

2010 Australian Commonwealth Games Team

Australian Weightlifting Federation Nomination Criteria

1. Shadow Team:

- 1.1. The Australian Weightlifting Federation (AWF) will choose athletes from within its sport to be members of the Australian Commonwealth Games Association (ACGA)'s Shadow Team.
- 1.2. Subject to Clause 6.2.3 the AWF may only nominate members of the Shadow Team to the ACGA for selection in the 2010 Australian Commonwealth Games Team.
- 1.3. The AWF will advise the ACGA of the athletes that it has chosen as members of the Shadow Team at such time as required by the ACGA.
- 1.4. No athlete is eligible to be chosen or recognised as a member of the Shadow Team unless the athlete has signed the appropriate forms provided in *Attachments 1 & 2* and sent them to the AWF CEO by the required date.
- 1.5. In order to be chosen by the AWF as a member of the Shadow Team each athlete must:
 - 1.5.1. Be an Australian Citizen or an Australian Permanent Resident;
 - 1.5.2. Be a capitated member of the AWF; and
 - 1.5.3. Have signed the AWF Athlete Shadow Team Agreement;
 - 1.5.4. Have attained the minimum AWF 2009 Senior International Standard to gain entry into the Shadow Team as determined by the AWF outlined in clause 4.1, between 28th March 2009 and the 31st May 2010 in any officially sanctioned events listed by the AWF via the International, National and State event calendars.
- 1.6. The AWF will provide all athletes chosen or recognised as members of the Shadow Team with an informative précis of the ACGA Selection & Nomination Criteria and, on request, an actual full copy of these documents.
- 1.7. The AWF will announce the initial Shadow Team on the 19th July 2009. Athletes will be added to the Shadow team as they achieve the qualifying standard in sanctioned competitions up until the 31st May 2010.

2. Making of Nominations:

- 2.1. The AWF will not make any nominations for selection to the 2010 Australian Commonwealth Games Team to the ACGA unless the athlete has been subject to Anti-doping testing for at least six (6) months prior to nomination.
- 2.2. Nominations will be made to the ACGA by 5.00pm on the 30th June 2010. Any nominations made after this deadline will be invalid unless pursuant to a direction or award in respect of an appeal against nomination or non-nomination to the AWF Appeal Tribunal or the Court of Arbitration for Sport pursuant of the ACGA Rules and which appeal had commenced prior to 5.00pm on the 31st July, 2010.
- 2.3. The 5.00pm on the 31st July 2010 deadline for making nominations by the AWF is absolute and mandatory and applies irrespective of any deadline prescribed under the Participation Criteria or by the Organising Committee for the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

3. Nomination of Athletes:

- 3.1. For the purposes of nomination to the ACGA of individual athletes for selection to the 2010 Australian Commonwealth Games Team, the AWF will, via its Selection Committee:
 - 3.1.1. Subject to Clause 6.2.3 only nominate athletes who are, or recognised by the ACGA, as members of the Shadow Team and the AWF's High Performance Program.
 - 3.1.2. Only nominate athletes who it honestly believes have met the requirements described in the Selection Criteria;
 - 3.1.3. Only nominate athletes who have signed the appropriate forms issued from time to time by the ACGA & the AWF;
 - 3.1.4. Only nominate athletes who are Australian citizens;
 - 3.1.5. Not nominate more athletes than the maximum number permitted under the IWF and the ACGA's Participation Criteria;
 - 3.1.6. Not nominate athletes who have breached the WADA, ASADA, AWF, IWF, ACGA Anti-Doping rules and have had a sanction imposed which has not been completed;
 - 3.1.7. Only nominate those athletes who to the satisfaction of the AWF have:
 - 3.1.7.1. Subject to Clause 6.2.3 been a member of the Shadow Team and achieved the qualifying standard as outlined in Clause 4.1 in any officially sanctioned event listed by the AWF on the International, National and State event calendars between the 28th March 2009 and the 26th June 2010.
 - 3.1.7.2. Subject to Clause 6.2.3 competed in the 2010 AWF Commonwealth Games Nomination Trials to be held on the 26th June 2010 in the Chandler Theatre, Brisbane. Any athlete who has

achieved the qualifying standard in previous Qualifying events must compete in this event, unless they are unable to do so by reason of Extenuating Circumstances described in Clause 5 (5.3.1 to 5.3.5).

