

ACT TEAM SELECTION POLICY FOR 2010 ELITE MALE COMMONWEALTH GAMES TEAM SELECTION EVENT IN FREMANTLE WA 18 – 21 MARCH 2010.

1. DATE OF ACT SELECTION TRIALS

At this time there is no ACT Selection Event; if necessary any selection bouts will be run at the NSW Selection Event 13 & 14 February 2010.

2. AGE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible a boxer must have been born in the years 1976 -1993.

3. WEIGHT DIVISIONS

The weight divisions to be contested at the 2010 Elite Male Commonwealth Games Team Selection Event are:

U49 kg, 49-52 kg, 52-56 kg, 56-60 kg, 60-64 kg, 64-69 kg, 69-75 kg, 75-81 kg, 81-91 kg, and 91+ kg.

4. BOXER NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the 2010 Elite Male Commonwealth Games Team Selection Event ACT Team must be made in writing and be with the Secretary by COB Friday 29 January 2010.

Nominations for the 2010 Elite Male Commonwealth Games Team Selection Event ACT Team are restricted to boxers who are registered and financial with Boxing ACT as at 29 January 2010.

A nominee must have proof of having had at least five (5) competition bouts in order to be eligible to nominate.

5. SELECTION COMMITTEE

Prior to the close of boxer nominations the Board shall appoint a Selection Committee to assess all ACT nominations for the 2010 Elite Male Commonwealth Games Team Selection Event.

The Selection Committee shall comprise the ACT Team Coach, the Secretary, and the Assistant team coach.

The Selection Committee shall consider all nominations as soon as practicable after closing date, and shall ensure that all nominations satisfy all the requirements of this selection regulation.

The Selection Committee shall submit to the Board a statement certifying which eligible nominations have been received for each weight division, and shall advise the Board whether each nominee is considered to have adequate experience to compete at the 2010 Elite Male Commonwealth Games Team Selection Event.

The Board shall determine which of the eligible nominations shall be accepted and shall advise the nominees.

Where there are two or more eligible nominees in the same division, the selection shall be determined by a competition bout at the NSW selection event on 13 & 14 February 2010.

The Selection Committee may seek information about a nominee, and may interview a nominee or coach, in order to make an informed recommendation to the Board.

6. NOMINEES MUST WEIGH-IN

Boxers must weigh in at a time and place nominated by the Secretary prior to 6 February 2010 unless competing at the NSW Selection Event.

Boxers who do not have a challenge bout and are competing at another Boxing Association event will be deemed to have weighed in. If a Boxer does not have a challenge bout and is training in another State they can seek to be weighed by an official of the other State, however such a request must be with the Secretary at the time of nomination.

Boxers without a challenge bout will be given a two kilo allowance over their nominated weight.

Boxers who fail to weigh-in at the nominated place and time cannot be selected except in exceptional circumstances as approved by unanimous vote of the Board.

7. SELECTION OF ACT COACHING TEAM

Nominations for the position of ACT Team Coach, Assistant Coach, and a Team Manager for the 2010 Elite Male Commonwealth Games Team Selection Event close at COB 29 January 2010.

The Board will appoint these positions within 1 week of nominations closing.

8. SELECTION TRIALS WINNERS

The winner of any selection bout will be selected to go to the 2010 Elite Male Commonwealth Games Team Selection Event, subject to meeting and continuing to meet the conditions of selection.

The winners of selection bouts cannot be challenged for the selection.

9. PROTESTS

Each ACT selection bout at the NSW Selection Event will be assessed by a Jury in addition to the five bout judges. The jury shall be appointed prior to the commencement of the event by the Referee & Judge Coordinator. The senior R&J member on the jury shall act as the jury chairperson.

A protest against a decision at the Selection Trials must be lodged with the Jury Chairperson within 30 minutes of the decision's announcement.

The outcome of a protest will be determined by the Jury.

10. INSUFFICIENT NOMINATIONS

If the only nominee in a weight division is the current ACT, Australian, Oceania or Commonwealth champion, he shall be selected for the nominated category for the 2010 Elite Male Commonwealth Games Team Selection Event ACT Team. The boxer cannot be challenged for the selection.

If the only nominee in a weight division is not the current ACT, Australian, Oceania or Commonwealth champion, the Board may select that boxer upon the recommendation of the Selection Committee following assessment of the boxer's experience and skill in consultation with the boxer's coach. The boxer cannot be challenged if selected.

11. CONDITIONS OF SELECTION

Selection is conditional on the boxer acknowledging that he will be responsible for funding part or all of the travel & accommodation costs and the cost of uniforms.

Selection is conditional on the boxer:

- maintaining weight for their chosen division
- maintaining match fitness
- attending training sessions as required by the ACT Team Coach
- being available to attend and participate in the 2010 Elite Male Commonwealth Games Team Selection Event.

