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QUALIFICATION, NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS TOWARDS
LONDON 2012

1. Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this document is to give wrestlers an overview of the qualification, nomination and selection process for the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

1.2 At the outset it is important to understand the following difference between **qualification** for the 2012 Olympic Games, **nomination** for the 2012 Australian Olympic Team and **selection** for the 2012 Australian Olympic Team:

a. Qualification

Wrestling Australia Inc. can only nominate a wrestler to the Australian Olympic Committee to be considered for selection to the 2012 Australian Olympic Team, if Australia has qualified in that particular Style and Olympic Weight Category at one of the Four Qualification Phases as set out in Section 5 below. The requirements for qualification are also set out in Section 5. It is important to note that, although the qualification is obtained by the wrestler, the qualification is allocated to the Australian Olympic Committee and not to the wrestler who obtained that qualification.

b. Nomination

If Australia qualified at one of the Four Qualification Phases as set out in Section 5 below and if Wrestling Australia Inc. would then like a wrestler to be considered by the Australian Olympic Committee for selection to the 2012 Australian Olympic Team in that particular Style and Olympic Weight Category, Wrestling Australia Inc. has to nominate the wrestler of their choice to the Australian Olympic Committee. As stated in a. above, the nomination can be for a different wrestler than the wrestler who obtained the qualification.

c. Selection

Selection to the 2012 Australian Olympic Team is made by the Australian Olympic Committee and not by Wrestling Australia Inc.

1.3 This document also addresses the process of selection to the Australian Wrestling Team to participate in the Preparation Program and potentially any of the Four Qualification Phases for the 2012 Olympic Games. It should be noted that selection to this Team does not guarantee eventual nomination to the Australian Olympic Committee.

2. Intent

2.1 The intent of this document is to set out the minimum eligibility, qualification, nomination and selection criteria that wrestlers must meet to be considered for selection to the Australian Team to participate in the Preparation Program and potentially any of the Four Qualification Phases for the 2012 Olympic Games and,

ultimately, for nomination to the Australian Olympic Committee for selection to the 2012 Australian Olympic Team.

- 2.2 The intent of Wrestling Australia Inc. is to select/nominate eligible wrestlers who are in the best form, in good standing with Wrestling Australia Inc. through adherence to the Wrestling Australia Inc. Athlete's Code of Behaviour, and who are clearly (in the opinion of Wrestling Australia Inc.) in form and fully committed to the Preparation Program that Wrestling Australia Inc. may determine for the 2012 Olympic Games.
- 2.3 It is the intent of Wrestling Australia Inc. to only include wrestlers in the Australian Team for the Preparation Program for, and for potential participation at, any of the Four Qualification Phases for the 2012 Olympic Games and, ultimately, for nomination to the Australian Olympic Committee for selection to the 2012 Australian Olympic Team who, in the opinion of Wrestling Australia Inc., are in the best form and internationally competitive for the purpose of the event in question at that time. It should be noted that Wrestling Australia Inc. is under no obligation to enter a full Team or any Team whatsoever in any of the events, competitions or tournaments as set out in the tables in Section 5 below, i.e. any such decision remains the sole discretion of Wrestling Australia Inc.
- 2.4 It is the intent of Wrestling Australia Inc. to consider a wrestler for selection/nomination who is ill or injured at the time of any of the events, competitions or tournaments as set out in the tables in Section 5 below, only if that wrestler is able to submit to Wrestling Australia Inc. a detailed Medical Report and Medical Certificate outlining the nature of the injury or illness and the likely recovery period before that wrestler should be able to be competitive at the level of the said competitions. However, including such a wrestler in any of the said events that remain after the wrestler's recovery, remains the sole discretion of Wrestling Australia Inc.
- 2.5 It is the intent of Wrestling Australia Inc. to adhere to the provisions of the Qualification System for the 2012 Olympic Games as published by FILA.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1 To be eligible for selection to the Australian Team to participate in the Preparation Program and potentially any of the Four Qualification Phases for the 2012 Olympic Games, a wrestler must:
- a. Be an Australian Citizen and have a valid and current Australian Passport that meets the requirements for travelling to the Olympic Games in 2012. Proof of such citizenship and passport must be provided to Wrestling Australia Inc. before the wrestler will be allowed to participate in the 2011 Australian Challenger Trials or in the 2011 Australian Olympic Trials. (**NOTE:** See 3.7 below);
 - b. Be a current financial member of Wrestling Australia Inc. and of the relevant State Wrestling Association; and

