
**2010 AUSTRALIAN YOUTH OLYMPIC TEAM
HOCKEY AUSTRALIA
NOMINATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

OBJECTIVE

To identify and nominate to the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC), those Athletes who will achieve the best possible results at the 2010 Youth Olympic Games.

1. QUALIFICATION

(a) Eligibility

In order to be eligible to participate in the 2010 Youth Olympic Games, athletes must:

- 1) meet the performance standards prescribed by the Qualification System;
- 2) meet the age eligibility requirements prescribed by the Qualification System - Athletes must be born between 1 January 1993 and 31 December 1994;
- 3) meet and continue to observe the eligibility requirements for Australian competitors described in the Olympic Charter; and,
- 4) be an Australian Citizen.

(b) IF Qualification System

Australia has qualified to compete at the Youth Olympic Games – Men’s Hockey event via the Oceania continent Qualification System.

(c) IOC Quota Restrictions & Australian Team Size

The IOC has imposed a maximum limit per nation of two teams (one male and one female) from among the four team sports of Football, Handball, Hockey and Volleyball . For the sport of Hockey, 1 male team, comprising a maximum of 16 athletes can be nominated to the AOC for selection.

2. IDENTIFICATION OF LONG LIST OF ATHLETES BY HOCKEY AUSTRALIA

The Long List (Shadow Team) will be identified by the Hockey Australia based on a recommendation from the National Training Centre (NTC) Coaches from all States and Territories.

All athletes will be assessed on their demonstrated ability to perform at the highest level as assessed by the NTC Coaches.

Hockey Australia will advise the AOC of those athletes who will be considered to be members of the Long List.

3. PROCESS OF NOMINATION BY HOCKEY AUSTRALIA

3.1 In order to be nominated by Hockey Australia for selection to the 2010 Australian Youth Olympic Team, each athlete must:-

- complete an initial consent to nominate form and submit to the Hockey Australia Operations Manager at AIS Hockey / Hockey Australia High Performance Program , Australian Institute of Sport, Perth Hockey Stadium, Hayman Road, Bentley WA 6102.

and attend either;

- the Under 18 National Championships being held in Canberra from 6 – 17 April 2010

or

- the Youth Olympics Games selection camp - at the conclusion of the Under 18 National Championships in Canberra - from 18 – 20 April 2010.

The Hockey Australia Selection Panel will attend all, or part of, the Under 18 National Championships and selection camp. In addition, the Hockey Australia Selection Panel will be in regular consultation with the National Training Centre (NTC) Coaches.

3.2 In nominating the final squad the Hockey Australia Selection Panel will only nominate members of the team who, to the satisfaction of the Hockey Australia Selection Panel in its sole and absolute discretion, will achieve the optimum team compatibility and balance and assist in achieving the best possible results for Australia at the 2010 Youth Olympic Games in Singapore. In determining which athletes will be chosen, Hockey Australia Selection Panel will consider:

- the current form of the athlete
- recent performances at national/state level
- the athlete's performance and discipline within their home training environment
- the athlete's technical ability and competence
- the athlete's athleticism and current level of fitness
- the athlete's physiological capacity
- the athlete's tactical understanding
- the athlete's specialist skills
- the athlete's attitude and commitment to improvement in training and competition
- the athlete's mental strength
- team/squad orientation, team player, positional flexibility and team compatibility on and off the field
- specific positional requirements to achieve optimal team balance

Timing

The Youth Olympic Games squad of 16 athletes that will be nominated for selection to the AOC will be named at the end of the selection camp on the afternoon of Tuesday 20 April 2010.

If, for any reason Hockey Australia does not select the final squad on 20 April 2010, Hockey Australia will nominate athletes for selection to the AOC no later than 5pm on 1 July 2010.

4. SELECTION BY THE AOC

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

- 1) have been nominated by Hockey Australia for selection by the AOC in accordance with Clause 3 of these guidelines;
- 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;
- 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;
- 4) undergo medical assessment and testing (if requested) to the complete satisfaction of the AOC;

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- 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;
 - 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.

If, in the opinion of the AOC, an Athlete fails to comply with one or more of the requirements in (1) – (6) above, that Athlete will be ineligible for selection by the AOC.

Hockey Australia will nominate athletes to the AOC for selection to the 2010 Australian Youth Olympic Team.

The AOC has the sole and absolute discretion:

- 1) to determine whether an Athlete (or team where applicable) has met the requirements of selection;
- 2) to determine whether or not it should select the maximum number of Athletes (or teams where applicable) permitted by the Qualification System, notwithstanding the number of Athletes who may have met the requirements of selection and/or the Qualification System.

5. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1) It is an IOC requirement that Athletes attend the 2010 Youth Olympic Games for the entire period of the Games 14 – 26 August 2010 (inclusive).
- 2) It is an IOC requirement that Athletes participate in the Culture and Education Sessions organised by the Singapore Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee during the Youth Olympic Games.
- 3) Prior to the commencement of the Youth Olympic Games, all athletes 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 10-12 August 2010. Athletes are required to participate in this Camp unless written approval otherwise has been provided by the AOC.

6. NON-COMPLIANCE

If an Athlete breaches any of the requirements of the 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

7. AMENDMENTS

These criteria may be amended or supplemented by Hockey Australia (HA) in consultation with the AOC and specifically where matters arise that have not been provided for in these criteria.