

2018 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC WINTER TEAM
AUSTRALIAN ICE RACING INCORPORATED (AIR)
NOMINATION CRITERIA –SPEED SKATING

1. Shadow Team

- 1) Australian Ice Racing Inc. (AIR) will choose athletes from within its sport to be members of the Shadow Team. The AOC may also recognise other athletes from within this sport to be members of the Shadow Team.
- 2) In order to be chosen by AIR as a member of the Shadow Team, each athlete must:
 - i. Have met, or in the opinion of AIR Selection Panel, possesses the ability to meet the required International Skating Union minimum standards to participate in World Cup events; and
 - ii. In the opinion of the AIR Selection Panel, possess the ability to meet the required standards as indicated within the nomination criteria.
- 3) In order to be recognised as a member of the Shadow Team, each athlete must have completed the Consent to Shadow Team Membership Form (Form 1, attached) and in the case of minors, the Parents/Guardians Acknowledgment for Minors Form (Form 2, attached) and provided the document/s to AIR, Margaret Blunden, General Secretary of AIR, generalsecretary@australianiceracing.org; and
- 4) The Qualification System, Selection Criteria, Nomination Criteria and Olympic Team Selection By-Law will be made available on the AOC website.
- 5) AIR will advise the AOC of the athletes that it has chosen as members of the Shadow Team as required by the AOC.
- 6) If an athlete breaches a clause of the Nomination Criteria, the Selection Criteria or the AOC Olympic Team Selection By-Law, AIR or the AOC may suspend or terminate the athlete's membership of the Shadow Team.

2. Nomination of Athletes

- 1) When nominating athletes to the AOC for selection to the 2018 Australian Olympic Winter Team, AIR will:
 - i. only nominate athletes who, to the satisfaction of AIR, have competed in the following:
 - a. 2017/2018 or 2016/2017 season in at least one ISU Speed Skating World Cup or the ISU Speed Skating World Championships; and
 - b. Special Olympic Qualification event(s) as per ISU Communication (to be issued) www.isu.org .
 - ii. Achieved the ISU qualifying time set for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in accordance with ISU Rule 208 para 2 and ISU required qualifying time while competing in an ISU recognised event.
 - iii. Qualified Australia a quota place for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games at an ISU Olympic qualifying event in accordance with the ISU Special Olympic

Qualification Classification (SOQC) and ISU Qualifying System, a copy of which is available at www.isu.org.

- iv. If more Australian Athletes in the same event have satisfied paragraphs 2(1)(i) to (iii) of this Nomination Criteria than the AOC is allowed to enter in that event, then AIR will nominate the appropriate number of athlete/s for selection in respect of that event in order of priority based on the highest ranked athlete/s from the ISU SOQC as published on 31 December 2017;
- 2) Only nominate those athletes who have met the Olympic Qualification Standards as set by the International Skating Union;
 - 3) Only nominate athletes who are, or are recognised by the AOC as members of the Shadow Team;
 - 4) only nominate athletes who have met all requirements of the Selection Criteria;
 - 5) not nominate more athletes (including reserves) than the maximum number permitted by the Qualification System; and
 - 6) not nominate athletes who have breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law, unless the athlete has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed.

3. Replacement of Athletes

If an athlete whom qualifies an individual quota place in accordance with the ISU Qualification System is unable to compete, or in the event that a qualified athlete is withdrawn and deemed unable to compete at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games, then AIR will nominate the athlete for selection in respect of that event in order of priority based on the next highest ranked athlete/s from the ISU SOQC as published on by 31 December 2017.

4. Extenuating Circumstances

- 1) In considering the performances of athletes at events, trials, or training camps under clauses 2, the AIR Selection Panel, as published by AIR for 2017-2018 season, may give weight to extenuating circumstances.
- 2) For the purposes of clause 4(1), “extenuating circumstances” means an inability to compete in and/or attend events, trials, training camps or other competitions arising from:
 - i. injury or illness;
 - ii. equipment failure;
 - iii. travel delays;
 - iv. bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member, which means a spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling; and/or
 - v. any other factors reasonably considered by AIR to constitute extenuating circumstances.

- 3) Athletes unable to compete at events outlined in clauses 2 must advise the AIR General Secretary via email (generalsecretary@australianiceracing.org) in writing of the reason(s) prior the commencement of the event, trial, or training camp.
- 4) In the case of illness or injury, athletes will be required to undergo an examination by a medical practitioner nominated by AIR.
- 5) Any decision made by the AIR Selection Panel under this clause will not bind the AOC.