c. Sign and adhere to the Wrestling Australia Inc. Athlete's Code of Behaviour.

3.2 All wrestlers must conform to the provisions of the current Olympic Charter and the Wrestling Australia Inc. Athlete's Code of Behaviour, and only those who respect and adhere to it will be able to take part in the Olympic Games.

3.3 Only licensed wrestlers recorded in FILA's official database will be eligible to participate in the qualifying competitions and the 2012 Olympic Games.

3.4 Wrestlers aged under 18 in the year of the Olympic Games will not be authorised to take part in the Olympic competition or in any other senior wrestling competition.

3.5 Wrestlers aged 18 in the year of the Olympic Games are required to provide a medical certificate and authorisation of a parent or legal guardian to Wrestling Australia Inc. before the wrestler will be allowed to participate in any senior competition (**NOTE:** See 3.6 below).

3.6 Wrestlers aged 17 in 2011 will not be considered in 2011 for selection to the Australian Team to participate in the Preparation Program and potentially any of the Four Qualification Phases for the 2012 Olympic Games. However, should such a wrestler succeed at the 2012 Junior and Citizenship Challenge as set out in Section 5 below, that wrestler could then be considered by Wrestling Australia Inc. for selection to the Australian Team to participate in the remainder of the Preparation Program and potentially any of the Four Qualification Phases for the 2012 Olympic Games.

3.7 Wrestlers who do not meet the Australian Citizenship or Australian Passport requirements in 3.1.a. above, will not be eligible for selection to the Australian Team to participate in the Preparation Program and potentially any of the Four Qualification Phases for the 2012 Olympic Games. However, should a wrestler meet these requirements by the deadline for registration for the 2012 Junior and Citizenship Challenge as set out in Section 5 below and should that wrestler succeed at that Event, that wrestler could then be considered by Wrestling Australia Inc. for selection to the Australian Team to participate in the remainder of the Preparation Program and potentially any of the Four Qualification Phases for the 2012 Olympic Games.

4. Representing Australia in the Preparation Program and Qualification Phases

4.1 It is the intent of Wrestling Australia Inc. to identify wrestlers who are in the best form towards the end of 2011 to be considered for possible selection to the Australian Team to participate in the Preparation Program and potentially any of the Four Qualification Phases for the 2012 Olympic Games.

4.2 To enable Wrestling Australia Inc. to identify the wrestlers who are in the best form towards the end of 2011, Wrestling Australia Inc. will host the 2011 Australian Challenger Trials and the 2011 Australian Olympic Trials as set out in the tables in Section 5 below.

- 4.3 To be considered for selection to represent Australia in the Preparation Program and potentially any of the Four Qualification Phases for the 2012 Olympic Games, a wrestler must achieve the results at the various competitions as set out in the tables in Section 5 below.
- 4.4 Wrestling Australia Inc. is under no obligation to enter a full Team or any Team whatsoever in any of the events, competitions or tournaments as set out in the tables in Section 5 below.
- 4.5 A wrestler will only be considered for inclusion in the Australian Team for the Preparation Program and potential participation at any of the Four Qualification Phases for the 2012 Olympic Games if, in addition to any qualification criteria set by FILA, the Australian Olympic Committee, the International Olympic Committee or any other relevant Body, the wrestler is clearly (in the opinion of Wrestling Australia Inc.) in form and fully committed to the Training Program, including any overseas Training Camps and Competitions, that Wrestling Australia Inc. may determine as part of the Preparation Program for the 2012 Olympic Games.

