



2020/2021 BOBSLEIGH & SKELETON AUSTRALIA ATHLETE SELECTION POLICY

BOBSLEIGH

Policy Objective:

The objective of the Bobsleigh and Skeleton Australia (BSA) Athlete Selection Policy is to outline the process and criteria for athlete selection to the Men's and Women's Australian Bobsleigh Team (ABT) for both World Cup (WC) and Development race circuits, namely North American Cup (NAC) and Europa Cup (EC) circuits. The design of the BSA Athlete Selection Policy ensures that BSA establishes the most competitive bobsled teams, whilst providing an equal opportunity for all athletes to develop and compete at future Olympic Games and World Championships.

IBSF Participation Quota

1. IBSF Race Circuit Quota Places

For the 2020-2021 season, Australia has qualified the following IBSF participation quotas:

| Circuit | Women's Bobsleigh Quota | | Men's Bobsleigh Quota | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| | Women's Mono-bob | 2-Woman Bobsleigh | 2-Man Bobsleigh | 4-Man Bobsleigh |
| World Cup (WC) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| North American Cup (NAC) | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Europe Cup (EC) | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |

Australian Bobsleigh Team - Process & Criteria

The Director of Bobsleigh will nominate the list of eligible athletes to the Selection Committee, in accordance with the criteria set out below, for selection to the Australian Bobsleigh Team. The Selection Committee will review the nominations and ratify the selection in accordance with the criteria set out herein.

2. Eligibility:

- 2.1. To be eligible to participate in, and at all times throughout, the Australian Bobsleigh Team – Selection Process, including testing camps (as applicable), candidates must fulfill the following conditions:
 - I. be a current financial member of BSA in good standing;
 - II. have signed the BSA Athlete Code of Conduct;
 - III. have a passport valid for a period of at least 6 months beyond the end of the upcoming competitive season;
 - IV. meet the eligibility requirements to obtain an Australian IBSF license; and
 - V. not have a current sanction imposed resulting from an anti-doping violation.
 - VI. complete a COVID-19 examination, return a negative result and communicate such result to the BSA Selection Committee.

3. BSA Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will review the nominations and ratify the selection in accordance with the criteria set out herein. The BSA Selection Committee will be comprised of:

- 3.1. BSA President (BSA Selection Committee Chair);
- 3.2. BSA Chief Executive Officer;
- 3.3. Director of Bobsleigh; and
- 3.4. Independent participant

4. General Selection Requirements

- 4.1. To be considered for selection athletes must:
 - I. meet minimum physical fitness standards required for each level of competition as referenced in the relevant appendix
 - II. Athletes who have not met the General Selection Requirements may not be considered for selection to the team. The BSA Selection Committee will determine in its discretion if these criteria have been met. There is no appeal from any determination under this clause.

5. Discretionary Selection

- 5.1. Athletes who satisfy the General Selection Requirements but who do not meet the physical fitness standards for selection may be considered by Discretionary Selection.
- 5.2. In these circumstances the BSA Selection Committee may consider factors including:
 - current IBSF world ranking;
 - I. attitude and commitment;
 - II. current BSA physical testing results;
 - III. competition results which indicate that the athlete is capable of performing at the level required for the appropriate team;
 - IV. illness or injury during the selection period;
 - V. future potential

6. ABT Nomination Priority | Pilots

The maximum number of pilots that may be selected to the ABT is the number of IBSF Race Circuit Quota Places qualified by Australia. The IBSF Race Circuit nomination for the Men's and Women's ABT will be determined by the Pilot Priority designation. Pilot designation will be allocated as follows:

- 6.1. **ABT Pilot 1:** designated to the highest ranked eligible Pilot, as at the conclusion of the 2019/2020 season, as published by the IBSF rankings for each discipline.
- 6.2. **ABT Pilot 2:** designated to the second highest ranked eligible Pilot, as at the conclusion of the 2019/2020 season, as published by the IBSF rankings for each discipline.
- 6.3. **ABT Pilot 3:** designated to the third highest ranked eligible Pilot, as at the conclusion of the 2019/2020 season, as published by the IBSF rankings for each discipline.
- 6.4. **ABT Pilot 4:** designated to the fourth highest ranked eligible Pilot, as at the conclusion of the 2019/2020 season, as published by the IBSF rankings for each discipline.

