

2017 Commonwealth Youth Games Beach Volleyball Athlete Nomination Policy

Competition	<i>2017 Commonwealth Youth Games - Bahamas 18-23 July</i>
Aim	<i>To nominate two (2) Beach Volleyball Teams comprising the athletes that are considered the most likely to achieve a significant performance for Australia at the Commonwealth Youth Games.</i>
Selection Event(s)	<i>Men: Team (2 athletes per team) Women: Team (2 athletes per team)</i>
Eligibility	<p><i>To be considered for nomination, an athlete must;</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a) be born between January 1st, 1999 and December 31st, 2001;</i> <i>b) be an Australian citizen who is eligible to represent Australia at the Commonwealth Youth Games;</i> <i>c) not have represented another country in any sport since 01/01/2015;</i> <i>d) be a registered and financial member of a State or Territory volleyball governing body that is a Member of Volleyball Australia (as the term "Member" is defined in the Volleyball Australia Constitution);</i> <i>e) be compliant with all applicable anti-doping policies, including those of the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB), Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA) and Volleyball Australia (VA); and</i> <i>f) commit to signing and comply with the Team Agreement, Code of Conduct and associated policies.</i>
Nomination Criteria	<p><i>In making the nomination decisions, the Selection Committee, comprising of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• the VA High Performance Director (Chair);</i> <i>• the VA Beach Volleyball Technical Director;</i> <i>• the VA Beach Volleyball Men's/Women's Senior Coach (for the appropriate gender selections);</i> <i>• the VA Beach Volleyball Men's/Women's National Centre of Excellence Coach (for the appropriate gender selections);</i> <i>• up to two other persons with international Beach Volleyball experience, but unconnected to any athletes standing for selection;</i> <p><i>will take into account the following criteria at the Selection Committee's discretion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• Individual and team international results in 2015, 2016 and 2017 as appropriate;</i> <i>• The perceived ability of the team/athletes to achieve the best results at the Commonwealth Youth Games;</i> <i>• The perceived potential for development as individuals towards the 2022 Commonwealth Games and 2024 Olympic Games campaigns;</i> <i>• The team's/athlete's commitment to following the National Direction as specified by the Technical Director;</i> <i>• The team's/athlete's availability to compete in and prepare for the Commonwealth Youth Games;</i> <i>• Attendance and performance at National Junior Beach Volleyball Program camps;</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance and performance at National Junior Volleyball Program camps; • Australian Beach Volleyball Tour results in 2015, 2016 and 2017; • Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championship performance and results in 2016 and 2017; • AWE categorisation of the athletes; and • Injury status and expected competition readiness for the Commonwealth Youth Games event and associated preparation camps. <p><i>The above criteria will be applied in each selection decision. The weight given to each criterion will be totally at the discretion of the Selection Committee; and the weight may vary dependent on the selection decision being considered, and the timing of that decision.</i></p> <p><i>If a member of the Selection Committee has a direct coaching relationship or other close connection with a team or athlete being considered for selection, that person will not take part in the selection decision concerning that team, at the Chair's discretion.</i></p>
Team Size	<p><i>One (1) Male and One (1) Female team will be selected for competition, each team will comprise of two (2) athletes.</i></p>
Nominations	<p><i>To be eligible for nomination to the ACGA, athletes must:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a) Be named as part of the shadow squad;</i> <i>b) Sign the Team Agreement;</i> <i>c) Complete all forms and documentation provided by CGA; and</i> <i>d) Be available to attend a holding camp organised by CGA in the 3-4 days immediately prior to international departure to the Bahamas.</i> <p><i>Volleyball Australia will nominate athletes to CGA and CGA has final approval of all nominations.</i></p> <p><i>Final Team Nominations must be submitted to the CGA by 14th April 2017.</i></p>
Appeals	<p><i>The sole grounds upon which an athlete may appeal his or her non-nomination in a Team are:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. The Nomination Policy has not been properly followed or implemented;</i> <i>2. The athlete was prevented from having a reasonable opportunity to meet the Nomination Criteria;</i> <i>3. There was no material on which the decision of the athlete's non-selection could reasonably be based.</i> <p><i>Any appeal from an athlete against his or non-nomination by VA will be resolved according to the following procedure:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a) The appeal will be heard by the VA Appeal Tribunal (Tribunal).</i> <i>b) The appellant must be the athlete who has not been selected.</i>

	<p>c) <i>The appellant must give written notice, including grounds of his or her appeal to VA’s CEO within 48 hours of the being informed of the Selection Committee’s decision.</i></p> <p>d) <i>The Tribunal will comprise the following persons, as appointed by the VA Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>A barrister or solicitor who will act as Chair;</i> ○ <i>A person with a thorough knowledge of the sport and who preferably has had recent international competition experience in the sport; and</i> ○ <i>One other person of experience and skills suitable to the function of the Tribunal.</i> <p>e) <i>No person is eligible to be appointed to the Tribunal if he or she is a member of the VA Board or the Selection Committee, or if by reason of his or her relationship with the appellant or any member of the Board or Selection Committee he or she would be reasonably considered to be other than impartial.</i></p> <p>f) <i>The Tribunal will convene a hearing as soon as possible after the submission of the grounds of appeal. The Tribunal is not bound by the rules of evidence but must observe the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness.</i></p> <p>g) <i>Prior to the hearing, the Selection Committee will provide the Tribunal and the appellant with a written statement as to the reasons for the decision against which the appeal is made.</i></p> <p>h) <i>The Tribunal will give its decision as soon as practicable after the hearing and may provide the VA CEO and the appellant with a statement of the reasons for its decision.</i></p> <p>i) <i>The VA CEO or the Chair of the Tribunal may impose any other procedure for the appeal which, in either’s belief, is fair and appropriate in the circumstances.</i></p> <p><i>The decision of the Tribunal will be final and binding on the parties and it is agreed that neither party will institute or maintain proceedings in any court or tribunal other than the Tribunal.</i></p> <p><i>Failure to observe the above time limits will render any appeal a nullity provided that an athlete may apply to the VA CEO for an extension of time in which to commence an appeal. The VA CEO has discretion whether to grant an extension of time, although shall only do so in circumstances where the delay is caused by extenuating circumstances outside the control of the athlete concerned.</i></p>
<p>Withdrawal or de-selection</p>	<p><i>Any athlete who breaches or fails to observe this Policy or any other Policy referred to herein may, at the discretion of CGA, be made ineligible for nomination to, or continued membership of, a selected team.</i></p> <p><i>Should a nominated athlete withdraw or be de-selected from a team after the Team announcement, an identified reserve athlete from the Shadow Squad will be nominated to CGA for inclusion in the selected team.</i></p>

Amendments	<i>In conjunction with the CGA, Volleyball Australia reserves the right to amend the selection criteria at any stage and will notify all athletes within the shadow squad, of any changes made as soon as is practicable. Should any amendments be made to this Policy, Volleyball Australia will provide an updated Nomination Policy on the Volleyball Australia website.</i>
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