5. Qualification

- 5.1 The tables below contain a summary of the qualification process for possible selection to represent Australia in the Preparation Program and potentially any of the Four Qualification Phases for the 2012 Olympic Games.
- 5.2 The tables below also set out the Four Qualification Phases determined by FILA for the 2012 Olympic Games. Wrestling Australia Inc. can only nominate a wrestler to the Australian Olympic Committee who in turn can only select a wrestler to the 2012 Australian Olympic Team if Australia actually qualified a position in that Style and Olympic Weight Category at one of the Four Qualification Phases.
- 5.3 Australia may enter only one wrestler in each Olympic Weight Category (by Style) for the Four Qualification Phases. Once Australia has had a wrestler qualify for the 2012 Olympic Games, Australia cannot enter any wrestler at all for the remaining Qualification Phases in that Olympic Weight Category (in that Style).
- 5.4 It is important to note that qualification does not guarantee nomination by Wrestling Australia Inc. to the Australian Olympic Committee or selection by the Australian Olympic Committee to the 2012 Australian Olympic Team (read Section 6 below).

STEP 1
2011 SENIOR AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

DATE	VENUE
24 – 26 June 2011	Melbourne, Australia

1. Only wrestlers who place first at the 2011 Senior Australian National Championships in the Style and Olympic Weight Category in which they intend to qualify for the 2012 Olympic Games, will be considered for selection in the Australian Team to the 2011 Senior World Championships.
2. Only wrestlers who place first, second or third at the 2011 Senior Australian National Championships in the Style and Olympic Weight Category in which they intend to qualify for the 2012 Olympic Games, will gain automatic entry to the 2011 Australian Olympic Trials.
3. Wrestlers who place first, second, third, fourth, fifth or sixth at the 2011 Senior Australian National Championships in the Style and Olympic Weight Category in which they intend to qualify for the 2012 Olympic Games, will be included in the Australian Shadow Team for the 2012 Olympic Games. The naming of the Shadow Team is for administrative purposes only and is no indication whatsoever that the wrestler will be selected/nominated. It remains the sole discretion of Wrestling Australia Inc. to include any additional wrestlers in the Shadow Team.

NOTE: Wrestlers who have placed first at the 2011 Senior Australian National Championships will be regarded as the first ranked wrestlers in that style and Olympic Weight Category for the purpose of possible selection to the Australian Team to participate in the 2011 Commonwealth Senior Championships.

STEP 2
2011 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

DATE	VENUE
12 – 18 September 2011	Istanbul, Turkey

1. The first six male and six female wrestlers in each Olympic Weight Category, ranked in the 2011 World Championships, will be qualified for the Olympic Games.
2. Only wrestlers who have placed first at the 2011 Senior Australian National Championships in the Style and Olympic Weight Category in which they intend to qualify for the 2012 Olympic Games, will be considered for selection in the Australian Team to the 2011 Senior World Championships.

STEP 3**2011 AUSTRALIAN CHALLENGER TRIALS****DATE**

12 August 2011

VENUE

Melbourne, Australia

1. Only wrestlers who have placed first, second, third, fourth, fifth or sixth at the Senior Australian National Championships in this quadrennial, i.e. 2009 – 2011, in the Style and Olympic Weight Category in which they intend to qualify for the 2012 Olympic Games, are able to enter the 2011 Australian Challenger Trials. These wrestlers must register their challenges with Wrestling Australia Inc. by no later than 5pm AEST on 15 July 2011 and at the same time pay a Registration Fee of \$300. This Registration Fee will be refunded should the wrestler actually turn up and compete in the 2011 Australian Challenger Trials, but forfeited if they do not turn up and compete (unless due to injury or illness as provided for in Section 7 below).

NOTE: Wrestlers who have placed first, second or third at the 2011 Senior Australian National Championships in the Style and Olympic Weight Category in which they intend to qualify for the 2012 Olympic Games have gained automatic entry to the 2011 Australian Olympic Trials and do not have to participate in the 2011 Australian Challenger Trials.

