



TEAM PNG

Team PNG

Athletes Selection Policy



BASKETBALL FEDERATION of PNG

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background –

The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee (PNGOC) has developed this policy for the selection of athletes to represent PNG at respective Games from 2021 to 2024.

The (Games) being considered under this selection policy are:

- 2023 Pacific Games

The PNGOC is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the National Olympic Committee for Papua New Guinea. The IOC is the supreme authority in all matters concerning the Olympic Games.

PNGOC is also recognised by the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) and the Pacific Games Council (PGC) as members of the respective bodies. The CGF is the supreme authority in all matters concerning the Commonwealth Games as is the PGC the supreme authority in all matters concerning the Pacific Games.

The PNGOC has the sole and exclusive authority to determine its representation at the Games.

The PNGOC wishes to promote awareness and clear understanding of the process for nomination of Athletes by the National Federations (NF) and selection by the PNGOC for Team PNG (the Team) to compete in the Games.

The NF and its athletes wish to have a clear understanding of the process for nomination and selection of Athletes for the Team, and has agreed to the terms and conditions of this Policy for that purpose.

This Policy sets out the application, nomination and selection process by which eligible Athletes may be considered for nomination by the NF, and selection by the PNGOC, for Team PNG.

This Policy also sets out the procedures that must be followed for any appeal against a decision by the NF regarding an Athlete's nomination or non-nomination or a decision by the PNGOC regarding an Athlete's selection or non-selection to the Team.

This policy is to be referred to in the nomination criteria to be adopted by each National Federation (NF) for all athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to Team PNG to compete in the Games.

1.2 Purpose –

For PNGOC to select a team that:

- Has high performing athletes to represent Team PNG at the Games.
- Has a high percentage of Teams meeting the Performance Standards.
- Achieves the targets set out by PNGOC for the respective games.

2. Process

This policy has been adopted by the PNG Olympic Committee.

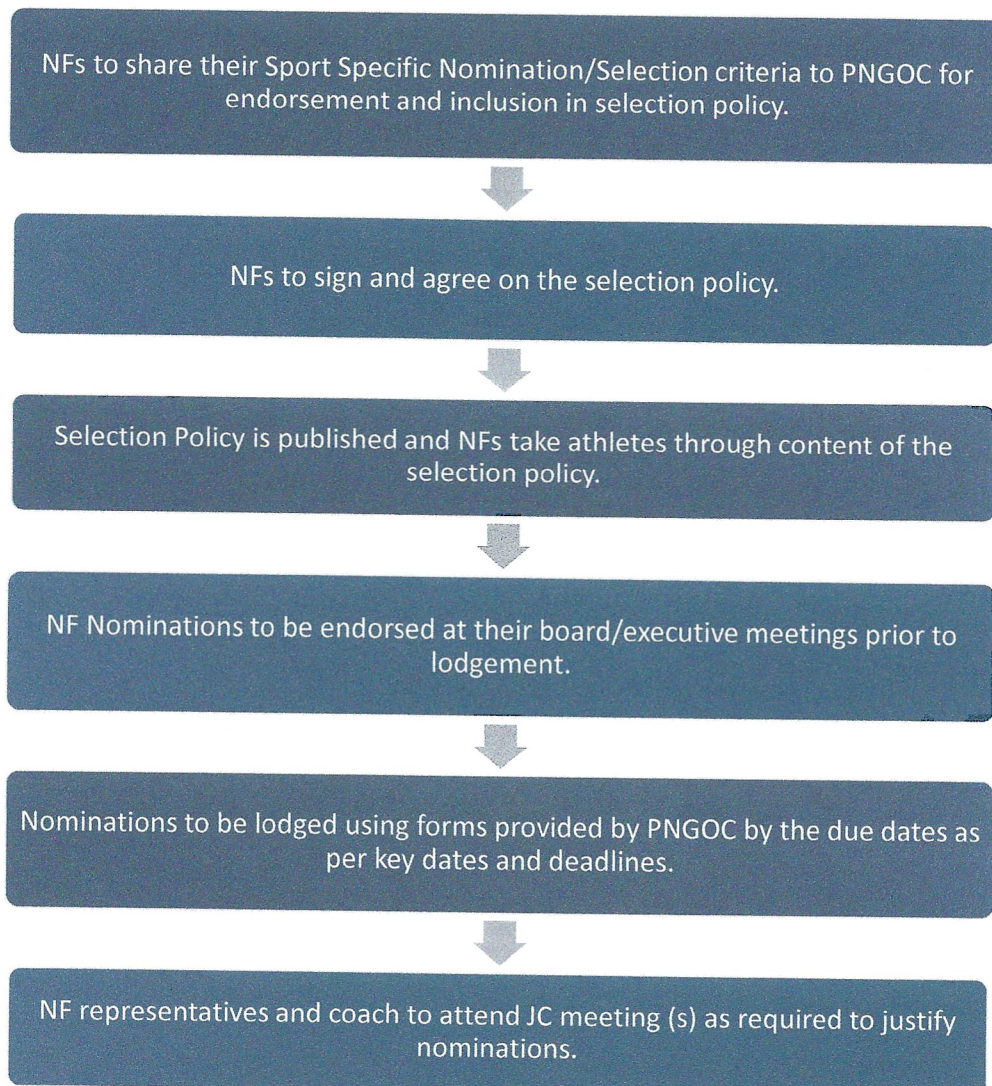
NFs must nominate athletes in the sport for selection for Team PNG for the Games, by the due dates.

