



**2012 Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team
Luge Australia Incorporated
Nomination and Selection Criteria - Luge**

1. QUALIFICATION

(a) Eligibility

In order to be eligible to participate in the 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games (2012 WYOG), athletes must:

- (1) meet the minimum performance standards prescribed by the International Luge Federation (FIL) Qualification System, that is, athletes have to participate in a total of three (3) Junior World Cup races or Youth-A World Cup races during the pre-Olympic (2010/2011) and the Olympic season (until 11 December 2011). During this time the athletes must have reached at least 10 World Cup points in total. At least one of these races in the Olympic season (until 11 December 2011) must be contested in the Junior class.
- (2) meet the age eligibility requirements; athletes must have been born between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1995; and
- (3) meet and continue to observe the eligibility requirements for Australian competitors described in the Olympic Charter;

(b) IF Qualification System

- (1) The total athlete quota for the 2012 WYOG Luge events is 70 athletes (20 Men's Singles, 20 Women's Singles and 15 Doubles). There will also be a Mixed Team Relay composed from the selected athletes. The maximum quota for each nation is 6 athletes to participate in:
 - Men's Singles 2 Athletes
 - Women's Singles 2 Athletes
 - Doubles 2 Athletes
- (2) If less than 20 nations in Luge Singles (or 15 nations in Luge Doubles) have achieved FIL's minimum standard then, each nation (regardless of which continent) will be allocated one quota place in the 2012 WYOG Luge events.
- (3) If more than 20 nations in Luge Singles (15 for Doubles) achieve the minimum standard, then an overall ranking will be developed to allocate the quota places.
 - i) The quota places 1 to 19 for Luge Singles and 1 to 14 for Luge Doubles will be awarded based on the placement in the overall ranking. The overall ranking will be based on adding the World Cup points from athletes born in 1994 and 1995 of the pre-Olympic season (November 2010 to February 2011) and the Olympic season (November 2011 up to 11 December 2011*).

- ii) If not qualified through the above system, the last quota place in each event, (20th in Singles and 15th in Doubles) is reserved for the host country.
 - iii) All athletes must have achieved the minimum standard of the FIL.
- (4) If less than 20 nations in Luge Singles have qualified then nations will be allocated a 2nd quota place based on the ranking system described in 1 (b) (3) (i) and (ii) until all 20 quota places are filled.
 - (5) The Mixed Team Relay (MTR) is open to athletes who qualified for the Luge Singles and Doubles. A Mixed Team Relay is made up of 1 man, 1 woman and 1 Doubles team. A MTR may compose athletes from the same nation or mixed nations (a maximum of 2 nations in one MTR) who can not make up their own individual MTR. A nation with a complete MTR may not be represented in another mixed nations team.

*Specific dates and locations of Junior World Cup and Youth A Races cannot be included for the 2011 season due to the calendar not being confirmed at this point in time.

2. NOMINATION BY LUGE AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

- (1) In order to be nominated by Luge Australia Incorporated to the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) for selection to the 2012 Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team, each Athlete must:
 - (a) have, in the opinion of the Luge Australia Selection Committee, demonstrated sufficient commitment to training;
 - (b) have attended Luge Australia Incorporated Development Ice Camp to be held in Lake Placid, USA from the 7th February until the 17th February 2011; and
 - (c) have qualified Australia a quota place in accordance with the Qualification System.
- (2) If only one Australian athlete qualifies a quota place, then that athlete achieving the quota position will be nominated for selection, providing they meet all other requirements. If more Australian athletes qualify quota places than quota places available to Australia, then the highest ranked athletes as at 11 December 2011 will be nominated for selection.
- (3) Luge Australia Incorporated will only nominate for selection Athletes to compete in the Men's and Women's Luge Singles events. No athletes will be nominated to compete in the doubles event.

Timing

Luge Australia Incorporated will nominate athletes for selection to the AOC at such time as required by the AOC, but no later than 5pm on 12 December 2012.

3. SELECTION BY THE AOC

In order to be selected by the AOC as a member of the 2012 Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team, each Athlete must:

- (1) have been nominated by Luge Australia Incorporated for selection by the AOC in accordance with Clause 2 of these Guidelines;
- (2) have signed (or if a minor, parent or guardian have signed) the 2012 Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team Membership Agreement and agree to sign any entry form

required by the IOC and the Organising Committee for the 2012 Winter 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;
- (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 Winter Youth Olympic Team under the 2012 Australian Winter Youth Olympic Team Membership Agreement; and
- (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.

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- (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.

4. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

- (1) It is an IOC requirement that Athletes attend the 2012 Youth Olympic Games for the entire period of the Games 13 – 22 January 2012 (inclusive).
- (2) It is an IOC requirement that Athletes participate in the Culture and Education Sessions organised by the Innsbruck Winter Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee during the Winter Youth Olympic Games.

5. 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 2012 WYOG Team Membership Agreement.

6. INTERPRETATIONS

The Luge Australia Selection Committee will comprise of:

- The President of LAI – Roger White
- One LAI Board Member – (tbc)
- One Independent Person appointed by the LAI Board – (tbc)