2. The 2011 Australian Challenger Trials will be a single elimination competition and there will be no weight allowance.
3. Only the wrestler who place first in each Olympic Weight Category will advance from the 2011 Australian Challenger Trials to the 2011 Australian Olympic Trials in that Style and Olympic Weight Category.

STEP 4**2011 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TRIALS****DATE**

7 – 9 October 2011

VENUE

Australian Institute of Sport, Canberra, Australia

1. Only wrestlers who have placed first, second or third at the 2011 Senior Australian National Championships in the Style and Olympic Weight Category in which they intend to qualify for the 2012 Olympic Games, will gain automatic entry to the 2011 Australian Olympic Trials. The only other wrestlers who may participate in the 2011 Australian Olympic Trials are those wrestlers who placed first in each Olympic Weight Category at the 2011 Australian Challenger Trials, as well as those wrestlers authorised by Wrestling Australia Inc. under the provisions of Section 7 below.
2. Any of the above wrestlers who wish to participate in the 2011 Australian Olympic Trials must register as such with Wrestling Australia Inc. by no later than 5pm AEST on 1

September 2011 and at the same time pay a Registration Fee of \$300. This Registration Fee will be refunded should the wrestler actually turn up and compete in the 2011 Australian Olympic Trials, but forfeited if they do not turn up and compete (unless due to injury or illness as provided for in Section 7 below).

3. There will be no weight allowance at the 2011 Australian Olympic Trials.
4. The competition in each Style and Olympic Weight Category will take place in the following sequence:
 - 4.1 Wrestlers authorised under the provisions of Section 7 below will wrestle off against each other (single elimination).
 - 4.2 Winner of the wrestle offs in 3.1 above vs. Winner of 2011 Australian Challenger Trials (single elimination). The winner of this bout is regarded as Wrestler 4 for the purpose of the 2011 Australian Olympic Trials.
 - 4.3 Wrestler 4 as determined by the match in 3.2 above, and the First, Second and Third placed wrestlers from the 2011 Senior Australian National Championships, will then compete in a round robin system against each other, i.e. each wrestler will wrestle one match against each of the other three (or less, depending on the number competing) wrestlers.
 - 4.4 The top 2 placed wrestlers based on the round robin in 3.3 above then wrestle (best of three matches). The winner is regarded as the first placed wrestler at the 2011 Australian Olympic Trials.
5. The wrestlers who have placed first at the 2011 Australian Olympic Trials will be regarded as the first ranked wrestlers in that Style and Olympic Weight Category for the purposes of possible selection to the Australian Team to participate in the 2012 Oceania Championships and the 2012 Oceania and African Continental Qualification Tournament.

STEP 5

2012 JUNIOR AND CITIZENSHIP CHALLENGE

DATE	VENUE
6 – 8 January 2012	To be confirmed

1. Wrestlers aged 17 in 2011 as well as wrestlers who did not meet the Australian Citizenship or Australian Passport requirements in 3.1.a. above, have an opportunity through the 2012 Junior and Citizenship Challenge to challenge the first ranked wrestler in that Style and Olympic Weight Category for the purposes of possible selection to the Australian Team to participate in the 2012 Oceania Championships and the 2012 Oceania and African Continental Qualification Tournament.

2. Any of the above wrestlers who wish to participate in the 2012 Junior and Citizenship Challenge must register as such with Wrestling Australia Inc. by no later than 5pm AEST on 2 December 2011 and at the same time pay a Registration Fee of \$300. This Registration Fee will be refunded should the wrestler actually turn up and compete in the 2012 Junior and Citizenship Challenge, but forfeited if they do not turn up and compete (unless due to injury or illness as provided for in Section 7 below).
3. There will be no weight allowance at the 2012 Junior and Citizenship Challenge.
4. The competition in each Style and Olympic Weight Category will take place in the following sequence:
 - 4.1 If there is more than one challenger, those challengers will wrestle off against each other (single elimination).
 - 4.2 Winner of the wrestle offs in 4.1 above vs. Winner of 2011 Australian Olympic Trials (best of three matches).
5. The wrestlers who have placed first at the 2012 Junior and Citizenship Challenge will be regarded as the first ranked wrestlers in that Style and Olympic Weight Category for the purposes of possible selection to the Australian Team to participate in the 2012 Oceania Championships and the 2012 Oceania and African Continental Qualification Tournament.

