

**2016 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM  
FOOTBALL FEDERATION AUSTRALIA  
NOMINATION CRITERIA – FOOTBALL WOMEN**

**1 Shadow Team**

- (1) Football Federation Australia Limited (FFA) will choose Athletes from within its sport to be members of the AOC's Shadow Team. The AOC may also recognise other Athletes from within this sport to be members of the Shadow Team.
- (2) In order to be chosen by FFA as a member of the Shadow Team each Athlete must have, during 2014, 2015 or 2016, been either;
  - (a) invited to attend a national training camp for the Matildas or Young Matildas; or
  - (b) selected in the squad for a Matildas or Young Matildas match.
- (3) In order to be recognised as a member of the Shadow Team the Athlete must have signed:
  - (a) the Consent to Shadow Team Membership Form (Attachment 1) and in the case of minors, the Parents/Guardians Acknowledgment for Minors Form (Attachment 2) and provided it electronically to the AOC via the Olympic Team Portal; and
  - (b) the statutory declaration regarding anti-doping matters as required by the AOC from time to time (Attachment 3) and provide the original to the AOC at PO Box R1788 Royal Exchange NSW 1225.
- (4) FFA will provide all Athletes chosen or recognised as members of the Shadow Team with the Selection Criteria and this Nomination Criteria. The AOC Olympic Team Selection By-Law and the Qualification System will be made available on the AOC's website ([www.olympics.com.au](http://www.olympics.com.au)).
- (5) FFA will advise the AOC of the Athletes that it has chosen as members of the Shadow Team at such time as required by the AOC.
- (6) If an Athlete breaches the requirements of the Nomination Criteria, the Selection Criteria or the AOC Olympic Team Selection By-Law, FFA or the AOC may suspend or terminate the Athlete's membership of the Shadow Team.

**2 Nomination of Athletes**

For the purposes of nomination to the AOC of Athletes for selection to the 2016 Australian Olympic Team, FFA will nominate Athletes to the AOC for selection. In doing so, FFA will:

- (1) only nominate Athletes who are, or are recognised by the AOC as, members of the Shadow Team;
- (2) only nominate those Athletes it honestly believes have met the requirements described in the Selection Criteria;
- (3) only nominate those Athletes who have signed the AOC statutory declaration regarding anti-doping matters as required by the AOC from time to time;
- (4) not nominate more Athletes (including reserves) than the maximum number permitted under the Qualification System;
- (5) not nominate Athletes who have breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law unless the Athlete has already been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;

- (6) only nominate Athletes who, to the satisfaction of FFA, in its sole and absolute discretion, will achieve the optimum team compatibility and balance and assist in achieving the best possible results for Women's Football at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. In determining which athletes will be chosen, FFA will consider;
- (a) the current form of the Athlete;
  - (b) recent performances at international and club level;
  - (c) National/International experience of the Athlete;
  - (d) the Athlete's performance and discipline in national camps and tours;
  - (e) level of fitness of the Athlete;
  - (f) the Athlete's physiological capacity;
  - (g) the Athlete's technical ability;
  - (h) the Athlete's tactical understanding;
  - (i) the Athlete's mental strength;
  - (j) Team compatibility on and off the field;
  - (k) specific positional requirements to achieve optimal team balance;
  - (l) any injury issues relating to the Athlete (with the advice of the team physician);
  - (m) the Athlete's potential for future national teams;
  - (n) the Athlete's full availability for national team commitments;
  - (o) the ultimate objective for the team (i.e. the 2016 Olympic Games) and the Athlete's availability and suitability for preparation games leading up to and for this event; and
  - (p) whether nominating the Athlete is in accordance with FFA's regulations and policies and is not contrary to the interests of football in Australia generally.

### 3 **Extenuating Circumstances**

- (1) For the purposes of determining whether an athlete has met the requirements under clauses 1(2) and 2(6) of this Nomination Criteria, FFA may in its sole and absolute discretion give weight to any extenuating circumstances.
- (2) For the purposes of this clause 3, "extenuating circumstances" means an inability to compete and/or attend events, trials, training camps or other attendances arising from:
  - (a) injury or illness;
  - (b) travel delays;
  - (c) bereavement or disability arising from death or serious illness of an immediate family member; and/or
  - (d) any other factors reasonably considered by FFA to constitute extenuating circumstances.

#### 4 **Making of Nominations**

Nominations by FFA must be received by the AOC by 5pm AEST on 4 July 2016. Nominations made after this deadline (or within such further deadline as the AOC may allow) will be invalid unless made pursuant to a direction or award in respect of an appeal against non-nomination to the FFA Appeals Tribunal or the Court of Arbitration for Sport pursuant to the AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law and which appeal had been commenced prior to the deadline for receipt of nominations by the AOC.

The 5pm AEST on 4 July 2016 deadline for the making of nominations by FFA applies irrespective of any deadline prescribed under the Qualification System or by the Organising Committee for the 2016 Olympic Games.

#### 5 **Amendments to Nomination Criteria**

This Nomination Criteria may be amended by FFA with the prior written approval of the AOC. Any amended Nomination Criteria will be distributed by email to members of the Shadow Team by FFA and posted on FFA's website ([www.footballaustralia.com.au](http://www.footballaustralia.com.au)). An amended version will also be posted on the AOC website ([www.olympics.com.au](http://www.olympics.com.au)).

#### 6 **Interpretation**

(1) Words used in this Nomination Criteria have the same meaning ascribed to them in the AOC's Olympic Team Selection By-Law unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.

(2) In this Nomination Criteria the following words and phrases have the following meanings:

Matildas: means the Australian senior women's national football team selected by FFA from time to time.

Qualification System: means the 2016 FIFA Qualification System issued and approved by the IOC for the 2016 Olympic Games, Rio de Janeiro.

Young Matildas: means the Australian women's national under-20 football team selected by FFA from time to time.

#### 7 **Law**

This document is governed by the laws applicable in the State of New South Wales.