



## 2010 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC WINTER TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA - CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

**NOTE:** The AOC reserves the right to amend these Criteria as necessary.

- 1 Pursuant to the AOC's Selection By-Law, the AOC has adopted these Selection Criteria in respect of the selection of Athletes to the 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team as nominated by Ski and Snowboard Australia ("SSA").
- 2 Selection will be considered by the AOC on an event or Event Group basis. Athletes will be selected for events if they have met the Selection Criteria for one event in the Event Group. Therefore they may be selected for other events in the Event Group for which they have met the Selection Criteria.

These Selection Criteria apply in relation to the selection by the AOC of athletes for the following events and Event Groups:

### Events:

#### *Men*

15 km Classical Technique / 15 km Free Technique, Pursuit Start

15km Free Technique

50 km Classical Technique Mass Start

4 x 10km Relay (2 Classical / 2 Free)

Cross-Country Sprint Classical Technique

Sprint Relay Free Technique

#### *Women*

7.5 km Classical Technique / 7.5 km Free Technique, Pursuit Start

10 km Free Technique

30 km Classical Technique Mass Start

4 x 5km Relay (2 Classical / 2 Free)

Cross-Country Sprint Classical Technique

Sprint Relay Free Technique

### Event Groups:

**Sprint (Men & Women):** Cross Country Sprint Classical Technique, Sprint Relay Free Technique (subject to a sufficient number of Sprint or Distance Event Group Athletes being selected to form a Sprint Relay team)

**Distance (Men):** 15km Classical Technique/15km Free Technique Pursuit, 15km Free Technique, 50km Classical Technique Mass Start, 4 x 10km Relay (subject to a sufficient number of Distance Event Group Athletes being selected to form a 4 x 10km Relay team), Sprint Relay Free Technique (subject to a sufficient number of Sprint or Distance Event Group Athletes being selected to form a Sprint Relay team)

**Distance (Women):** 7.5km Classical Technique/7.5km Free Technique Pursuit, 10km Free Technique, 30km Classical Technique Mass Start, 4 x 5km Relay (subject to a sufficient number of Distance Event Group Athletes being selected to form a 4 x 5km Relay team), Sprint Relay Free Technique (subject to a sufficient number of Sprint or Distance Event Group Athletes being selected to form a Sprint Relay team)

### 3 **Eligibility for Selection**

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

- (1) have met the requirements of the qualification system prescribed in the Qualification System;
- (2) have met and continue to observe and meet the eligibility requirements for Australian competitors described in the Olympic Charter;
- (3) have met and continue to meet the requirements of Rules 41 and 45 of the Olympic Charter and their By-Laws;
- (4) have signed the 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team Membership Agreement and agree to sign any entry form required by the IOC and the Organising Committee for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games;
- (5) have been nominated by the SSA on the form issued from time to time by the AOC, which has been signed on behalf of the SSA 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 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;
- (7)
  - (a) have not at any time engaged in conduct (whether publicly known or not), which has brought or would have the tendency to bring the Athlete or the Athlete's sport into disrepute or censure, or which would be inconsistent with, contrary to or prejudicial to the best interests, image or values of the AOC, or as a result of which the Athlete's membership would not be in the best interests of the 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team;
  - (b) have not at any time been convicted of, or charged with, any serious offence involving alcohol or drugs, or any sex offence, or any offence which is punishable by imprisonment;
  - (c) have and will continue to honestly and fully disclose information to the Athlete's NF and the AOC concerning any conduct that might be in breach of (a) or (b) above or concerning any criminal offence of whatever nature, with which the Athlete has been charged, or of which the Athlete has been convicted, and have consented to the Athlete's NF and the AOC making enquiries to relevant authorities for any details of the Athlete's criminal record (if any), including details of any charges pending or any spent convictions disclosable by law, and have consented to those authorities providing that information in answer to those enquiries;
  - (d) any matter arising under (a), (b) or (c) above is to be determined, or breach thereof excused, by the AOC in its sole and absolute discretion.
- (8) undergo medical assessment and testing to the complete satisfaction of the AOC.

