



## SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SQUASH AUSTRALIA WORLD GAMES TEAM 2017

### 1. Background

The World Games Team will compete at the World Games from 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017 in Poland.

Squash Australia will be selecting an U25 Team to the Games as part of future development goals.

- a. This Policy can be amended at any time by SA if SA is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary for any of the following reasons:
  - (i) as a result of any change in Team eligibility criteria or rules;
  - (ii) as a result of any change in the rules governing a particular event;
  - (iii) to give effect to the Policy following a drafting error or oversight; or
  - (iv) to clarify any ambiguity or otherwise give effect to the intended meaning of the Policy
- b. SA shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any such amendment.

### 2. Team composition

- a. The SA High Performance Management Team will select an U25 Team. When selecting the Team, the SA High Performance Management Team will select the Team based on this Policy, which is to consist of:
  - (v) 2 male players and
  - (vi) 2 female

### 3. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for selection for the Games, a player:

- (a) Must declare their interest in representing Australia at the Championships in writing to the High Performance Manager ([hp@squash.org.au](mailto:hp@squash.org.au)) by the 20th March 2017.
- (b) Players must be under the age of 25 at the time of the Games
- (c) Must be affiliated, and in good standing, with SA.
- (d) Must be eligible to represent Australia in the Championships. This requires that a player be born in Australia, or be a citizen of Australia, or have resided in Australia for at least the three years immediately preceding the Championships; and,
- (e) Must not have represented another country in the three (3) years preceding the start date of the Championships in a recognised international Squash Team

Championship in any age group. Players that have previously represented another country in a recognised international squash tournament may represent Australia only with the prior approval of the WSF Competitions Committee.

#### **4. Player Selection Criteria**

- a. In reaching their selection the Squash Australia High Performance Management Team may consider results at PSA events during the past 12 months.
- b. In reaching their selection the Squash Australia High Performance Management Team may consider Australian AST Doubles events.
- c. Should a player with an established record of high-level results become injured the player may be considered for selection based on past performances at PSA events, subject to passing a suitable fitness test and providing medical evidence and updates throughout the process.
- d. Notwithstanding the above, the SA High Performance Management Team will consider all relevant factors, results, performances and indicia at their discretion. This discretion is absolute and it need not be exercised.
- e. In exercising its discretion, the SA High Performance Management Team may consider any factor, or combination of factors that is, in the opinion of the SA High Performance Management Team, may be relevant for consideration when selecting the Team.
- f. Players on the Squash Australia High Performance 'Winning Edge' programme can have priority based upon developing their potential medal winning capability at major events.
- g. Selection can be based on future medal potential.

#### **5. Player Availability for Preparation and Competition**

- a. Upon selection for the Team, each player must confirm their commitment to its objectives and to their individual development plan as agreed with the Squash Australia High Performance Manager.
- b. If a selected Team member withdraws, is withdrawn or is declared unfit to continue as a Team member (for any reason), the SA High Performance Management Team may replace that Team member with a further selection. This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised.

#### **6. Deselection and Suspension**

A player selected for the Team may be suspended or deselected if the SA High Performance Management Team, at its absolute discretion, considers that the player:

- a. Due to illness or injury, becomes unable to perform to a standard deemed satisfactory by SA. SA may obtain and act upon medical advice for determining whether a player's physical condition warrants deselection for this purpose.

- b. Demonstrates a lack of training or tournament preparation required to perform to the best of their abilities, this includes non-participation in training camps or selected events i.e. World Teams, World Doubles Championships, Commonwealth Games, Australian Open, Australian Closed Championships.
- c. Breaches or fails to fulfil a requirement of the Anti-Doping or Match-Fixing policies of SA, WSF or other approved agencies; or
- d. has breached the requirements of this Policy, any SA rule, regulation, by-law, team agreement or any other regulation (either SA or otherwise) applicable to the player by virtue of their membership in the Team and/or their participation in the sport of squash.

#### **7. Selection Date, Notification and Announcement**

- a. Players who are selected to be a member of the Team will be notified via written or verbal communication by a member of the SA High Performance Management Team of their selection.
- b. The Team will be selected and announced on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017, if a player has not been personally notified of their selection by that date, that player can assume that they have not been selected for the Team.
- c. For the avoidance of doubt, a player is not considered to be a member of the Team until his or her selection has been announced on the above date.

#### **8. Athlete Obligations Once Selected:**

Once selected to the Team, and to remain selected, players shall:

- a. Agree their training and competition programme with the Squash Australia High Performance Manager in preparation for the event.
- b. Maintain status as a member of the Team in good standing with their State / Territory squash association and with SA; and
- c. Demonstrate commitment to the Team by maintaining or improving their fitness levels and ensuring that their competitive performances are maintained at a high standard appropriate for competition at the Championships.
- d. If an injury occurs to a selected player after nomination they will be required to demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness (as determined by Squash Australia) to remain as a selected player on the Team.
- e. Athletes must provide medical clearance when requested by SA as per the athlete agreement.
- f. Failure to satisfy the above criteria by a player may result in the player being moved to the non-travelling reserve position in the Team or being removed from the Team entirely.
- g. Attendance, behaviour and performance of players will be constantly reviewed and



continued selection will be dependent on these factors.

## **9. Appeals**

Appeals will be conducted in accordance with, and governed by, the procedures provided in the Squash Australia Appeal Process.