



Queensland Weightlifting Association Team Selection, eligibility and Inclusion Policy and Procedures for National Championships

1. Objectives

- 1.1** To select the athletes to represent Queensland who demonstrate weightlifting abilities of a standard appropriate to the specific competition for which selections are made.
- 1.2** To select and nominate the team or teams to represent Queensland which are perceived to have the best chance of success in the competition for which selections are made.

2. Eligibility for Selection

- 2.1** Any QWA Member wishing to compete in National Championships or Tournaments must be in good standing with his/her club, the QWA, and the AWF and must meet all the entry requirements of the event for which selections are made.
- 2.2** Any QWA Member wishing to compete in National Championships or Tournaments must have competed in the relevant Queensland Championship event conducted in the same calendar year as that of the event for which selections are made, i.e.
 - 2.2.1** to be eligible to be entered in the National Senior Championships, members must compete in the Queensland Senior Championships of that year
 - 2.2.2** to be eligible to be entered in the National Junior Championships, members must compete in the Queensland Junior Championships of that year
 - 2.2.3** to be eligible to be entered in the National Youth Championships, members must compete in the Queensland Youth Championships of that year
 - 2.2.4** to be eligible to be entered in the National Under 15 Championships, members must compete in the Queensland Under 15 Championships of that year
 - 2.2.5** to be eligible to be entered in the National Masters Championships, members must compete in the Queensland Masters Championships of that year

2.3 The QWA Selection Committee may consider for selection any member who has not competed in the relevant Queensland Championship event, provided they either entered the event, or applied for exemption, via the online registration process prior to the closing date for entries; and their non-participation was due to:

2.3.1 acute or severe injury or acute or severe illness,

2.3.2 circumstances reasonably considered to be beyond the member's control

2.3.3 or in respect of members living outside South East Queensland that participation in the event would have caused the member economic hardship

2.3.4 that the member has been selected to compete in another event on the same date or around the dates as the QWA event where that other event is of a higher level e.g. National Championships of Sport XYZ.

2.4 Exemptions requested for "acute or severe injury or acute or severe illness" must be accompanied by documentation from a relevant medical professional – GP in the case of illness or Orthopaedic specialist or Physiotherapist in the case of injury.

2.4.1 All requests for exemption must be made in writing; and proof provided supporting the category under which exemption is sought.

2.4.2 Selections from athletes requesting exemption will only be considered if the athlete has completed the registration process for the State Championships and paid the applicable fee. No refunds are applicable.

2.5 Where an athlete is unable to participate in the relevant Queensland Championship event due to being selected by the Australian Weightlifting Federation to compete in an International Weightlifting Federation event, he or she will be granted an automatic exemption. This exemption applies where the international event is within a period of three weeks prior to and three weeks after the relevant Queensland Championship event.

3. Selection Procedures

3.1 The date and/or event which mark the end of the selection period will be stated in the Annual Events Calendar published by the QWA. The initial selection of athletes to be nominated will be made within seven (7) days of the selection date or event.

3.2 The Appointed Head Coach and Team leader will consult with appointed staff coaches to construct a team nomination list following the close of entries for the National Championships and the release of the preliminary entry list

3.3 No comments publicly by any means, on any individual or team selections, can be made by selectors or team management. Only the QWA President or a person duly authorised by the QWA President can comment.

4. Qualifying Events

Qualifying Events are the weightlifting competitions included in the annual Calendar of Events published by the QWA and/or the Australian Weightlifting Federation (AWF) which are held during the qualifying period specified for the competition for which selections are to be made.

For the purposes of endorsing an athlete's qualifying event result the athlete must have achieved a total in that event.

5. Team Selection Criteria

5.1 The selection of teams or individual members to represent the QWA is to be based on the specific requirements and rules of the competition for which selections are to be made.

5.2 Potential team members are those athletes who meet the specific entry requirements of the relevant competition and meet the eligibility requirements of Clause 2

5.3 From the potential team members, Selectors are to determine and recommend the most appropriate selections for the competition to be contested. In the first instance, this is achieved by the following method:

5.3.1 Construct a list of all eligible lifters who are qualified to enter the event

5.3.2 Determine a selection ranking order based upon the preliminary entry list of the competition for which selections are made; and

5.3.3 recommend that all eligible and qualified athletes be Selected to enter the competition; and

5.3.4 from those athletes, nominate the athletes who will be identified as the Queensland Representative Team(s), including Reserves, in accordance with the rules of the competition and the athlete selection ranking as determined by 5.1.2 above.

5.4 Potential Team Members may be selected in a different bodyweight category than the one in which they have qualified for selection provided that:

5.4.1 the athlete's entry total, when measured against the standard of the different category, ranks him or her in a position which warrants selection pursuant to clause or clause 5.3.2; and

5.4.2 the Selectors reasonably expect that the athlete will weigh within the limits of the different bodyweight category at the competition for which selections are made.

5.5 The final nomination of the athletes who will contest the competition for which selections are made will take place at the time prescribed for this purpose by the relevant event organiser. The appointed Team Manager together with the appointed Team Coaches will confirm the bodyweight categories in which the selected athletes will compete and enter selected Reserves as replacements for selected athletes if necessary.

The Team Leader and Team Coaches may change the composition of the nominated Queensland Representative Team provided that:

5.5.1 such changes are permitted by the rules of the event; and

5.5.2 The Queensland Representative Team nominated at the final verification meeting has a greater possibility of achieving the highest placing in the competition

6. Appeal

6.1 Any athlete may appeal their non selection on the basis that, in the specific case, their claim for selection is more meritorious according to the criteria stated in this policy, than that of an athlete who is selected.

6.2 All appeals must be made in writing and lodged with the QWA General Manager within three (3) days of the announcement of the selections as described in section 3.3

6.3 The appeal must be in the form of a written submission to the QWA Management Committee in which the appellant details the grounds for their claim.

6.4 Upon receipt of an appeal, the QWA Selection Committee will provide a written submission to the QWA Management Committee in support of its decision.

6.5 Within seven (7) days of receipt of an appeal, the QWA Management Committee will convene to consider the submissions of the appellant and of the QWA Selection Committee and decide the appeal by a majority vote.

6.6 In the eventuality that the appeal is unsuccessful, the QWA Management Committee will ratify the decision of the Selection Committee by confirming the team/s as nominated.

6.7 In the eventuality of the QWA Management Committee upholding the appeal, the appellant will be deemed to be selected and the QWA Selection Committee will be instructed to nominate which of the previously selected athletes is to be replaced by the successful appellant.

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