

AUSTRALIAN WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION ATHLETE SELECTION POLICY

2021 WORLD SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (INCORPORATING THE 2021 COMMONWEALTH SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS) 5 – 17 DECEMBER 2021 – TASHKENT UZB

1. OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 To select the athletes who demonstrate weightlifting abilities of the highest standard to represent Australia at the World Senior Championships.
- 1.2 To provide potential Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games (B2022) Team members with an opportunity to compete in a B2022 Qualification Event and potentially qualify for nomination to Commonwealth Games Australia for selection in the Australian Commonwealth Games Team.

2. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for selection to the Australian team for the 2021 World Championships, athletes must meet the following requirements:

- 2.1. Be an Australian citizen eligible to hold a valid Australian passport.
- 2.2. In the case of multiple citizenship not have represented another country within the past 12 months.
- 2.3. Born before or during 2008.
- 2.4. Be a current member of the AWF.
- 2.5. Not be in dispute or financial debt with the AWF or an AWF State Member Association.
- 2.6. Not be serving a period of suspension imposed by the AWF or an AWF State Member Association or other body whose authority is recognised by the AWF.
- 2.7. Be registered in ADAMS and able to correctly submit whereabouts information as required by the applicable anti-doping rules.
- 2.8. Be included in the Preliminary Entries registered by the AWF in the IWF E-entry system for the 2021 World Senior Championships at 7 September 2021.
- 2.9. Achieve a Total in at least one of the events described at 4.1. which is equal to or greater than the Minimum Qualification Standard described at 4.2.

3. FUNDING

- 3.1. Funding conditions will be communicated with the Notice of Selection.

4. QUALIFICATION

- 4.1. Only results achieved in AWF or IWF sanctioned competitions during the period of 1 January 2021 to 24 October 2021 will be considered in the qualification ranking for this event.
- 4.2. The Minimum Qualification Standard for selection is:
 - 4.2.1. AWF A Grade Standard for athletes who were not included in the preliminary entries for the 2021 Commonwealth Senior Championships;
 - 4.2.2. AWF B Grade Standard for athletes who were included in the preliminary entries for the 2021 Commonwealth Senior Championships.
- 4.3. Achievement of the Minimum Qualifying Standard does not guarantee selection.

5. SELECTION PROCESS & CRITERIA

- 5.1. Only athletes who meet all of the eligibility requirements in Clause 2 will be considered for selection.
- 5.2. The number of athletes selected to compete in the World Senior Championships will not exceed ten (10) men and ten (10) women.
- 5.3. A maximum of two (2) athletes per bodyweight category will be selected.
- 5.4. Up to two (2) male and two (2) female non-travelling reserves may also be nominated for inclusion in the preliminary entries.
- 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 AWF A Grade Standard or B Grade Standard, as applicable according to 4.2.
- 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 and 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 to recommend a reduced allocation of funding for a selected athlete whose performance trajectory shows a decline in the past 12 months. When making such a determination the selection panel will consider contributing factors such as: length of time engaged in the sport, performance level already achieved, injuries and/or illness.

6. FITNESS REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1. All selected athletes and personal coaches of selected athletes have a duty to report any information relating to training fitness, illness, bodyweight and/or injuries which could affect the athlete's 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
- 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 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. File Athlete Whereabouts Information in ADAMS as required by the applicable policies
- 7.5. Provide the High Performance Commission Chair with training and bodyweight information when requested
- 7.6. Not publicly announce their selection prior to the official team announcement made by the AWF



8. APPEALS

- 8.1. An athlete who is eligible for selection pursuant to the criteria set out in this policy and/or the *Australian Weightlifting Federation Athlete Selection Policy – General* who is not selected may appeal against their non-selection in accordance with *Australian Weightlifting Federation Athlete Selection Appeals Policy*.