



Trinbago 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games Selection Policy

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1 Introduction

1.1 Scope

This Selection Policy (**Policy**) details the process and criteria by which Triathlon Australia (**TA**) will determine the nomination of members for the **Trinbago 2023 Australian Commonwealth Youth Games Team (TEAM)** to compete at the Trinbago 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games (**CYG**).

1.2 Objective

The primary objective of this Policy is to select Junior aged athletes who meet the selection criteria as outlined in **clause 3 and 4**.

1.3 Application

1.3.1 TA may only nominate Athletes to Commonwealth Games Australia (**CGA**) for selection in the TEAM in accordance with this Policy.

1.3.2 The Triathlon Australia Elite Selection Committee (**TAESC**) has been appointed by the TA Board to administer and implement this Policy.

1.3.3 This Policy is issued by the TA Board once finalised and approved by Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA). TA must make this Policy available to all Athletes.

1.3.4 If any TA person is unavailable to fulfil his/her role as described in this Policy, the TA Board may authorise a delegate to fulfil this role.

1.3.5 World Triathlon (**WT**) determines eligibility criteria and competition rules for all WT events. Nomination according to the terms of this Policy will not qualify an athlete for participation in the CYG if the athlete is not eligible according to the applicable WT and CGA eligibility rules.

2 Eligibility

- 2.1** To be considered for nomination to CGA for selection in the TEAM, TA must, as at the nomination date, be satisfied on reasonable grounds that the Athlete:
- (a) is a current member of TA;
 - (b) meets the eligibility requirements for citizenship as determined by the Australian Government;
 - (c) satisfies all WT Rules;
 - (d) is not serving any current sanctions; and
 - (e) holds a current 2023 TA Athlete Agreement prior to confirmation of acceptance of TEAM selection.
- 2.2** If an athlete earns nomination status for both the **TEAM** and the 2023 Junior World Championships Team, the Athlete must nominate which Team they would like to compete under. Such Athletes must notify TA of its decision by **16 April 2023**.
- 2.3** An Eligible Athlete is an Athlete that meets the requirements in **clause 2.1** above.
- 2.4** If there is any doubt regarding eligibility to compete for Australia, Athletes must contact the Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) of TA for clarification.

3 CGA Nomination Process

- 3.1** Athletes may only be considered for nomination to CGA via the following:
- (a) Automatic selection; or
 - (b) Discretionary selection.
- 3.2** An Athlete may be identified by automatic nomination if they meet the following criteria:
- (a) First (1st) age eligible Australian at the 2023 Australian Junior Sprint Triathlon Championships, 15-16th April 2023 in Port Adelaide
 - (i) Should the 2023 Australian Junior Sprint Triathlon Championships be altered from the sprint distance swim/cycle/run format, the relevant race will be void and will not apply for the purposes of automatic selection.
- 3.3** Any remaining position/s not selected automatically, may be nominated via discretion.
- 3.3.1** The TAESC may (in its absolute discretion) consider any relevant matter when nominating Athletes to the CGA for selection in the TEAM. The TAESC may consider performances in races up to and including **16 April 2023**.
- 3.3.2** This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised.
- 3.4** **Subject to the allocation of open allocation athlete slots**, TA may only select one (1) male and one (1) female athletes to the TEAM under the CYG Quota Criteria.

- 3.5** Neither this Policy nor CGA requires TA to nominate the maximum number of athletes to the TEAM for the CYG.
- 3.6** Neither this Policy nor CGA requires TA to nominate any athletes to the TEAM for the CYG.
- 3.7** The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) and WT reserve the right to increase the maximum cap if required to support the viability of the Triathlon events on the programme.
- 3.8** In full accordance with the CGF Event Viability Policy, the CGF in consultation with the WT reserves the right to remove a medal event(s) from the CYG Event Programme should entry numbers indicate that the event would not be viable. An updated CGF Event Viability Policy for the CYG will be distributed to CGAs by January 2023.

4 Reserve Athletes

- 4.1** The TAESC may identify additional Athletes of each gender as Reserve Athletes.
- 4.2** In exercising its discretion to identify Reserve Athletes, the TAESC may (in its absolute discretion) consider any relevant matter as outlined in clause 3.3.
- 4.3** Reserves may be ranked by the TAESC and will only be chosen from among Eligible Athletes.
- 4.4** Athletes identified as a Reserve according to this Policy will not be nominated to CGA and will not be members of the TEAM unless they replace a TEAM member by operation of this Policy OR additional quota spots become available from CGA.

5 Team Membership Conditions

On selection to the TEAM, all Athletes, including named Reserve Athletes, must comply with [the TA's Standard Event/Team Representation Continuing Form, Fitness and Medical Assessment Obligations](#), dated November 2022.

6 Notification of Selections

The TEAM for the CYG will be announced by CGA on or about the week beginning **1 May 2023**.

7 Funding

Confirmation of support from TA for selected athletes will be advised on or before the announcement of the TEAM.

8 Appeals

An Eligible Athlete, who is not nominated by TA or selected by CGA, may appeal that decision, under the [Australian Commonwealth Games Team Nomination and Selection and Appeals By-Law](#).

9 Amendments

This Policy may be amended at any time by TA. Any amendment made to the Policy by TA will require approval from the CGA before publication. Any amended Policy will be distributed by TA by email to all eligible Athletes and posted on the TA website. TA is not and shall not be liable in any way to anyone for any amendments made to the Policy.

10 Governing Law

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

11 Policy Enquiries

It is the athlete's responsibility to read and understand this Policy (and other supporting documents and/or policies). For further clarification relating to this Policy, queries should be directed to the Performance Pathways and Athlete Development Manager.

12 Definitions

In this Selection Policy, the following words and phrases have the following meanings:

- 12.1 **Age Eligible** – Athletes aged between 15 - 17 years of age (athletes born in 2006, 2007 and 2008).
- 12.2 **Automatic Nomination** – the process of choosing athletes for nomination by reason of performance as described in **clause 3.2**.
- 12.3 **Discretionary Nomination** – the process of choosing athletes for nomination at the discretion of the TAESC as described in **clause 3.3**.
- 12.4 **CGA** – means Commonwealth Games Australia Limited ACN 629 915 448.
- 12.5 **CGF** – Commonwealth Games Federation means the organisation by that name registered in England, Registered Company Number 10449637
- 12.6 **CYG** – Trinbago 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games.
- 12.7 **Eligible Athlete** – an athlete that meets the requirements in **clause 2.1**.
- 12.8 **NPD** – National Performance Director and/or their nominated delegate.
- 12.9 **Nomination**- describes the process by which the TAESC may consider the performance of an Athlete, apply its expert opinion, and determine whether the Athlete meets the objective of this Policy.
- 12.10 **TAESC** – Triathlon Australia Elite Selection Committee. This committee has been appointed by the TA Board, to administer and implement this Policy. The names of each of the Selectors will be published on the TA website.
- 12.11 **TEAM** – the Trinbago 2023 Australian Commonwealth Youth Games Team.
- 12.12 **WT** – World Triathlon.

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