



SELECTION CRITERIA AUSTRALIAN BOXING TEAM 2023 IBA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ELITE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 To identify for selection to the Australian Team those boxers who have realistic potential to win a medal at the 2023 IBA Men's and Women's Elite World Championships to be held May-June 2023, and with a view to preparedness for 2024 Olympic Games qualification.
- 1.2 These criteria may be amended or supplemented by the Boxing Australia Board, especially where matters arise which have not been provided for in these criteria. Boxing Australia will endeavour to give as much notice as possible to all persons affected by an amendment or supplement to these criteria.
- 1.3 References in this Selection Criteria to the 2022 National Championships shall be taken as reference to the Boxing Australia 2022 National Championships being held in Adelaide from 16-19 November 2022.

2. PROCESS OF NOMINATION FOR SELECTION

- 2.1 In order to be considered for Selection to the Australian Team for the 2023 IBA Men's and Women's Elite World Championships, Boxers must;
 - (a) have met their Member Association selection criteria, which must have been fair, transparent, and equitable, to be selected to compete in the 2022 National Championships; or
 - (b) have been entered into the 2022 National Championships by the Boxing Australia Board; or
 - (c) Under exceptional circumstance be approved by the Team Selection Panel to be added directly to the National Squad following the 2022 National Championships despite not competing at the 2022 National Championships.

- 2.2 Boxers must have been born in the years from 1983 to 2004 inclusive.
- 2.3 Boxers must have signed and dated the 'Athletes for Australian Nomination Declaration' and any other Boxing Australia or Combat Institute of Australia (CombatAUS) contracts and/or agreements, to be selected to the Australian Team to the 2023 IBA Men's and Women's Elite World Championships.
- 2.4 Boxers must abide by the clauses in the 'Athlete for Australian Nomination Declaration' and any other Boxing Australia or CombatAUS contracts and/or agreements that they sign.
- 2.5 The divisions being contested at the 2022 National Championships include:

Men's (kg)	Women's (kg)
Minimumweight (46-48)	Minimumweight (45-48)
Flyweight (48-51)	Light Flyweight (48-50)
Bantamweight (51-54)	Flyweight (50-52)
Featherweight (54-57)	Bantamweight (52-54)
Lightweight (57-60)	Featherweight (54-57)
Light Welterweight (60-63.5)	Lightweight (57-60)
Welterweight (63.5-67)	Light Welterweight (60-63)
Light Middleweight (67-71)	Welterweight (63-66)
Middleweight (71-75)	Light Middleweight (66-70)
Light Heavyweight (75-80)	Middleweight (70-75)
Cruiserweight (80-86)	Light Heavyweight (75-81)
Heavyweight (86-92)	Heavyweight (+81)
Super Heavyweight (+92)	

- 2.6 For the purposes of these Selection Criteria, a boxer will be deemed to have 'entered' the 2022 National Championships if he or she was entered by his or her Member Association or by the Board of Boxing Australia, his or her entry was accepted by the Board of Boxing Australia, he or she weighed-in to a weight category of the Championships and made weight for that weight category. But he or she need not have actually competed in the Championships. In its sole and unfettered discretion, where circumstances warrant, the Boxing Australia Board may waive the obligation for a boxer to weigh-in.
- 2.7 For the purposes of the Selection Criteria a boxer will be deemed to have 'won' his or her weight category at the 2022 National Championships if he or she is the only entrant in that weight category.
- 2.8 Boxing Australia does not have to select to the Australian Team to the 2023 Men's and Women's IBA Elite World Championships, or financially assist, a boxer who wins at the 2022 National Championships a weight category listed in clause 2.5.