STEP 6	
2012 OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS	
DATE	VENUE
28 – 29 January 2012	Sydney, Australia
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Although the 2012 Continental Championships are not part of the qualification system for the 2012 Olympic Games, National Federations have to participate in the 2012 Continental Championships with at least the same number of participants as they will enter in the Continental Qualifying Tournaments. 2. The wrestlers who have placed first at the 2011 Australian Olympic Trials will be regarded as the first ranked wrestlers in that Style and Olympic Weight Category for the purpose of possible selection to the Australian Team to participate in the 2012 Oceania Championships, unless they have been replaced as the first ranked wrestler through the 2012 Junior and Citizenship Challenge in Step 5 above. 	

STEP 7**OCEANIA AND AFRICAN CONTINENTAL QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT****DATE**16 – 18 March
2012**VENUE**

Location to be confirmed

1. The first two male and two female wrestlers in each Olympic Weight Category, ranked in the 2012 Oceania and African Continental Qualification Tournament, will be qualified for the Olympic Games.
2. The wrestlers who have placed first at the 2011 Australian Olympic Trials will be regarded as the first ranked wrestlers in that Style and Olympic Weight Category for the purpose of possible selection to the Australian Team to participate in the 2012 Oceania and African Continental Qualification Tournament, unless they have been replaced as the first ranked wrestler through the 2012 Junior and Citizenship Challenge in Step 5 above.

STEP 8**1st INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT****DATE**

25 – 29 April 2012

VENUE

Taiyuan, China

1. The first three male and two female wrestlers in each Olympic Weight Category, ranked in the 1st International Qualification Tournament, will be qualified for the Olympic Games.
2. Selection to the Australian Team for participation in the 1st International Qualification Tournament (on a funded or self-funded basis) will be considered based on the individual wrestler's performance at the 2012 Oceania and African Continental Qualification Tournament.

STEP 9**2ND INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT****DATE**

2 – 6 May 2012

VENUE

Helsinki, Finland

1. The first two male and two female wrestlers in each Olympic Weight Category, ranked in the 2nd International Qualification Tournament, will be qualified for the Olympic Games.
2. Selection to the Australian Team for participation in the 2nd International Qualification Tournament (on a funded or self-funded basis) will be considered based on the individual wrestler's performance at the 2012 Oceania and African Continental Qualification Tournament and, if participated, also at the 1st International Qualification Tournament.

STEP 10**FINAL TEST EVENT: 2012 SENIOR AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS****DATE**

18 – 20 May 2012

VENUE

To be confirmed

1. In respect of each place obtained/qualified for Australia at any of the Four Qualification Phases it is the intent of Wrestling Australia Inc. to nominate to the Australian Olympic Committee the wrestler who is in the best form and fully committed to the Preparation Program that Wrestling Australia Inc. may determine for the 2012 Olympic Games.
2. The 2012 Senior Australian National Championships will be used as the Final Test Event for the purpose of confirming the wrestler who is in the best form at that time. Should the wrestler (hereinafter referred to as 'the Qualifying Wrestler') who obtained the qualification for Australia at one of the Four Qualification Phases win the Gold Medal (without losing a single bout) at the 2012 Senior Australian National Championships, that wrestler will be regarded as the wrestler in the best form and will not be subjected by Wrestling Australia Inc. to any further challenges from other wrestlers.
3. Should the Qualifying Wrestler not win the Gold Medal at the 2012 Senior Australian National Championships or win the Gold Medal but lose one or more bouts in the process, that Qualifying Wrestler can be challenged by the wrestler(s) against whom he/she lost as well as by those who finished in a higher position than that Qualifying Wrestler at the 2012 Senior Australian National Championships.