5. Making of Nominations

- 1) The AOC must receive all nominations from AIR by 5:00pm (Sydney time) on Tuesday, 16 January 2018.
- 2) Nominations made after this deadline will not be accepted unless:
 - i. the National Federation is granted an extension of time in writing by the AOC; or
 - ii. the nomination is made subject to the outcome of a non-nomination appeal to either the National Federation Appeal Tribunal or the Court of Arbitration for Sport and the appeal application or other equivalent originating process was lodged prior to 5:00pm (Sydney time) on Tuesday, 16 January 2018.
- 3) The deadline for receipt of nominations applies irrespective of any deadline prescribed under the Qualification System or other documentation.

6. Amendments to Nomination Criteria

This Nomination Criteria may be amended by AIR with prior written approval from the AOC. Amended Nomination Criteria will be communicated to athletes by AIR via email to members of the Shadow Team and posted on the AIR website (www.australianiceracing.org) and brought to the attention of the Shadow Team members.

7. Interpretation

Headings are for convenience only and do not affect interpretation. The following rules apply unless the context requires otherwise.

- 1) Words used in this Nomination Criteria have the same meaning ascribed to them in the AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.

- 2) In this Nomination Criteria the following words and phrases have the following meanings:
- i. AIR or AIR Inc. means Australian Ice Racing Inc.
 - ii. ISU means International Skating Union
 - iii. National Head Coach means the person appointed to the position of National Head Coach Speed Skating by AIR from time to time
 - iv. AIR Selection Panel means a panel of selectors as appointed by the Board of Australian Ice Racing Inc. to make decisions on the appointment of athletes into AIR teams or squads, with the Head of the Selector being President of AIR, Frank Anderson.
 - v. Qualification System means the 2018 ISU Qualification System issued and approved by the IOC for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.
 - vi. Conduct includes an omission, statement or undertaking, whether or not in writing.
 - vii. All time reference in this document is referring to Sydney time, unless otherwise stated.
 - viii. Any wordings after the words “includes” or “including” or “for example” or “similar” do not limit what else might be included.

8. Law

This document is governed by the laws applicable in the State of New South Wales.

FORM 1

2018 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC WINTER TEAM CONSENT TO SHADOW TEAM MEMBERSHIP

AUSTRALIAN ICE RACING INCORPORATED (AIR)

[insert name of Athlete]

I consent to being a member of the Shadow Team for nomination by AIR for selection to the 2018 Australian Olympic Winter Team. I make this acknowledgement honestly and fully and confirm that this acknowledgement is not false or misleading:

- 1 I have been provided with, or been given access to, and will be bound by and observe the terms of the AOC Olympic Team Selection By-Law, the AOC Selection Criteria applicable to my sport and AIR'S Nomination Criteria in force and as amended from time to time. I acknowledge that all members of the Shadow Team will likewise be bound by and must observe the same terms.
- 2 The AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law and the Selection Criteria may be amended by the AOC from time to time. I will be bound by and observe the AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law and the Selection Criteria as amended, and acknowledge that any amendments to the AOC's Selection By-Law and Selection Criteria will be posted to the AOC's website (www.olympics.com.au) along with the Qualification System applicable to my event.
- 3 The AOC's Constitution and AOC By-Laws, including but not limited to the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law and AOC Ethical Behaviour By-Law may be amended by the AOC from time to time. To the extent to which they apply to me, I will comply with and be bound by all AOC By-Laws, and acknowledge that amendments to AOC By-Laws will be posted to the AOC's website (www.olympics.com.au).
- 4 The decision whether or not to nominate me to the AOC for selection in the 2018 Australian Olympic Winter Team is subject to the Nomination Criteria and is at the discretion of AIR.
- 5 In the event that AIR nominates me to the AOC for selection in the 2018 Australian Olympic Winter Team I am not guaranteed to be selected in the 2018 Australian Olympic Winter Team. The decision whether or not to select me as a member of the 2018 Australian Olympic Winter Team is subject to the AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law and Selection Criteria and is at the absolute discretion of the AOC.
- 6 (1) I have not at any time engaged in Prohibited Association as prescribed under Article 2.10 of the World Anti-Doping Authority (WADA) Code (in effect from 1 January 2015), meaning association in a professional or sport-related capacity with any Athlete Support Personnel who:
 - (a) is serving a period of Ineligibility; or
 - (b) has been convicted or found in a criminal, disciplinary or professional proceeding to have engaged in conduct which would have constituted a violation of anti-doping rules; or