- 2.9 The intention of these criteria is to prioritise the selection of athletes in Olympic divisions, and to only select athletes in non-Olympic divisions where the Selection Panel determines there is legitimate medal potential, as emphasised in clause 1.1 of these criteria.
- 2.10 A boxer may be considered for selection for the 2023 IBA Men's and Women's Elite World Championships by the Team Selection Panel in a division different to the one they competed in at the 2022 National Championships if the Team Selection Panel determines that athlete has medal potential in that alternative division.
- 2.10 Boxers selected to the Australian Team in Olympic divisions to the 2023 Men's and Women's IBA Elite World Championships will be provided a minimum of 50% funding for the 2023 Men's and Women's IBA Elite World Championships, with any additional investment determined through their athlete categorisation. Funding for any other athlete selected in non-Olympic divisions is not guaranteed and will be considered individually by CombatAUS and Boxing Australia.
- 2.11 In accordance with IBA rules Boxing Australia is only permitted to select a maximum of one boxer in each weight category listed in clause 2.5 to compete in the 2023 Men's and Women's IBA Elite World Championships.
- 2.12 For any current professional boxer seeking selection for the 2023 Men's and Women's IBA Elite World Championships, they must comply with 1.1.12 of BAL's Technical and Competition Regulation, specified here - [Professional Boxing](#), engage in the defined selection activity outlined in clause 4.3 and attend all CombatAUS and Boxing Australia approved compulsory training camps, and national and international preparation competitions as per clause 2.13.
- 2.13 Boxing Australia reserves the right to withdraw selection from any boxer who is selected to the Australian Team to the 2023 IBA Men's and Women's Elite World Championships who does not attend all CombatAUS and Boxing Australia approved compulsory training camps, and national and international preparation competitions.

3. APPEALS – BOXERS

- 3.1 The appeal process concerning non-selection to the Australian Team to the 2023 Men's and Women's IBA Elite World Championships is with a hearing by a Boxing Australia Appeal Panel. In all cases the appeal will be at the expense of the appellant.
- 3.2 The sole grounds for any appeal are that this Selection Criteria was not properly followed and/or implemented.

- 3.3 Any appeal by an athlete against non-selection must be made to the Boxing Australia Appeal Panel.

Any appeal must accord with the following procedure:

- (a) The appellant must give written notice of his or her appeal to the Boxing Australia Chief Executive Officer within 48 hours of the announcement of the decision against which the appeal is made.
- (b) Within five (5) working days of submitting his or her written notice of appeal, the appellant must submit to the Chief Executive Officer the grounds of that appeal accompanied by a non-refundable payment of \$4,000 to Boxing Australia.
- (c) The Boxing Australia Appeal Panel will be comprised of the following persons appointed by the Boxing Australia Board:
 - (i) A barrister or solicitor who will act as the Chairperson.
 - (ii) A person with thorough knowledge of amateur boxing; and
 - (iii) One other person of experience and skills suitable to the function of the Boxing Australia Appeal Panel

No Person is eligible to be appointed to the Boxing Australia Appeal Panel if he or she is (i) a member of the Boxing Australia Board and/or (ii) a member of the Team Selection Panel (that is, the members of the Boxing Australia Selectors Committee or the members of the National Futures Program Selection Panel) or (iii) by reason of his or her relationship with the appellant or any member of the Boxing Australia Board or the Team Selection Panel he or she would be reasonably considered to be other than impartial.

- (d) The Boxing Australia Appeal Panel will convene a hearing as soon as possible after the submission of the grounds of appeal. The hearing may occur in such manner as the Chairperson decides, including telephone or video conferencing. The Boxing Australia Appeal Panel is not bound by the rules of evidence but must observe the principles of procedural fairness.
- (e) Prior to the hearing, the Team Selection Panel will provide the Boxing Australia Appeal Panel and the appellant with a written statement as to the reasons for the decision against which the appeal is made.
- (f) The Boxing Australia Appeal Panel will give its decision as soon as practicable after the hearing and will provide the Chief Executive Office and the appellant with a statement of the reasons for its decision.

4. SELECTION OF BOXERS TO THE AUSTRALIAN TEAM

- 4.1 Boxers who win their 2022 National Championship weight category as listed in clause 2.6 are **NOT** automatically selected to the Australian Team to the 2023 IBA Men's and Women's Elite World Championships.

4.2 Boxers will be evaluated by the Team Selection Panel and selected to an Australian Squad following the 2022 National Championships. The Selection of this Australian Squad will be based on their skill and performance as:

- (a) known to the Team Selection Panel members and/or
- (b) as demonstrated at the 2022 National Championships,

and with consideration as to their realistic potential to win a medal at the 2023 IBA Men's and Women's Elite World Championships. These assessments will be made in the sole and unfettered judgement of the Team Selection Panel.

