

ACT TEAM SELECTION POLICY FOR 2007 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. DATE OF ACT SELECTION TRIALS

The ACT Selection Trials for the 2007 Australian Championships team will be held in Canberra on Saturday 13 October 2007.

2. AGE DIVISIONS AT AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The age divisions for which nominations can be accepted are as follows:

- a) Under 17 (ages 14-16 incl)(males and females);
- b) Under 19 (ages 17-18 incl)(males and females);
- c) Senior (ages 17-33 incl)(males and females).

3. BOXER NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the 2007 ACT Selection Trials must be made in writing and be with the Secretary by 30 September 2007.

Nominations for the 2007 ACT Selection Trials are restricted to boxers who are registered and financial with Boxing ACT as at 30 September 2007.

A nominee for a senior male division must have proof of having had at least two competition bouts in order to be eligible to nominate.

In addition to the above restrictions, a registered ACT boxer who has transferred registration from another state or territory association during the current year must have registered in the ACT prior to 30 September 2007 in order to be eligible to nominate.

4. DETERMINATION OF AGE

At the 2007 ACT Selection Trials, boxers must compete in the age division which will apply to them at the time of the 2007 Australian Championships.

To compete in the relevant age division at the Australian Championships, each boxer must be within the appropriate age range on the morning of the first day's weigh-in at the Australian Championships in December 2007.

5. SELECTION COMMITTEE

Prior to the close of boxer nominations the Board shall appoint a Selection Committee to assess all ACT nominations for the 2007 Australian Championships.

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 age and weight division, and shall advise the Board whether each nominee is considered to have adequate experience to compete at the Australian Championships.

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 selection event on 13 October 2007. Where necessary, any preliminary bouts shall be held prior to that date.

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.

Special arrangements for 2007 World Championships

In the event that an ACT boxer is a member of the Australian Team to the World Championships in October 2007, he shall be automatically selected for his division at the Australian Championships without the requirement to weigh-in or compete at the ACT Selection Event. However a second boxer may also be selected for the relevant weight division using the procedures outlined in this regulation.

6. NOMINEES MUST WEIGH-IN AT SELECTION EVENT

Boxers must weigh in at the selection event on Saturday 13 October 2007 even if they are not competing in a selection bout on that day.

Boxers who do not have a challenge bout and are competing at another Boxing Association event will be deemed to have weighed in.

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

Boxers who fail to weigh-in at the selection event 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, two Assistant Coaches, and a Team Manager for the 2007 Australian Championships close on 26 September 2007.

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

8. SELECTION TRIALS WINNERS

The winner in each weight category in the Under-17, Under-19, and Senior age divisions at the 2007 ACT Selection Trials will be selected to go to the

2007 Australian Championships, subject to meeting and continuing to meet the conditions of selection.

The winners of the Selection Trials cannot be challenged for the selection.

9. PROTESTS

Each contest at the Selection Trials 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 category of the Selection Trials is the current ACT, Australian, Oceania or Commonwealth champion in any weight division, he or she shall be selected for the nominated category for the 2007 Australian Championships team. The boxer cannot be challenged for the selection.

If the only nominee in a category of the Selection Trials is not the current ACT, Australian, Oceania or Commonwealth champion in any weight division, 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 or she will be responsible for funding part or all of the travel and 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 Australian Championships

The boxer must advise the ACT Team Coach immediately of any circumstance that places in doubt their ability to fulfil 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 age/weight division at the Australian Championships.

If, after the finalisation of the team's travel and accommodation bookings, a team member is removed because of poor progress, failure to attend team training sessions, or unsatisfactory conduct, he or she may be held liable to pay any outstanding charges for travel and 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 Australian Championships, or fails to carry out the duties and responsibilities required of them at the Championships, without cause acceptable to the Board, he or she may be held liable to pay any outstanding charges for travel and 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 Australian Championships, the Board may:

- a) select in his or her place the runner-up in the Selection Trials, or;
- b) if there is no runner-up, or the runner-up is unavailable or unfit, select another boxer; or
- c) 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 and accommodation bookings.

14.PERSONAL COACH AND FAMILY

The boxer's personal coach or family members who wish to travel to the Australian Championships shall do so entirely at their own expense. The boxer's personal coach may assist in the boxer's corner at the Australian Championships 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 or her non-selection for the team to the Australian Championships, or against his or her 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:

- a) shall observe the principles of natural justice;
- b) is not bound by the rules of evidence;
- c) will conduct its hearings with minimal formality and technicality;
- d) may conduct its business via telephone or video conferencing;
- e) shall only hear complaints where it is satisfied that grounds for appeal exist;
- f) shall not permit parties to an appeal to be represented by a barrister or solicitor;
- g) 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;
- h) shall notify its decision and reasons for same to the parties to the appeal, and to the Secretary of the association;
- i) may uphold a selection decision;
- j) 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;
- k) 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:

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

The decision of the Appeals Tribunal is final.