



SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SQUASH AUSTRALIA 2019 WORLD DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM

1. Background

- a. The Squash Australia (**SA**) World Doubles Team (**Team**) will compete at the World Squash Federation (**WSF**) World Doubles Championships which is to be held on from 17 – 21 June 2019 in Gold Coast, Australia. This selection policy (**Policy**) details the process and criteria by which SA will nominate players for the Team to compete at the Championships.
- b. 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
- c. 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 the Team. When selecting the Team, the SA High Performance Management Team will select the Team based on this Policy, which, subject to 2(e), is to consist of:
 - (v) up to 6 male players (2 pairs of doubles and two to play mixed doubles); and
 - (vi) up to 6 female players (2 pairs of doubles and two to play mixed doubles).
- b. The selected pairs in doubles and mixed doubles will be ranked in order of 1st and 2nd.
- c. Neither this Policy, nor SA or WSF require SA to nominate the maximum of six males and six females to the Team. Final Team members and composition of the Team are at the absolute discretion of the SA High-Performance Management Team as set out in this Policy.
- d. For the avoidance of doubt, players selected to the Team in the doubles event are also eligible to be selected for the mixed doubles event.
- e. SA may enter a maximum of two pairs per event and this is dependent upon the total number of entries in that event. WSF may limit the number of entries in some events to one pair per nation. If WSF does limit entries to one pair per nation for an event, then only the highest-ranking pair will be selected for that event. WSF will notify Squash Australia of the number of entries it is permitted per event.



3. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for selection in the Team for the Championships, a player:

- (a) Must declare their interest in representing Australia at the Championships in writing to the High-Performance Manager (hp@squash.org.au) by the 1st February 2019.
- (b) Must be affiliated, and in good standing, with SA.
- (c) 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 a permanent resident of Australia, or have resided in Australia for at least the three years immediately preceding the Championships; and,
- (d) 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.
- (e) Players must provide results and training history documented on the AMS and or Personal Training monitoring and 12-month training plan for the 6 months prior to the completion of the event.

4. Player Selection Criteria

- a. Players that have been identified by the Squash Australia High Performance Management Team as having medal capability for future Commonwealth Games events.
- b. The High Performance Management Team will show preference to players that are part of the Winning Edge programme.
- c. In reaching their selection the Squash Australia High Performance Management Team may consider results at PSA, Commonwealth Games and World Championship events during the previous 12 months preceding the Expression of Interest closing date.
- d. 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 Commonwealth Games or World Championships, subject to passing a suitable fitness test and providing medical evidence and updates throughout the process.
- e. Notwithstanding the above, the SA High Performance Management Team will consider all relevant factors, results, performances and indicia of High Performance training and process at the discretion of the SA High Performance Management Team. This discretion is absolute, and it need not be exercised. This includes the ongoing demonstration of the player code of conduct which can be found at <https://www.filepicker.io/api/file/Q6ZvegrRSgafMzFoDZ4o>

- f. Notwithstanding the above, the SA High Performance Management Team will consider all relevant factors, results and performances at their discretion. This discretion is absolute, and it need not be exercised.
- g. 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.

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.
- c. Players must commit to a 4-day training camp directly preceding the Championships on the Gold Coast from 11 – 14 June 2018.
- d. Players must compete in the Australian Doubles Championships held on the Gold Coast on 15 – 16 June 2018

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 (ether 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 after the EOI closing date and then announced on 1st March 2019, 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.
- h. Maintain appropriate training and wellbeing history as per the AMS and present to the HP Management team. If player does not have access to the AMS then appropriate training records should be presented to the HP management team.

9. Appeals

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