The Justification Committee (JC) of the PNGOC will review the nominations and make the final selection in line

with this policy and the NF nomination/selection criteria.

2.1 Nomination Process – National Federations

The process for NFs to nominate athletes in their respective sports is as follows



A National Federation must not represent that a nomination of a candidate guarantees or secures selection to the sport or within the team.

It is recommended that the NF nomination/selection panel includes independent representation and that one position is given to the Head Coach.

2.2 Selection Process – Justification Committee

The JC has the task of ensuring the nominated candidates become the right team or individual to fulfil the PNGOC overall vision. This means selecting the right people that give Team PNG the best chance of achieving our Games goals. The JC may request additional advice from external specialists where required.

Any discretion used by JC must be transparent, accountable, and logical and acted upon in good faith.

Outcomes of all selection processes will be communicated both verbally and in writing by the JC to the NF.

2.3 General Criteria & Eligibility (For all Athletes)

- 2.3.1** Must be a Papua New Guinean Citizen with a valid Papua New Guinea (PNG) passport (with a six month minimum expiry as at the conclusion of the Games);
- 2.3.2** Must meet all eligibility requirements set out in the International Olympic Committee Charter, Commonwealth Games Federation Charter, Pacific Games Charter and rules applicable to the respective Games, this policy, and any requirements of the sport.
- 2.3.3** Must complete all required documentation correctly and in a timely manner.
- 2.3.4** Must adhere in full to all general Team PNG policy, athlete's agreement and PNGOC policy including satisfactorily meeting event requirements. This will include completion of all medical, fitness and other testing protocols not yet conducted or still underway at time of squad selection. *The candidate will be notified in writing of areas they need to address if non-compliant. If after such notification the candidate still fails to meet criteria, the candidate can be removed from consideration of selection.*
- 2.3.5** Must be fully vaccinated under the existing COVID19 environment, or where the athlete is exempt, proof of certificate of exemption from an approved authority. The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee retains the right to independently verify authenticity of all certificates provided by the athlete(s).
- 2.3.6** Willingness to engage in and encourage participation in PNGOC and Team PNG activities and programs.
- 2.3.7** Must agree to the terms of this Selection Policy.
- 2.3.8** Must sign and agree to the terms of the athlete agreement before and during the Games.
- 2.3.9** Have achieved Performance Standards (as set out in clause 3.1 and 3.2) within the timeframe as pointed out for the respective Games.

2.4 Physical Fitness, Injury Monitoring and Wellbeing –

All nominated athletes must submit to medical and physical assessments and examinations as follows

- 2.4.1** All athletes must report any injury, medical condition or medication / treatment of an injury or medical condition to the National Head Coach & Team PNG appointed medical personnel, where it has an impact on the athletes' ongoing training plan.
- 2.4.2** All athletes must comply with set physical and medical assessments as set out by PNGOC and JC requirements.

- 2.4.3** All athletes must provide any information required by PNGOC in relation to a medical or physical assessment, injury or medical condition.

2.5 Exclusions –

A nominated athlete can NOT be considered for selection for any sport in the following circumstances. If the candidate:

- 2.5.1** is currently serving a ban imposed by the National Federation; or
- 2.5.2** is currently serving a ban imposed by any Regional or International Federation; or
- 2.5.3** has been involved in activity that contradicts the policies and laws of the World Anti-Doping Authority (WADA), PNG Sport Anti-Doping Organisation (PNGSADO) and the event's governing body, anti-doping policies and laws; and is not currently serving a ban for anti-doping related offences.
- 2.5.4** is convicted of a criminal offence.
- 2.5.5** is not fully vaccinated under the existing COVID19 environment or is unable to provide a satisfactory proof of exemption certificate from an approved authority.

A nominated athlete May be excluded from consideration if the candidate:

- 2.5.6** breaches general team policy such as behaviour or conduct bringing sport in PNG and Team PNG into disrepute;
- 2.5.7** does any action that is contrary, inconsistent with or opposing to the brand, values, best interest or image of PNGOC and Team PNG;
- 2.5.8** does not comply with all agreements such as General Team Policy including areas such as gambling policy, social media guidelines and formal guidelines set by PNGOC, Team PNG Chef de Mission and Management.

