

## **SQUASH AUSTRALIA SELECTION CRITERIA FOR 2020 WORLD UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **1. Background**

- a. Squash Australia (**SqA**) will select individuals that will compete at the World University Championships which are to be held from 20-26 July 2020 in Shanghai, China. This selection policy (**Policy**) details the process and criteria by which SqA will nominate players for the Individual Championships.
- b. This Policy can be amended at any time by SqA if SqA is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary for any of the following reasons:
  - (i) as a result of any change in 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. SqA shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any such amendment.

### **2. Team composition**

- a. The SqA High Performance Management Team will select the individuals based on this policy. The number of players selected will consist of:
  - (i) up to 3 males for the individual event and team event
  - (ii) up to 2 females for the individual event and team event

### **3. Eligibility Criteria**

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

- a. Must lodge their interest in representing Australia at the Championships in writing to the SqA High Performance Team (hp@squash.org.au) by the 3 February 2020.
- b. Must be affiliated, and in good standing, with SqA.

- c. As per the nationality and age eligibility requirements as outlined by the International University Sports Federation (FISU), all athletes must satisfy the following conditions:
  - i. Be a national of the country they represent
  - ii. Be at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year of the event
- d. Must be currently enrolled and proceeding towards a diploma at a higher education institution which is recognized by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency. The national register of recognized institutions can be found at: <https://www.teqsa.gov.au/national-register>
- e. Former students of the institutions mentioned in d) who completed their studies in the year preceding the event.

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

- a. In reaching their selection the Squash Australia High Performance Management Team may consider results at PSA events and WSF events during the past 12 months. Results and participation at the 2019 UniSport Nationals Div 1 squash competition may also be considered.
- b. 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.
- c. Notwithstanding the above, the SqA High Performance Management Team will consider all relevant factors, results, performances and indicia at the discretion of the SqA High Performance Management Team. This discretion is absolute and it need not be exercised.
- d. In exercising its discretion, the SqA High Performance Management Team may consider any factor, or combination of factors that is, in the opinion of the SqA High Performance Management Team, relevant for consideration when selecting the Team.

#### **5. Player Availability For Preparation And Competition**

- a. Upon selection for the Championships, 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 SqA 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 championships may be suspended or deselected if the SqA 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 SqA. SqA 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.
- c. breaches or fails to fulfil a requirement of the Anti-Doping or Match-Fixing policies of SqA, WSF or other approved agencies; or
- d. has breached the requirements of this Policy, any SqA rule, regulation, by-law, team agreement or any other regulation (ether SqA 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 championships will be notified via written or verbal communication by a member of the SqA High Performance Management Team of their selection.
- b. The individuals will be selected and announced on 25 February 2020, 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 championships.
- c. For the avoidance of doubt, a player is not considered to be a selected until it has been announced on the above date.

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

Once selected, and to remain selected, players shall:

- a. Maintain status as a member of the Team in good standing with their State / Territory squash association and with SqA; and
- b. 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.
- c. If an injury occurs to a selected player after nomination they will be required to demonstrate an appropriate level of fitness (as determined by SqA) to remain as a selected player on the Team.
- d. Athletes must provide medical clearance when requested by SqA as per the athlete agreement.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.

## **10. Funding**

These Championships will be entirely self-funded. An exact amount will be advised on selection. For further information on budgeting grounds, please do not hesitate contacting the High Performance Team via email on: [hp@squash.org.au](mailto:hp@squash.org.au).