- 3.1.8. Only consider results achieved in the following five (5) events, hereafter referred to as the Qualifying Events.
- 3.1.8.1. 2009 World Weightlifting Championships, Goyang City, Korea, 17-27th November 2009. (Equal Secondary Qualifying Event).
 - 3.1.8.2. 2009 Commonwealth Championships, Penang, Malaysia, 18th-23rd October 2009. (Equal Secondary Qualifying Event)
 - 3.1.8.3. AWF National Club Championships, Victorian Weightlifting Stadium, Hawthorn, Melbourne, 20-21 March, 2010. (3rd Qualifying event)
 - 3.1.8.4. 2010 Oceania Championships, Nauru, 6-9th May, 2010. (4th Qualifying event)
 - 3.1.8.5. 2010 AWF Commonwealth Games Trials (Primary Qualifying Event) on the 26th June 2010 at the Chandler Theatre, Brisbane.
- 3.1.9. Subject to Clause 6.2.3 only nominate athletes who have met the qualifying standards described in clause 4.1 in any of the Qualifying Events listed in clause 3.1.8 (3.1.8.1 to 3.1.8.5).

4. Qualifying Standards for Nomination:

4.1.

Women's Qualifying Standards

Men's Qualifying Standards

Category	Total	Category	Total
48k	151k	56k	223k
53k	161k	62k	239k
58k	173k	69k	263k
63k	181k	77k	290k
69k	187k	85k	312k
75k	194k	94k	328k
+75k	218k	105k	329k
		+105k	351k

4.2. The qualifying standards set above are equal to the 2009 AWF Senior International Standard and are the minimum standard required, subject to Clause 6.2.3, to become a member of the Shadow Team, participate in the 2010 AWF Commonwealth Games Nomination Trials (26th June 2010, at the Chandler Theatre, Brisbane) and be eligible for nomination by the AWF to the ACGA for selection in the 2010 Australian Commonwealth Games Team.

4.3. Athletes will be ranked on the **highest percentage (taken to infinite precision) result achieved for each bodyweight category above the minimum qualifying**

standards. The entire weightlifting team – 8 men & 7 women – maximum 2 per category - will be ranked on this percentage system. Subject to the following explanatory points in this Clause 4, the highest percentage result achieved by an athlete at any of the five (5) events listed in clause 3.1 (3.1.8.1 to 3.1.8.5) will be used to rank athletes for nomination to the ACGA.

For example, if a male Athlete A in the 69k category achieves a total of 291k at the 2009 World Championships which is 110.65% of the minimum qualifying standard (263k), and male Athlete B in the 105k category achieves a total of 363k at the 2010 Oceania Championships which is 110.33% of the minimum qualifying standard (329k), the ranking would be: Rank 1 Athlete A, Rank 2 Athlete B.

- 4.4 It is not a mandatory requirement that athletes achieve these qualifying standards at the 2010 AWF Commonwealth Games Nomination Trials to be eligible for nomination to the ACGA.
- 4.5 For athletes who compete in the 2010 AWF Nomination Trials and one or more of the other Qualifying Events, the highest percentage result achieved in any of these five (5) events will be the result assessed for nomination. The ranking process will be as follows;
- 4.5.1 In the event two or more athletes' results are the same percentage of the minimum-qualifying standard at any of the Qualifying Events, the athlete whose highest result is achieved at the 2010 AWF Nomination Trials (Primary Qualifier) will be ranked higher.
 - 4.5.2 If two or more athletes' results are the same percentage at the 2010 AWF Nomination Trials then the athlete with the higher result at the 2009 World Weightlifting Championships (Equal Secondary Qualifier) or the 2009 Commonwealth Champs (Equal Secondary Qualifier) will be ranked higher, as long as all athletes in question were selected by the AWF to be members of the 2009 World Championships/Commonwealth Championship teams and a higher result was not achieved in one of the other Qualifying Events.
 - 4.5.3 If two or more athletes achieve their highest result at the AWF 2010 Nomination Trials and they are equal on percentage, then the next highest result achieved by each athlete at the 2010 AWF Club Championships will be used to rank the athletes subject to Clause 3.1 (3.1.8.1 to 3.1.8.5).
 - 4.5.4 If the result is still the same, then the next highest result at the 2010 Oceania Championships will be used to rank the athletes subject to clause 3.1 (3.1.8.1 to 3.1.8.5) .
 - 4.5.5 If results are still equal on percentage then the Sinclair points system will be used to rank them. If neither athlete competed at a Qualifying Event or did not score a result in a Qualifying Event, prior to the 2010 AWF Nomination Trials then the Sinclair points system will be used to rank them.
 - 4.5.6 To clarify the ranking of the Qualification Competitions in order of priority the following list applies:

1. 2010 Commonwealth Games Trials
2. 2009 IWF World Championships
2. 2009 Commonwealth Champs.
3. 2010 AWF Club Championships
4. 2010 Oceania Championships

4.6 Once an athlete qualifies for the Shadow Team it is not mandatory for them to compete in the 2010 AWF Nomination Trials in the bodyweight category in which they qualified. However, if they change their bodyweight category, their result at the Trials will only be considered for this new bodyweight category. Their previous results in the Qualifying Events will be considered for the category in which they were obtained. This Clause **only** applies to the 2010 AWF Nomination Trials.

5 Illness/Injury/Misadventure/Extenuating Circumstances.

- 5.1 This clause will only apply to members of the Shadow Team in determining whether an athlete has met the additional criteria imposed by the AWF pursuant to clauses 3 and 4.
- 5.2 In considering the performances of athletes at events, trials or other attendances required under clauses 3 and 4 of this Nomination Criteria, the AWF may in their discretion give weight to extenuating circumstances.
- 5.3 For the purposes of this clause 5, “extenuating circumstances” means an inability to compete at events, trials and/or complete any other requirements arising from:
 - 5.3.1 Injury or illness; and/or
 - 5.3.2 Equipment failure; and/or
 - 5.3.3 Travel delays; and/or
 - 5.3.4 Bereavement; and/or
 - 5.3.5 Any other factors reasonably considered by the AWF Board of Directors to constitute extenuating circumstances
- 5.4 Athletes unable to compete at events, trials or other attendances required under this Nomination Criteria must advise the AWF Chief Executive Officer in writing of this fact and the reasons before the commencement of the events, trials or other attendances required under this Nomination Criteria.
- 5.5 In the case of illness or injury, athletes will be required to undergo a medical examination by an independent physician or physicians nominated by the AWF.

5.6 A decision in each case of extenuating circumstances will be made by the AWF on an individual basis. Any such decision will not be binding on the ACGA.

6 Amendments to Nomination Criteria

6.1 The AWF with the approval of the ACGA may amend this Nomination Criteria. Amended criteria will be distributed by the AWF by email and/or mail to Shadow Team members and posted on the AWF Website (www.awf.com.au).

6.2 The selectors may deviate from the stated selection criteria provided it can be demonstrated that:

6.2.1 Exceptional circumstances exist, and

6.2.2 Such deviation is in the best interests of the Australian Team's performance at the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

6.2.3 If by the 31st May 2010 a minimum of 8 men and 7 women have not qualified for the 2010 Commonwealth Games Shadow Team, then the Selectors will invite additional athletes to participate in the Final Trial event to be held in Brisbane on 26th June 2010, based on their results at the 2010 National Club Championships. For these athletes, their results at the Trials and the National Club Championships will be considered as long as they have complied with Clauses 1.51, 1.52 and (2.1).

7. Appeals Process:

7.1 The appeal process concerning non-selection or removal from the Shadow team or the team selected for nomination to the ACGA is two tiered. The appeal is first heard by the AWF Appeals Tribunal (appointed by the AWF President as needed), with any subsequent appeal to be heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (Oceania Registry).

7.2 The sole ground for any appeal is that the relevant selection policy/criteria were not followed and/or implemented.

7.3 Any appeal by an athlete against non-selection or removal from the Shadow or Nominated team should be made to the Australian Weightlifting Federation Chief Executive Officer (AWF CEO) under the following procedure:

7.3.1 The appellant must give written notice of his/her appeal to the AWF CEO within 48 hours of the announcement of the decision against which the appeal is made.

7.3.2 Within 5 working days of submitting his/her written notice of appeal, the appellant must submit (in writing) to the AWF CEO, the grounds of that

appeal accompanied by a non-refundable deposit of \$50 payable to the Australian Weightlifting Federation Inc.

- 7.3.3 The AWF Appeal Tribunal will comprise of the following persons appointed by the AWF President:
- 7.3.3.1 Barrister or solicitor who will act as Chairperson.
 - 7.3.3.2 A person with a thorough knowledge of elite weightlifting and who preferably has had recent international experience as either an official or athlete.
 - 7.3.3.3 One other person of experience and skills suitable to the function of the AWF Appeal Tribunal.
 - 7.3.3.4 The AWF CEO – or his designate – to act as the Secretary of the Tribunal. The AWF CEO – or designate – has no voting or procedural role in the Tribunal.

