

AUSTRALIAN WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION ATHLETE SELECTION POLICY

2016 OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS – JUNIOR & YOUTH TEAMS 24 – 28 MAY, SUVA - FIJI

1. OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 To provide international competition experience to junior and youth athletes with the potential for future success at senior international level.

1. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for selection to the Australian junior and/or youth teams for the 2016 Oceania Championships, athletes must meet the following requirements:

- 2.1. Australian citizen holding a valid Australian passport
- 2.2. In the case of multiple citizenship not have represented another country within the past 12 months
- 2.3. Be age eligible:
- 2.3.1. Junior Team – born 1996 to 2001, inclusive
- 2.3.2. Youth Team – born 1999 to 2003, inclusive
- 2.4. Current member of the AWF
- 2.5. Registered in ADAMS and submitted accurate whereabouts information for the 2 month period before and during the event
- 2.6. Achieved qualification as per clause 4
- 2.7. Not selected in the Australian team for the 2016 Junior World Championships unless clause 5.11 applies

3. FUNDING

- 3.1. Top three (3) ranked eligible junior male athletes and top three (3) ranked eligible junior female athletes will receive 80 % funding
- 3.2. No funding will be provided for youth team members
- 3.3. Selected athletes that do not receive a funding allocation will be invited to self-fund their participation

4. QUALIFICATION

- 4.1. Only results achieved in AWF or IWF sanctioned competitions during the period 1 December 2015 to 20 March 2016 will be considered.
- 4.2. The AWF qualifying standards for the 2016 Oceania Junior Championships are AWF 'A' Grade:

MEN	56	62	69	77	85	94	105	+105
	188	215	230	251	266	282	286	295
WOMEN	48	53	58	63	69	75	+75	
	122	142	149	165	169	170	182	



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4.3. The AWF qualifying standards for the 2016 Oceania Youth Championships are AWF 'B' Grade:

MEN	50	56	62	69	77	85	94	+94
	155	171	195	209	228	242	257	264
WOMEN	44	48	53	58	63	69	+69	
	101	111	129	135	150	153	160	

4.4. To be eligible for selection athletes must have achieved at minimum 100 % of the qualifying standard during the period 1 December 2015 to 20 March 2016.

5. SELECTION PROCESS & CRITERIA

- 5.1. Only athletes that meet all eligibility requirements in Clause 2 will be considered for selection.
- 5.2. The number of athletes selected to travel to the Oceania Junior Championships will not exceed eight (8) men and seven (7) women. Up to two (2) non-travelling reserves may also be named.
- 5.3. The number of athletes selected to travel to the Oceania Youth Championships will not exceed eight (8) men and seven (7) women. Up to two (2) non-travelling reserves may also be named.
- 5.4. A maximum of two (2) athletes per bodyweight category will be selected.
- 5.5. Eligible athletes will be ranked according to their best result achieved during the qualifying period in any AWF or IWF sanctioned event, as a percentage expressed to two (2) decimal places of the applicable qualifying standard.
- 5.6. In the event that 2 or more athletes achieve the same percentage result, then the next best performance achieved during the qualifying period will be considered and the athlete with the highest percentage of the qualifying standard will be ranked highest.
- 5.7. In the event that athletes remain tied the Selection Panel will consider the athletes' performance trajectories over the past 12 months.
- 5.8. In the event that an athlete is ranked 3rd or 4th in their bodyweight category but has met the qualifying standard in a heavier bodyweight category, then the result achieved in the lighter category can be used to rank them as a percentage of the qualifying standard in the heavier category.
- 5.9. The selection panel reserves the right not to select, or not to allocate funding to a junior athlete whose performance trajectory shows less than 5 % improvement in the past 12 months. When making such a determination the selection panel will consider contributing factors such as: length of time in sport, performance level already achieved, injuries and/or illness.
- 5.10. The selection panel reserves the right to select an athlete for the Oceania Junior Championships instead of the Junior World Championships, if in the panel's complete discretion it is in the best interest of the athlete's long term progression.
- 5.11. In order to afford prospective Rio 2016 team members the opportunity to compete in the final "Qualification Event" the selection panel may select an athlete, who has also been selected in the Australian Junior World Championships team, if that athlete is a prospective Rio 2016 team member.

6. FITNESS REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1. All selected athletes and personal coaches of selected athletes must agree to report any information relating to training fitness, illness, bodyweight and/or other injuries which could affect their ability to engage in training or competition at full capacity.
- 6.2. Where there is concern regarding the fitness, injury/illness status or bodyweight of a selected athlete then that athlete may be required to undergo a fitness test and/or medical examination in order to assess their ability to perform optimally at the event.

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- 6.3. In the event that an athlete fails to prove their fitness and is hence unable to perform at a level commensurate to that at which they were selected then the AWF reserves the right to deselect and/or replace that athlete.

7. ATHLETE OBLIGATIONS

All selected athletes will be required to:

- 7.1. Sign a Team Member Declaration
- 7.2. Participate in any pre-event camps, training sessions or other activities as required
- 7.3. Adhere to the fitness requirements contained in clauses 6.1 and 6.2
- 7.4. Provide the High Performance Coordinator with training and bodyweight information as requested
- 7.5. Not announce their selection prior to the official team announcement

8. APPEALS

- 8.1. An athlete who is eligible for selection pursuant to the criteria set out in this policy but who fails to be selected may appeal against their non-selection in accordance with clause 6 of the *Australian Weightlifting Federation Athlete Selection Policy – General*.