- (c) is serving as a front or intermediary for an individual described in (a) or (b) above.
- (2) I have not at any time violated or breached any applicable anti-doping rule or policy, including the World Anti-Doping Code 2015, the Australian Olympic Committee's Anti-Doping By Law and the anti-doping rules and policies of applicable Anti-Doping Organisations, National Federations and International Federations. Or, if I have breached an applicable anti-doping rule or policy, I have completed the sanction imposed in respect of that breach.
- (3) I have not at any time engaged in conduct (whether publicly known or not and whether before or after the date of my selection), which has brought, brings or would have the tendency to bring me or my sport into disrepute or censure, or which is or would have the tendency to be inconsistent with, contrary to or prejudicial to the best interests, image or values of the AOC or Team Sponsors, or as a result of which my membership would not be or would not likely be in the best interests of the 2018 Australian Olympic Winter Team or the Shadow Team;
- (4) I have not at any time (whether before or after the date of my selection) been convicted of, or charged with, any offence involving violence, alcohol, drugs, or any sex offence, or any offence relating to any betting or gambling activities on sport, or any offence which is punishable by imprisonment;
- (5) I have and will continue to honestly and fully disclose information to AIR and the AOC concerning any conduct that might be in breach of (1),(2) (3) or (4) above or concerning any criminal offence of whatever nature, with which I have been charged, or of which the I have been convicted, and consent to AIR and the AOC making enquiries to relevant authorities for any details of my criminal record (if any), including details of any charges pending or any spent convictions disclosable by law, and consent to those authorities providing that information in answer to those enquiries;
- (6) any matter arising under (1), (2),(3), (4) or (5) above is to be determined, or breach thereof excused, by the AOC in its sole and absolute discretion.

DISCLOSURE

(Please identify if there are any matters to be disclosed in respect of paragraph 6(1), (2),(3) (4) or (5) above ie identify any anti-doping violations, disreputable conduct, criminal convictions or criminal charges.)

My contact details are:

Address: _____

Email: _____

7 I will notify AIR in writing of any change in the above contact details. Any failure by me to advise AIR in writing of a change in my contact details may be to my detriment. Any announcement to be made or notice required to be sent pursuant to the AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law may be sent to one or more of the above contacts, or such other contact as notified in writing by me, and in the case of:

(1) post, the announcement or notice is deemed to have been received by me by properly addressing, prepaying and posting a letter containing the announcement or notice, and to have been received by me on the third business day after the date of its posting. Any announcement or notice sent by post to me overseas will be forwarded by air mail;

(2) email, the announcement or notice is deemed to have been received by me by properly addressing the email address and transmitting it to the address supplied by me and to have been received by me on the next business day after the date of transmission unless the AOC or AIR is advised that the transmission failed to send to the addressee.

8 I acknowledge that Specialised Equipment means equipment acknowledged by the AOC as having a material effect on performance due to the specialised characteristics of the equipment, pursuant to Bye-Law 2.3 of Rules 27 and 28 of the Olympic Charter. If I wish to utilise Specialised Equipment at the Games, I will submit a request in writing to the AOC Director of Sport no later than 6 months prior to the Games. This request is subject to the approval of the AOC in accordance with the 2018 Australian Olympic Winter Team Membership Agreement – Athletes.

9 This consent is governed by the laws applicable in the State of New South Wales.

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Signature of Athlete	Date
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Witness Name	Witness Signature

FORM 2

2018 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC WINTER TEAM PARENTS/GUARDIANS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR MINORS

AUSTRALIAN ICE RACING INCORPORATED (AIR)

[insert name of Athlete]

I/we, the undersigned parents/guardians of the Athlete agree (and if more than one, then jointly and severally agree) as follows:

1. the Athlete is under the age of 18 years as at the date of signing the Consent to Shadow Team Membership;
2. I/we have read and understood the AOC Olympic Team Selection By-Law and the AOC Selection Criteria applicable to the sport of Short Track Speed Skating (“the Selection Terms”) and have fully explained to the Athlete the Selection Terms. To this end I/we have obtained independent legal advice as to the Selection Terms in order to clarify any doubts or concerns I/we may have had in this regard;
3. the Athlete has read the Selection Terms and, together with the benefit of our full explanation, understands their meaning and effect;
4. the Selection Terms are for the benefit of the Athlete;
5. the Athlete's eligibility for being considered for nomination by AIR for selection to the 2018 Australian Olympic Winter Team, may be terminated in the event of any breach of the Selection Terms; and
6. this acknowledgement is governed by the laws applicable in the State of New South Wales.

Parent/Guardian's signature

Witness signature

Parent/Guardian's name

Witness name

Dated: _____