4.3 In order to remain considered for selection to the Australian Team for the 2023 IBA Men's and Women's Elite World Championships, members selected to the Australian Squad as per clause 4.2 will be required to engage in:

- (a) A National domestic camp from 8-18 December 2022
- (b) An international camp/competition tour (approx. 21 days) in January/February 2022 (dates and competitions to be determined once international competition calendar is known)
- (c) A final National domestic camp in late February, early March 2022 (exact dates to be determined once the international competition calendar is known as per clause 4.3 (ii))

4.4 At the conclusion of the activity outlined in clause 4.3, the Team Selection Panel will meet to select the Australian Team for the 2023 IBA Men's and Women's Elite World Championships. The Team Selection Panel will select the Australian Team based on each athlete's skill and performance as:

- (a) known to the Team Selection Panel members and/or
- (b) as demonstrated at the 2022 National Championships and/or national camps and international camps and competitions as outlined in clause 4.3,

and with consideration as to their realistic potential to win a medal at the 2023 IBA Men's and Women's Elite World Championships. These assessments will be made in the sole and unfettered judgement of the Team Selection Panel.

4.5 If, by majority and in its sole and unfettered discretion, the Team Selection Panel is unable to determine a preferred athlete to be selected in any one or more division at the conclusion of the activity outlined in clause 4.3, the Team Selection Panel may request a final selection bout take place to determine the athlete to be selected.

- 4.6 If a boxer, in the sole and unfettered judgement of the Team Selection Panel, is not at the required standard and with the potential to win a medal at the 2023 IBA Men's and Women's Elite World Championships he or she will not be nominated by the Team Selection Panel to the Board of Boxing Australia for selection to the Australian Team.
- 4.7 Selected boxers must maintain their weight for the weight category in which they are selected for the Australian Team for the 2023 IBA Men's and Women's Elite World Championships. If a boxer weighs more or less than 5% of his or her competition weight category two days prior to departure of the Australian Team to the 2023 IBA Men's and Women's Elite World Championships, the Board of Boxing Australia has the right to withdraw that boxer from the Australian Team. If withdrawn for that reason, the boxer will be required to meet all relevant costs incurred by Boxing Australia or CombatAUS for that boxer's training/competition and associated preparation and travel to the 2023 IBA Men's and Women's Elite World Championships.
- 4.8 A Boxer:
- (a) who is selected in the Australian Squad following the 2022 National Championships as defined in clause 4.2
 - (b) who fully engages in the Australian Squad domestic and international activity as defined in clause 4.3
 - (c) who is nominated by the Team Selection Panel to the Boxing Australia Board for selection on the Australian Team for the 2023 IBA Men's and Women's Elite World Championships as defined in clause 4.4, and
 - (d) whose nomination for selection on the Australian Team for the 2023 IBA Men's and Women's Elite World Championships is approved by the Boxing Australia Board,
- will be selected to the Australian Team to compete at 2023 IBA Men's and Women's Elite World Championships.

5. INJURY/ILLNESS OF TEAM MEMBER

- 5.1 Athletes are required to report all performance limiting injuries, illnesses, conditions, or medical operations that occur prior to or after their selection for the 2023 IBA Men's and Women's Elite World Championships. Reporting includes providing medical evidence to the CombatAUS High Performance Director and 2023 IBA Men's and Women's Elite World Championships Head Coach confirming the assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation plan.
- 5.2 An injured selected Athlete who is unable to undergo full training during the two-week period prior to departure for 2023 IBA Men's and Women's Elite World Championships, may be withdrawn from the Team as determined by the 2023 IBA Men's and Women's Elite World Championships Head Coach in consultation with the Team Selection Panel.

6. TEAM SELECTION PANEL

- 6.1 The Team Selection Panel consists of the CombatAUS National Technical Lead Santiago Nieva, the Boxing Australia National Coach Jamie Pittman, Chair of the BAL Selection Committee Phillip Goodes, CombatAUS High Performance Director Andrew Pratley and one additional Boxing Coach (to be confirmed).
- 6.2 Each member of the Team Selection Panel shall be entitled to one vote only. All decisions shall be decided by a majority vote.
- 6.3 The Team Selection Panel when making a nomination for selection to the Australian Team to the 2023 Men's and Women's IBA Elite World Championships will take into account a boxer's skill and performance

(a) as known to members of the Team Selection Panel and/or

(b) as demonstrated at the 2022 National Championships and/or national camps and international competitions as outlined in clause 4.3,

And in its sole and unfettered judgement make a determination as to whether he or she has realistic potential to win a medal at the 2023 Men's and Women's IBA Elite World Championships.

- 6.4 All nominations of boxers for selection to the Australian Team to the 2023 Men's and Women's IBA Elite World Championships by the Team Selection Panel are subject to the approval of the Boxing Australia Board.