7. ABT Nomination Priority | Push Athletes

The Director of Bobsleigh shall nominate eligible athletes to the BSA Selection Committee as Push Athletes, considering all relevant factors, including but not limited to the following:

- I. pilot input;
- II. size and weight of the push athlete;
- III. current BSA physical testing results;
- IV. proven international experience;
- V. history/results of team combinations pushing well together;
- VI. attitude and dedication to the team;
- VII. 2019-20 competitive season push performance analysis, including relative push times and relative velocity;
- VIII. number of Push Athletes required based on the number of Pilots selected to the ABT;
- IX. teamwork, commitment, integrity

8. In Season Priority Re-Allocation:

To ensure that the Men's and Women's ABT has the most competitive team possible in International Competition, BSA and the Selection Committee will review both Pilots and Push Athletes on the World Cup tour between the first and second half of the season (as defined by the winter holiday break) to determine if a re-assignment of Pilot Priorities is necessary. All competitive results may be taken into consideration for the purposes of In Season Priority Re-Allocation.

IBSF Quota Allocations

9. World Cup and Selection

9.1. Pilot:

Race entry one for each men's and women's discipline will be filled by the Pilot with the designation of ABT Pilot 1. If ABT Pilot 1 is unable to race or declines to participate in a World Cup race, ABT Pilot 2 will assume the vacated race entry position.

9.2. Push Athletes:

The Selection Committee will make all decisions during the season regarding pilot/push athlete combinations for World Cup competitions in consultation with the Director of Bobsleigh and Pilots.

10. World Championship Selection

As per IBSF rules, World Championship pilots qualify quota spots at the World Championships by nation based on the IBSF discipline-ranking list prior to the World Championships. The method of

qualification can be found at www.IBSF.org (IBSF Rules 4.2). Unless a written exemption is granted by the BSA Director of Bobsleigh in advance, only eligible Pilots who have previously competed in an IBSF sanctioned race on the track scheduled for the current Season's IBSF World Championships may be nominated to the Selection Committee.

10.1. Pilot Race Entry 1:

The highest ranked BSA pilot on the IBSF discipline-ranking list after completion of the final World Cup prior to the World Championships will be nominated. If the highest ranked Pilot is unable to race or declines to participate in the World Championships, the second highest ranked BSA Pilot on the IBSF discipline-ranking list after completion of the final World Cup prior to the World Championships will be nominated.

10.2. Pilot Race Entry 2:

Providing Australia has earned a second spot for the World Championships, the second highest ranked BSA pilot on the IBSF discipline-ranking list after completion of the final World Cup prior to the World Championships will be nominated.

10.3. Push Athletes:

The Director of Bobsleigh will nominate the push athlete combinations/teams to compete in the World Championships to the Selection Committee. The push athletes will be selected to the World Championship Team by the push athlete criteria below.

- I. pilot input;
- II. size and weight of the push athlete;
- III. current BSA physical testing results;
- IV. proven international experience with history/results of team combinations pushing well together;
- V. trend of push times, start rank and velocity at the start in IBSF sanctioned events;
- VI. current season results.

11. International Training Period (ITP - Yanqing 2021)

As per IBSF rules, the Selection Committee will select eligible Pilots to participate in the ITP - Yanqing 2021 using the ABT Priority rankings. The method of eligibility to participate in ITP - Yanqing 2021 can be found at www.IBSF.org (IBSF International Bobsleigh Rules 1.4).

11.1. ITP - Pilot Entry:

ITP entry one for each men's and women's discipline will be filled by the Pilot with the designation of ABT Pilot 1. If ABT Pilot 1 is unable to attend or declines to participate in the ITP - Yanqing 2021, ABT Pilot 2 will assume the vacated quota position.

