

**2008 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM  
SOFTBALL AUSTRALIA (SA)  
NOMINATION CRITERIA**

*NOTE: The AOC reserves the right to require amendments to the Nomination Criteria and amend its Selection Criteria as necessary, particularly where there is a change to the Participation Criteria or significant circumstances affecting the nomination process.*

**1 Shadow Team**

- (1) Softball Australia (SA) will choose athletes from within its sport to be members of the AOC's Shadow Team. The AOC may recognise other athletes from within this sport to also be members of the Shadow Team.
- (2) SA may only nominate members of the Shadow Team to the AOC for selection in the 2008 Australian Olympic Team.
- (3) SA will advise the AOC of the athletes that it has chosen as members of the Shadow Team at such time as required by the AOC.
- (4) No athlete is eligible to be chosen or recognised as a member of the Shadow Team unless the athlete has signed the Consent to Consideration for Nomination (See Attachment 1 for form of Consent to Consideration for Nomination and Attachment 2 for Parents/Guardians Acknowledgment for Minors) and provided it to the High Performance Manager of SA at PO Box 280 Wilston Qld 4051.
- (5) In order to be chosen by SA as a member of the Shadow Team each athlete must:
  - (a) be a registered member of SA or of a Member State of SA; and
  - (b) have participated in at least one of the following Australian Championships:
    - i. Women's – 2006, 2007 or 2008; or
    - ii. Under 19 Women's – 2006, 2007 or 2008.
- (6) SA will provide all athletes chosen or recognised as members of the Shadow Team with an informative précis of the AOC Selection By-Law, a copy of the Selection Criteria and this Nomination Criteria, and on the request of any such athlete, a copy of the AOC Selection By-Law and/or a copy of the Participation Criteria.

**2 Making of Nominations**

SA will not make any nominations for selection to the 2008 Australian Olympic Team to the AOC unless it has adopted and implemented an anti-doping policy that conforms with the World Anti-Doping Code. Nominations will be made to the AOC by 5:00pm on 2 May 2008. Any 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 SA 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 5:00pm on 2 May 2008.

The 5:00pm on 2 May 2008 deadline for the making of nominations by SA 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 **Nomination of Team Sports**

For the purpose of nomination to the AOC of a team for selection to the 2008 Australian Olympic Team SA will:

- (1) only nominate members of the team who are, or are recognised by the AOC as, members of the Shadow Team;
- (2) only nominate members of the team it honestly believes have met the requirements described in the Selection Criteria;
- (3) only nominate members of the team who have signed the athlete nomination form issued by the AOC from time to time;
- (4) not nominate more members of the team (including reserves) than the maximum number permitted under the Participation Criteria;
- (5) not nominate as a member of a team any athlete who has breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law for which the athlete has been sanctioned and has not completed the sanction imposed; and
- (6) in its sole and absolute discretion, take into consideration the following with respect to each athlete:
  - (a) demonstrated an ability to:
    - i) contribute to the appropriate balance of athletes across the various specialist playing positions; and
    - ii) achieve desired playing strategies.
  - (b) international and national performances from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2005 until 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2008;
  - (c) demonstrated an ability to work with the coaching staff, team officials and other players;
  - (d) demonstrated attitude and commitment to SA regarding national representation;
  - (e) the participant's current level of skill and physical fitness;
  - (f) any injury or illness which will or has the potential to impair, inhibit or prevent the participant's performance to the requisite level;
  - (g) the potential of the participant to successfully achieve the objectives of SA under its Constitution, namely;
    - i. act in good faith and loyalty to ensure the maintenance and enhancement of the collective and mutual benefit of the members the Federation and Softball;
    - ii. at all times co-operate with, and promote, mutual trust and confidence between the Federation and the members in pursuit of these objects;
    - iii. at all times to act on behalf of, and in the interests of, the members and Softball;
    - iv. represent the interests of its members and of Softball generally in any appropriate forum; and

- v. have regard to the public interest in its operation; and
- (h) the participant's compliance with ISF's Eligibility Guidelines (attached at Attachment 3).

#### 4 **Illness/Misadventure/Extenuating Circumstances**

This clause will only apply in determining whether an athlete has met the criteria for being chosen as a member of the Shadow Team pursuant to clause 1(5)(b):

- (1) In considering the performances of athletes at events required under clauses 1(5)(b) of this Nomination Criteria SA Selection Panel may in their discretion give weight to extenuating circumstances.
- (2) For the purposes of this clause 4, "extenuating circumstances" means an inability to compete at events, trials and/or attend training camps arising from:
  - (a) injury or illness;
  - (b) travel delays;
  - (c) bereavement; and/or
  - (d) any other factors reasonably considered by SA to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- (3) Athletes unable to compete at events, trials or training camps required under this Nomination Criteria must advise the SA High Performance Manager in writing of this fact and the reasons before the commencement of the events required under this Nomination Criteria.
- (4) In the case of illness or injury, athletes will be required to undergo a medical examination by a doctor or doctors nominated by SA.
- (5) A decision in each case of extenuating circumstances will be made by the SA Selection Panel on an individual basis. Any such decision will not be binding on the AOC.

