete fails to comply with one or more of the requirements in 7.2.1 to 7.2.6 above, that Athlete will be ineligible for selection by the AOC.

8. REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION AT YOG

8.1. Prior to the commencement of the YOG, all athletes selected in the Team will be required to attend a Pre-Games Training and Preparation Camp to be held at Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney. The AOC will organise travel for interstate and NSW regional based athletes. The Camp is scheduled to take place from 11-12 August 2010. **Athletes are required to participate in this Camp unless written approval otherwise has been provided by the AOC.**

8.2. It is an IOC requirement that Athletes selected in the Team attend the YOG for the entire period of the YOG 14 – 26 August 2010 (inclusive).

8.3. It is an IOC requirement that Athletes selected in the Team participate in the Culture and Education Sessions organised by the Singapore Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee during the YOG.

9. NON-COMPLIANCE

If an Athlete breaches any of the requirements of this Nomination and Selection criteria, the AOC may suspend or terminate the Athlete's selection to the Team or otherwise impose a sanction prescribed by the disciplining procedures set out in the AOC YOG Team Membership Agreement.

10. APPEAL PROCESS

The appeal process applicable to this Nomination Policy is to be found on the TA High Performance website at www.tahp.org.au under the tab "Selection", sub-tab "Selection Appeals".

The appeal process can be summarised as follows:

- (i) Request for reconsideration of decision in writing to be made to the Chairman of the selection committee within 24 hours of the announcement of the TEAM.
- (ii) Application to include all information the athlete considers relevant to the selection committee's reconsideration of its decision.

- (iii) If the application for reconsideration is unsuccessful an appeal may be lodged to the TA Selection Appeal Tribunal. Notice of appeal must be received by the CEO of TA by 5pm on the second clear working day following receipt of the advice from the selection committee regarding the athlete's application for reconsideration. A Notice of Appeal must set out the grounds upon which the appeal is made.
- (iv) Written submissions in support of the appeal must be forwarded to the CEO of TA by 5pm on the fifth clear working day following the receipt by the athlete of the reconsideration decision. The written submissions must be accompanied by an appeal fee of \$500.

Schedule 1

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Number of Athletes by Continent and Event

Area/Continent	Performance Places
Africa	2
Americas	7
Asia	4
Europe	9
Oceania	1
Universality	8
Host Nation	1
TOTAL	32