11.2. ITP - Pilot Alternate:

In the case that ABT Pilot 1 and ABT Pilot 2 are unable to attend or decline to participate in ITP - Yanqing 2021, the Selection Committee may select an Alternate Pilot via the Discretionary Selection criteria.

NB. The Selection Committee is not required to fill all or any quota allocations at ITP - Yanqing 2021.

11.3. Push Athletes:

The Selection Committee will make all decisions regarding pilot/push athlete combinations for ITP - Yanqing 2021 in consultation with the Director of Bobsleigh and Pilots.

12. Europe Cup (EC) & North American Cup (NAC)

Opportunities to compete in EC and NAC events will be based on the Selection Committee discretion. The BSA Selection Committee may alternate opportunities between EC and NAC based on performances throughout the season. If a team/athlete declines a spot at an event, that spot may be offered to the next available team/athlete.

12.1. Pilot Race Entries

The BSA Selection Committee will use discretionary selection based upon the criteria below (in no particular order):

- I. current IBSF world ranking;
- II. current BSA physical testing results;
- III. attitude and commitment;
- IV. successful participation in IBSF sanctioned bobsleigh driving school;
- V. competition results which indicate that the athlete is capable of performing at the level required for the appropriate team;
- VI. illness or injury during the selection period;
- VII. future potential

12.2. Push Athletes

The Director of Bobsleigh will nominate push athletes to compete in EC and NAC races to the Selection Committee.

13. Equipment Rental & Allocation

13.1. A BSA owned Mono Bob will only be allocated to athletes who are eligible to compete in an IBSF sanctioned race for the discipline of Mono Bob.

13.2. The BSA equipment will be allocated on through the recommendation of the Director of Bobsled based upon:

- I. current Pilot Priority rank
- II. current International Ranking;
- III. past season's results;
- IV. current BSA physical testing results;
- V. future potential;
- VI. responsibility to care for equipment;
- VII. current national rank;
- VIII. driving experience;
- IX. incumbent Olympic athletes from the previous Olympic Games

13.3. Equipment will only be provided to athletes that support BSA sponsors with sponsor marks on the sleds and equipment / apparel used at the competition venue, and/or as directed by the BSA.

13.4. BSA owned sleds and BSA runners may not be altered by an athlete without written permission from the Director of Bobsleigh.

- 13.5. Only the BSA authorised staff may authorise inspections of the equipment by others.
- 13.6. Allocated equipment can only be re-allocated by the Selection Committee.
- 13.7. Athletes must sign the BSA equipment rental agreement.

14. Unforeseen Circumstances & Use of Discretion

BSA shall consider using discretion in accordance with this ABT Selection Process & Criteria and/or in the event of circumstances such as but not limited to:

- 14.1. Injury or long term sickness resulting in missed ABT Testing Opportunities, IBSF Competitions and/or other events;
- 14.2. “Acts of God” - adverse weather conditions or other external factors resulting in modified or cancelled BSA Testing Opportunities;
- 14.3. “IBSF Rulings” - decisions made by the IBSF which impact the nations rankings or athlete results or qualification standards;
- 14.4. Other circumstances and/or events that in the determination of the Selection Committee, as appropriate, warrants the use of discretion.

15. Selection Policy Distribution

This document shall be available to all athletes at:

- The BSA website at <https://bobsleighskeleton.org.au>; and
- Will be e-mailed to the athletes who competed in the prior season

Appendix 1: General Selection Requirements

Physical Fitness Standards

| | | Men Bobsleigh | Women Bobsleigh |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Speed | 15m Sprint | 2.55 sec | 2.75 sec |
| | 30m Sprint | 4.20 sec | 4.60 sec |
| Strength | Standing Broad Jump | 2.40 m | 2.20 m |
| | Underhand Med Ball Throw | 7.50 m | 5.00 m |
| | Power Clean | 80kg | 40 kg |
| | Full Squat (3RM) | 80kg | 40 kg |