No person is eligible to be appointed to the AWF Appeal Tribunal if he/she is a member of the AWF Selection Committee, or who by reason of his/her relationship with the appellant or any member of the Selection Committee would be reasonably considered to be other than impartial.

- 7.3.4 The AWF Appeal tribunal will convene a hearing as soon as possible after the submission of the grounds for the appeal. The hearing may occur in such a manner as the Chairman decides, including telephone or video conferencing. The AWF Appeal Tribunal is not bound by the rules of evidence but must observe the principles of procedural fairness.
- 7.3.5 Prior to the hearing, the AWF Selection Committee will provide the Tribunal and the appellant with a written statement as to the reasons for the decision against which the appeal is made.
- 7.3.6 The AWF Appeal Tribunal will give its decision as soon as practicable after the hearing and will provide the AWF CEO and the appellant with a statement of the reasons for its decision.
- 7.3.7 The Appeal Tribunal shall give the appellant and the AWF Selection Committee every opportunity to be heard.
- 7.3.8 The Appeal Tribunal has no power of selection.
- 7.3.9 The Appeal Tribunal shall review the matter set out in the appeal and may (as appropriate) direct the AWF Selection Committee to again consider the selection of the relevant Shadow team or Nomination.

Subject to such direction, any further selection decision of the AWF Selection Committee under the direction of the Appeal Tribunal shall be

final and no other appeal shall be available to the appellant other than the Court of Arbitration for Sport (Oceania Registry)

Failure to observe the above limits when submitting an appeal will render any appeal a nullity, provided that an athlete may apply to the body to hear the appeal in question, for an extension of time in which to commence an appeal. The body to hear the appeal in question may grant such an extension of time only in extenuating circumstances outside the control of the athlete concerned.¹⁰ Right of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

A person who wishes to appeal against a further selection decision of the AWF Selection Committee under the direction of the Appeal Tribunal may appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) – (Oceania Registry). The decision of the CAS will be final and binding on all parties and it is agreed that neither party will institute proceedings in any court or tribunal other than the CAS.

A person who wishes to appeal to the CAS must give written notice of such an appeal to the AWF CEO within 72 hours of the announcement of the decision against which the appeal is made and must lodge his/her statement of appeal with the CAS within a further 48 hours. Failure to observe the above limits in relation to an appeal to the CAS will render any appeal nullity, provided that an athlete may apply to the AWF for an extension of time in which to commence such an appeal. The AWF may grant such an extension of time only in extenuating circumstances outside the control of the athlete concerned.

Acknowledgement: Appeals process based on “Getting it right ... guidelines for selection” a publication of the Australian Sports Commission in collaboration with the Australian and New Zealand Law Association (ANZSLA).

8. Interpretation

8.1 Words used in this Nomination Criteria have the same meaning ascribed to them in the ACGA’s Selection By-Law unless contrary meaning appears from the context.

8.2 In this Nomination Criteria the following words and phrases have the following meaning:

8.2.1 IWF: means International Weightlifting Federation

8.2.2 ACGA: means Australian Commonwealth Games Federation

- 8.2.3 AWF: means Australian Weightlifting Federation
- 8.2.4 WADA: means World Anti-Doping Authority
- 8.2.5 ASADA: means Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority
- 8.2.6 Sinclair Points: means the points scoring system authorised by the IWF to compare weightlifters of differing bodyweights.
- 8.2.7 Primary Qualifying Event: means the 2010 AWF Commonwealth Games Nomination Trials 26th June 2010 at the Chandler Theatre, Brisbane.
- 8.2.8 Secondary Qualifying Events: means the 2009 World Weightlifting Championships to be held in Goyang City, Korea 17th-27th November 2009 and the 2009 Commonwealth Championships to be held in Penang, Malaysia 18th- 23rd October, 2009.
- 8.2.9 Third Qualifying Event: means the 2010 AWF Club Championships to be held at the Victorian Weightlifting Stadium, Hawthorn, Melbourne on 20-21 March 2010.
- 8.2.10 Fourth Qualifying Event; means the 2010 Oceania Championships to be held in Nauru during the period 6th - 9th May, 2010.
- 8.2.11 AWF Selection Committee: means the committee appointed by the AWF to handle selection matters. Currently – Lyn Jones (Chair), Robert Kabbas, Luke Borreggine, Michael Keelan.