Subject to Clause 4, a failure, in the opinion of the AOC, 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.

### 4 **Selection**

The AOC has the sole and absolute discretion:

- (1) to determine whether an Athlete has met the requirements of this Selection Criteria;

- (2) to determine whether an Athlete who has not met the requirements of this Selection Criteria is still eligible for selection by the AOC;
- (3) to determine whether an Athlete should not be selected for membership of the 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team, notwithstanding that the Athlete has met the requirements of this Selection Criteria; and
- (4) 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 this Selection Criteria and/or the Qualification System.

## **5 Additional Performance Standards**

- (1) To be eligible for selection for a particular event or Event Group each Athlete must have met the A Qualification Standard prescribed in the Qualification System, namely to have a maximum of 100 Distance FIS points as at 18 January 2010. Competitors who have a maximum of 120 Sprint FIS points as at 18 January 2010 shall be allowed to participate in the sprint events only.
- (2) If the operation of clause 5(1) results in more Athletes being eligible for selection in an event than are permitted by the Qualification System then, subject to clause 6, only the best performed Athletes for that event (up to the maximum number of athletes permitted by the Qualification System) as nominated by the SSA will be selected.

## **6 Selection in Events**

Athletes may be selected by the AOC for entry to the 2010 Olympic Winter Games on an event or Event Group basis.

- (1) Athletes who have met the requirements of selection in Cross Country Sprint Classical Technique will be selected to compete in that event and, subject to a sufficient number of Sprint or Distance Event Group Athletes being selected to form a Sprint Relay team, be eligible to compete in the Sprint Relay Free Technique event.
- (2) Male Athletes who have met the requirements of selection in the 15km Classical Technique/15km Free Technique Pursuit, 15km Free Technique or 50km Classical Technique Mass Start will be selected to compete in all of the individual events in the Distance Event Group and, subject to a sufficient number of Distance Event Group Athletes being selected to form a relay team, will be eligible to compete in the 4 x 10km Relay event, and subject to a sufficient number of Sprint or Distance Event Group Athletes being selected to form a Sprint Relay team, will be eligible to compete in the Sprint Relay Free Technique event.
- (3) Female Athletes who have met the requirements of selection in the 7.5km Classical Technique/7.5km Free Technique Pursuit, 10km Free Technique or 30km Classical Technique Mass Start will be selected to compete in all of the individual events in the Distance Event Group and, subject to a sufficient number of Distance Event Group Athletes being selected to form a relay team, will be eligible to compete in the 4 x 5km Relay event, and subject to a sufficient number of Sprint or Distance Event Group Athletes being selected to form a Sprint Relay team, will be eligible to compete in the Sprint Relay Free Technique event.

## **7 No Extenuating Circumstances**

For the purposes of determining whether an Athlete (or team where applicable) has met the requirements of this Selection Criteria and/or the requirements of the qualifying system imposed by the Qualification System, the AOC will not have regard to any extenuating circumstances.

## **8 Timing of Nominations**

Nominations by the SSA must be received by the AOC by 10:00am on Friday 22 January 2010. 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 SSA 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 applies irrespective of any deadline prescribed under the Qualification System or by the Organising Committee for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

9 **Amendments**

This Selection Criteria may be amended by the AOC from time to time as necessary. Any amended Selection Criteria will be made available on the AOC's website ([www.olympics.com.au](http://www.olympics.com.au)) and Athletes will be notified by the SSA.

10 **Interpretation**

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

For the purposes of these Selection Criteria:

- (a) the phrase "Event Group" means the grouping or batching of certain events within a discipline. Events are grouped together when there is a high correlation of athletes within the starting field of the events within an Event Group;
- (b) the phrase "Qualification System" means the International Ski Federation (FIS) qualification system for the XXI Olympic Games, Vancouver 2010 for Cross Country Skiing.

11 **Law**

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