#### 5 **Amendments to Nomination Criteria**

The nomination criteria may be amended by SA with the approval of the AOC. Amended criteria will be distributed by SA via email to all members of the Shadow team.

#### 6 **Interpretation**

- (1) Words used in this Nomination Criteria have the same meaning ascribed to them in the AOC's Selection By-Law unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.
- (2) In this Nomination Criteria the following words and phrases have the following meanings:
  - "SA"** means Softball Australia.
  - "Selection Panel"** means SA panel of selectors comprising of the National Head Coach and the two other members of the panel as appointed by the board of Softball Australia from time to time.
  - "ISF"** means the International Softball Federation.



- (3) email, the announcement or notice is deemed to have been received by me by properly addressing the email address and transmitting it to the address supplied by me and to have been received by me on the next business day after the date of transmission unless the AOC or NF is advised that the transmission failed to send to the addressee.

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Signature of Athlete

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Date

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Witness Name

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Witness Signature

**Attachment 2**

**2008 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM  
CONSENT TO CONSIDERATION FOR NOMINATION**

**Parents/Guardians Acknowledgement for Minors**

**SOFTBALL AUSTRALIA (NF)**

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*[insert name of athlete]*

I/we, the undersigned parents/guardians of the athlete agree (and if more than one, then jointly and severally agree) as follows:

1. the athlete is under the age of 18 years as at the date of signing the agreement;
2. I/we have read and understood the AOC Selection By-Law, the AOC Selection Criteria applicable to the sport of Softball ("the agreements") and have fully explained to the athlete the terms and effects of the agreements. To this end I/we have obtained independent legal advice as to the terms and effects of the agreements in order to clarify any doubts or concerns I/we may have had in this regard;
3. the athlete has read the agreements and, together with the benefit of our full explanation, understands its terms and effects;
4. the agreements are for the benefit of the athlete; and
5. the athlete's eligibility for being considered for nomination by the above NF for selection to the 2008 Australian Olympic Team, ("Team"), may be terminated in the event of any breach of these agreements.

Dated:

Signed by the Parent/Guardian )

In the presence of: )

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(Parent/Guardian's signature)

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(Witness' signature)

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(Name of Witness)

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(Name of Parent/Guardian)

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(Address of Witness)

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(Address of Parent/Guardian)

### Attachment 3

#### ISF CODE (Administrative Code)

(As adopted September 18, 1952 with amendments through 2007)

#### ARTICLE 14 ELIGIBILITY

14.01 An individual shall cease to be eligible to compete by committing any of the following offences in playing softball:

- a. By competing under a name other than his or her own.
- b. Softball players of a **Federation** may not compete against softball players of any country not so affiliated where there is already a body governing the game of softball. Violation of this rule will result with player being declared ineligible to participate in any competition sanctioned by this Federation up to and including international competition, World Championships and Olympic Games, including qualifying competition for World Championships and Olympic Games.
- c. No athlete or team shall be permitted to represent his nation at any games other than those sanctioned or arranged by a **Federation**.
- d.
  1. Athlete wishing to participate in any international softball competition must be a national/citizen of the country of the National Softball Federation which is entering him.
  2. All disputes relating to the determination of the country which an athlete may represent in the Olympic Games shall be resolved by the IOC Executive Board.
  3. All disputes relating to the determination of the country which an athlete may represent in the World Championships, or qualifying competitions for the World Championships or Olympic Games, shall be resolved by the Executive Council.
  4. An athlete who is a national/citizen of more than one country at the same time may represent either one of them, as he may elect. However, after having represented one country in the World Championships, Olympic Games or qualifying competitions for World Championships or Olympic Games, he may not represent another country unless he meets the conditions set forth in paragraph v. below that apply to persons who have changed their nationality/citizenship or acquired a new nationality/citizenship.
  5. An athlete who has represented one country in the World Championships, Olympic Games or qualifying competitions for World Championships or Olympic Games, and who has changed his nationality/citizenship or acquired a new nationality/citizenship, shall not participate in the World Championships or qualifying competitions for World Championships or Olympic Games to represent his new country until three (3) years after such change or acquisition. This period may be reduced or even cancelled with the agreement of the National Softball Federations concerned and the approval of the Executive Council.
- e. Players or teams must first obtain in writing from their national **Federation** wherein they reside as a citizen/national permission to compete in another country wherein they are not a permanent resident. ***This permission should be submitted to the National Federation of the country where they intend to compete (it is not necessary for such permission to be forwarded to the ISF).*** Players and/or teams who compete in a **Federation** area and are suspended for violation of that **Federation's** rules, the suspension will be recognized by the **Federation** from where the players and/or team originated.