



## **2008 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA - SOFTBALL**

**NOTE:** *The approved AOC Selection Criteria for each discipline, when approved, will be available on the AOC website – [olympics.com.au](http://olympics.com.au). The AOC reserves the right to amend this Criteria as necessary.*

- 1 Pursuant to the AOC's Selection By-Law, the AOC has adopted this Selection Criteria in respect of the selection of athletes to the 2008 Australian Olympic Team as nominated by the Australian Softball Federation ("ASF").

### **2 Receipt of Nominations**

The AOC will not accept any nominations for selection to the 2008 Australian Olympic Team unless the ASF has adopted and implemented an anti-doping policy that conforms with the World Anti-Doping Code. All nominations by the ASF must be received by the AOC by 5:00pm on 2 May 2008. Nominations made after this deadline will be invalid unless made pursuant to a direction or award in respect of an appeal against nomination or non-nomination to the ASF Appeal Tribunal or the Court of Arbitration for Sport pursuant to the AOC's Selection By-Law and which appeal had been commenced prior to the deadline for receipt of nominations by the AOC.

The deadline for receipt of nominations by the AOC is absolute and mandatory and applies irrespective of any deadline prescribed under the Participation Criteria or by the Organising Committee for the 2008 Olympic Games.

### **3 Eligibility for Selection**

In order to be selected by the AOC as a member of the 2008 Australian Olympic Team, each athlete and team must:

- (1) have, in the opinion of the AOC, met the requirements of the qualification system prescribed in the Participation Criteria (a copy of which is attached);
- (2) have, in the opinion of the AOC, met and continue to observe and meet the eligibility requirements for Australian competitors described in the Olympic Charter;
- (3) have, in the opinion of the AOC, met and continue to meet the requirements of Rules 41 and 45 of the Olympic Charter and their By-Laws;
- (4) have signed the 2008 Australian Olympic Team Membership Agreement and agree to sign any entry form required by the IOC and the Organising Committee for the 2008 Olympic Games;
- (5) have been nominated by the ASF on the form issued from time to time by the AOC, which has been signed on behalf of the ASF and also signed by the athlete;
- (6) have observed and continue to observe the provisions of the AOC's Constitution and its by-laws, including the AOC's Selection By-Law and Anti-Doping By-Law;
- (7) have not engaged at any time in conduct which:
  - (a) is publicly known and in the absolute discretion of the President of the AOC (or, during the period of the 2008 Olympic Games, in the absolute discretion of the Chef de Mission of the 2008 Australian Olympic Team) has brought or would be likely to bring the athlete, the athlete's sport, the AOC or the Team into disrepute or censure, or

- (b) is not publicly known and in the absolute discretion of the President of the AOC (or, during the period of the 2008 Olympic Games, in the absolute discretion of the Chef de Mission of the 2008 Australian Olympic Team) would be likely to bring the athlete, the athlete's sport, the AOC or the Team into disrepute or censure were the conduct to be publicly known; and

- (8) undergo medical assessment and testing to the complete satisfaction of the AOC.

A failure by an athlete to comply with one or more of the requirements in subclauses (1) to (8) above will render that athlete ineligible for selection by the AOC.

Clause 3(6) will not apply to any breach of the AOC's Anti-Doping By-Law in respect of which the athlete has been sanctioned and which sanction has been satisfied in full.

#### 4 **Selection**

The AOC has the sole and absolute discretion:

- (1) to determine whether athletes and teams have met the requirements of this Selection Criteria;
- (2) as to whether athletes and teams should be selected for membership of the 2008 Australian Olympic Team, notwithstanding that they have met the requirements of this Selection Criteria; and
- (3) to determine whether or not it should select the maximum number of athletes or teams permitted by the Participation Criteria, notwithstanding the number of athletes who may have met the requirements of this Selection Criteria and/or the Participation Criteria.

#### 5 **No Extenuating Circumstances**

For the purposes of determining whether an athlete or team has met the requirements of this Selection Criteria and/or the requirements of the qualifying system imposed by the Participation Criteria, the AOC will not have regard to any extenuating circumstances.

#### 6 **Interpretation**

Words used in this Selection Criteria have the same meaning ascribed to them in the AOC's Selection By-Law.