The boxer must advise the ACT Team Coach immediately of any circumstance that places in doubt their ability to fulfill this undertaking.

12. CANCELLATION OF SELECTION

On the recommendation of the Selection Committee, an ACT Team member may be removed by the Board because of injury, illness, poor progress, failure to attend team training sessions, or unsatisfactory conduct.

On the recommendation of the Selection Committee, an ACT Team member may be removed by the Board because there is no reasonable expectation of at least one other competitor being available in their weight division at the 2010 Elite Male Commonwealth Games Team Selection Event.

If, after the finalisation of the team's travel & accommodation bookings, a team member is removed because of poor progress, failure to attend team training sessions, or unsatisfactory conduct, he may be held liable to pay any outstanding charges for accommodation incurred on their behalf, and any subsequent registrations or appointments applied for by that person may be refused till such charges have been paid.

In the event that a team member fails to attend the 2010 Elite Male Commonwealth Games Team Selection Event, or fails to carry out the duties and responsibilities required of them at the Selection Event, without cause acceptable to the Board, he may be held liable to pay any outstanding charges for travel & accommodation incurred on their behalf, and any subsequent registrations or appointments applied for by that person may be refused till such charges have been paid.

13. REPLACEMENT OF TEAM MEMBER ETC

If a boxer selected for the ACT team is removed, or for any other reason becomes unavailable to compete at the 2010 Elite Male Commonwealth Games Team Selection Event, the Board may:

- select in his place the runner-up in the Selection bout, or;
- if there is no runner-up, or the runner-up is unavailable or unfit, select another boxer;
- or
- determine that no suitable replacement is available.

Where no nominations are received for a particular division at the trials, the Board may in exceptional circumstances appoint a boxer to fill the vacancy in that division.

Decisions under this section shall be made by the Board upon the written recommendation of the Selection Committee following assessment of the boxer's experience and skill.

No replacement may be made after the final date for confirmation of team numbers and travel & accommodation bookings.

14. PERSONAL COACH AND FAMILY

The boxer's personal coach or family members who wish to attend the 2010 Elite Male Commonwealth Games Team Selection Event shall do so entirely at their own expense.

The boxer's personal coach may assist in the boxer's corner at the 2010 Elite Male Commonwealth Games Team Selection Event only at the discretion of the ACT Team Coach.

BOXING ACT APPEALS TRIBUNAL

In this section, the term “association” refers to the Board of Boxing ACT Incorporated.

A boxer may lodge a notice of appeal against his non-selection for the team to the 2010 Elite Male Commonwealth Games Team Selection Event, or against his dismissal from the team. The notice shall be in writing and must be delivered to the Secretary of the association within 72 hours of the announcement of the decision which is being appealed.

Within 5 working days of receipt by the association of the notice of appeal, the boxer shall submit to the Secretary of the association a written statement fully setting out the grounds for the appeal, accompanied by a non-refundable deposit of \$100 payable to the association.

Appeals shall be heard by an independent Appeals Tribunal which shall be appointed by the association upon receipt of a notice of appeal.

Prior to the hearing of the appeal, the association will provide the Appeals Tribunal with a statement of reasons for the decision against which the boxer is appealing.

The Tribunal shall consist of a chairperson who shall be a barrister or solicitor, and a second person with a thorough knowledge of the sport. A third person with skills and experience suitable to the Tribunal’s purpose may also be appointed.

No person shall be appointed as a Tribunal member if they hold a position on the Board of the association, or if their impartiality could reasonably be questioned by virtue of their relationship with the appellant or any other person whose interests may be affected by the outcome of a Tribunal decision.

Should an appellant challenge the impartiality of any member of the Tribunal that challenge will be determined by the chairperson of the Tribunal and is final.

The Tribunal:

- shall observe the principles of natural justice;
- is not bound by the rules of evidence;
- will conduct its hearings with minimal formality and technicality;
- may conduct its business via telephone or video conferencing;
- shall only hear complaints where it is satisfied that grounds for appeal exist;
- shall not permit parties to an appeal to be represented by a barrister or solicitor;
- shall ensure that any party whose interests may be affected by the outcome of an appeal be invited to appear at any hearing and/or make submissions;
- shall notify its decision and reasons for same to the parties to the appeal, and to the Secretary of the association;
- may uphold a selection decision;
- may declare a selection decision invalid and in such case shall normally refer the matter back to the selection panel for determination in accordance with selection criteria;
- may declare a selection decision invalid and in exceptional circumstances may substitute its own decision if it considers it to be desirable in the circumstances.

The sole grounds for a boxer to appeal to the Tribunal are that:

- the selection criteria have not been properly followed; or
- the boxer was not afforded a reasonable opportunity to satisfy the selection criteria; or
- the decision was affected by bias; or
- there was no material on which the original selection decision could reasonably be based.

The decision of the Appeals Tribunal is final.