STEP 11**FINAL CHALLENGE EVENT****DATE**

No later than 3 June 2012

VENUE

To be confirmed

1. Any challenges that arise as described in Step 10 above must be registered with Wrestling Australia Inc. by no later than 5pm AEST on 22 May 2012. Wrestling Australia Inc. will then determine and communicate by no later than 5pm AEST on 24 May 2012 a date and venue for this Final Challenge Event, which will be held by no later than 3 June 2012.
2. At the Final Challenge Event the Qualifying Wrestlers who did not win the Gold Medal at the 2012 Senior Australian National Championships or won the Gold Medal but lost one or more bouts in the process, will be required to wrestle each of their challengers (provided they beat their challengers) in a best of three matches elimination as follows:

Round One
Qualifying Wrestler vs. Challenger who finished one place higher at the 2012 Senior Australian National Championships (best of three matches).

Round Two

Winner of First Round match vs. Challenger who finished one place higher at the 2012 Senior Australian National Championships (best of three matches).

The above process will continue until all the Challengers from Step 10 above have participated.

3. The winner of the final match (best of three matches) will then be regarded as the wrestler in the best form and will not be subjected by Wrestling Australia Inc. to any further challenges from other wrestlers.

6. Nomination and Selection

6.1 The wrestler who has been identified through the process described in Step 10 and Step 11 above as the wrestler in the best form in that particular Style and Olympic Weight Category, will only be nominated by Wrestling Australia Inc. to the Australian Olympic Committee for selection to the 2012 Australian Olympic Team if, in addition to any qualification criteria set by FILA, the Australian Olympic Committee, the International Olympic Committee or any other relevant Body, the wrestler is clearly (in the opinion of Wrestling Australia Inc.) fully committed to the Preparation Program that Wrestling Australia Inc. may determine for the 2012 Olympic Games, and if that wrestler meets all the other eligibility criteria as set out in Section 3 above.

6.2 The deadline for nomination by Wrestling Australia Inc. of qualifying wrestlers to the Australian Olympic Committee for consideration for selection to the 2012 Australian Olympic Team, is 10am on 22 June 2012.

6.3 The deadline for the final entry of the selected wrestlers by the Australian Olympic Committee to the Organising Committee of the 2012 Olympic Games, is 9 July 2012.

7. Injury or Illness

7.1 As stated in Section 2 above, it is the intent of Wrestling Australia Inc. to consider a wrestler for selection/nomination who is ill or injured at the time of any of the events, competitions or tournaments as set out in the tables in Section 5 above, only if that wrestler is able to submit to Wrestling Australia Inc. a detailed Medical Report and Medical Certificate outlining the nature of the injury or illness and the likely recovery period before that wrestler should be able to be competitive at the level of the said competitions.

7.2 It is important to note that, including such a wrestler in any of the said events that remain after the wrestler's recovery, remains the sole discretion of Wrestling Australia Inc.

7.3 Wrestling Australia Inc. will only consider including such a wrestler in any of the said events that remain after the wrestler's recovery if, in the sole discretion of Wrestling Australia Inc., that wrestler is likely to be the wrestler in the best form in that Style and Olympic Weight Category for the purpose of representing Australia in the preparation Program and potentially any of the Four Qualification Phases for the 2012 Olympic Games and, ultimately, for nomination to the Australian Olympic Committee for participation at the 2012 Olympic Games.

7.4 Wrestling Australia Inc. reserves the right to determine the most appropriate method and timing for the injured/ill wrestler to, if approved by Wrestling Australia Inc., challenge the higher ranked wrestlers in that Style and Olympic Weight Category.

7.5 Wrestlers should note that it is the intent of Wrestling Australia Inc. to, only in exceptional circumstances, allow for an additional challenge/trial process for an injured/ill wrestler to challenge the higher ranked wrestlers.