Consideration of Extenuating Situations –

In the case of illness or other reasonable circumstances that prevent the candidate from fulfilling their requirements, written notification to the JC must be made prior to or within reasonable time of the failure to comply. This can include, but is not limited to, attendance at daily training, camps, testing, international and domestic events, training and development and other key events as per calendar. With relevance to an overseas based athlete, a case by case decision will be made by the JC in consultation with the Chef de Mission if needed.

3. Selection Overview Sport Specific requirements

3.1 Performance Standards – The Athlete

The Performance Standards for the Athlete in a Team shall be used as the main criteria for selection for the various Games. Factors considered for selection include:

- 3.1.1** commitment to training and preparation for games.
- 3.1.2** no disciplinary issues.
- 3.1.3** has met requirements outlined in 3.3 below.

3.2 Performance Standards – The Team

The following Performance Standards for the Team shall be used as the main criteria for selection of a Team for the various Games. It shall however, be used in combination with PNGOC's *National Federation and Athlete tiering system policy* and other factors such as demonstrated improved performances and results at key international competitions, athlete commitment to training and preparation for games and no disciplinary issues.

Performance history of the team shall also be from various international events from the last twenty-four months prior to the commencement of the respective games.

3.2.1 2022 Pacific Mini-Games

3.2.1.1 The Team eligible for the Pacific Mini-Games shall be ranked in the top 5 in Oceania and top 3 in the Pacific to be considered for final selection.

3.2.1.2 Must be capable of achieving a medal placing in their respective sport.

3.2.2 2022 Commonwealth Games

3.2.2.1 The Team eligible for the Commonwealth Games shall be ranked in the top 3 in the Oceania region to be considered for final selection.

3.2.2.2 Must be capable of achieving a placing in the top third of their respective sport.

3.2.3 2022 Asian Games

3.2.3.1 The Team eligible for the Asian Games shall be ranked in the top 3 in the Oceania region to be considered for final selection.

3.2.4 2023 Pacific Games

3.2.4.1 The Team eligible for the Pacific Games shall be ranked in the top 5 in Oceania and top 3 in the Pacific to be considered for final selection.

3.2.4.2 Must be capable of achieving a medal placing in their respective sport.

3.2.5 2024 Olympic Games

3.2.5.1 The Team eligible for the Olympic Games shall be ranked in the top 3 in Oceania and 1st in the Pacific to be considered for final selection.

3.2.5.2 Must be capable of achieving a placing in the top half of their respective sport.

3.3 Events / Competitions & Fitness, Physiological criteria (Elite focus) –

The following criteria will be used as a part of the JC review process for all athletes for Team PNG.

3.3.1 Training & Competition Plan

Each National Head Coach has submitted a training and competition plan. Attendance and ongoing commitment to this plan is vital for inclusion in selections for the final team. Attendance records for training and activities will be recorded and submitted to JC.

3.3.2 Sport Specific Criteria

PNGOC recommends that NFs provide information on the following to support the selection of athletes for Team PNG:

- Previous international and national performances
- Current international and national performances
- Current level of skill and physical fitness (sport specific requirements attached)
- Current or potential injury or condition that will impair, inhibit or prevent the participant's performance to the expected elite level
- Composition and balance of the team based on position coverage (where applicable)
- Which competitions and/or trials where selections will be made
- Period of when selections will be done
- How the NF has communicated the selection criteria to the athletes

3.3.3 Events

PNGOC recommends that selections be made through the following events as submitted by National Federation's:

- International events – Oceania/ Pacific Championships
- National Championships
- National League/ Provincial League
- HP Camps, selection camps and targeted training sessions
- Selection trials

3.4 Events / Competitions & Fitness, Physiological criteria (Best of Rest focus)

Should the full team requirements not be met from the standards and criteria set out in above, then a policy of *Best of the Rest* will apply. This is where PNGOC may decide to endorse athletes who have not met the standards and criteria laid out in this policy whose inclusion in Team PNG is within the allowable athlete allocation numbers and is in line with PNGOC's Games' goals.

This will be done on similar grounds as the criteria above, i.e.

- 3.4.1** Event and competition performance
- 3.4.2** Results from Specific Testing Data
- 3.4.3** Results from Medical and Physical assessments
- 3.4.4** Other factors considered by selectors to be important
- 3.4.5** PNGOC's *NF and Athlete tiering system policy*

Discretion will be used in this situation where the data and information is more objective and less definitive.

4. Appeal Process

An athlete who fails to be selected for the squad or final team pursuant to the criteria set out in this policy may appeal against omission.

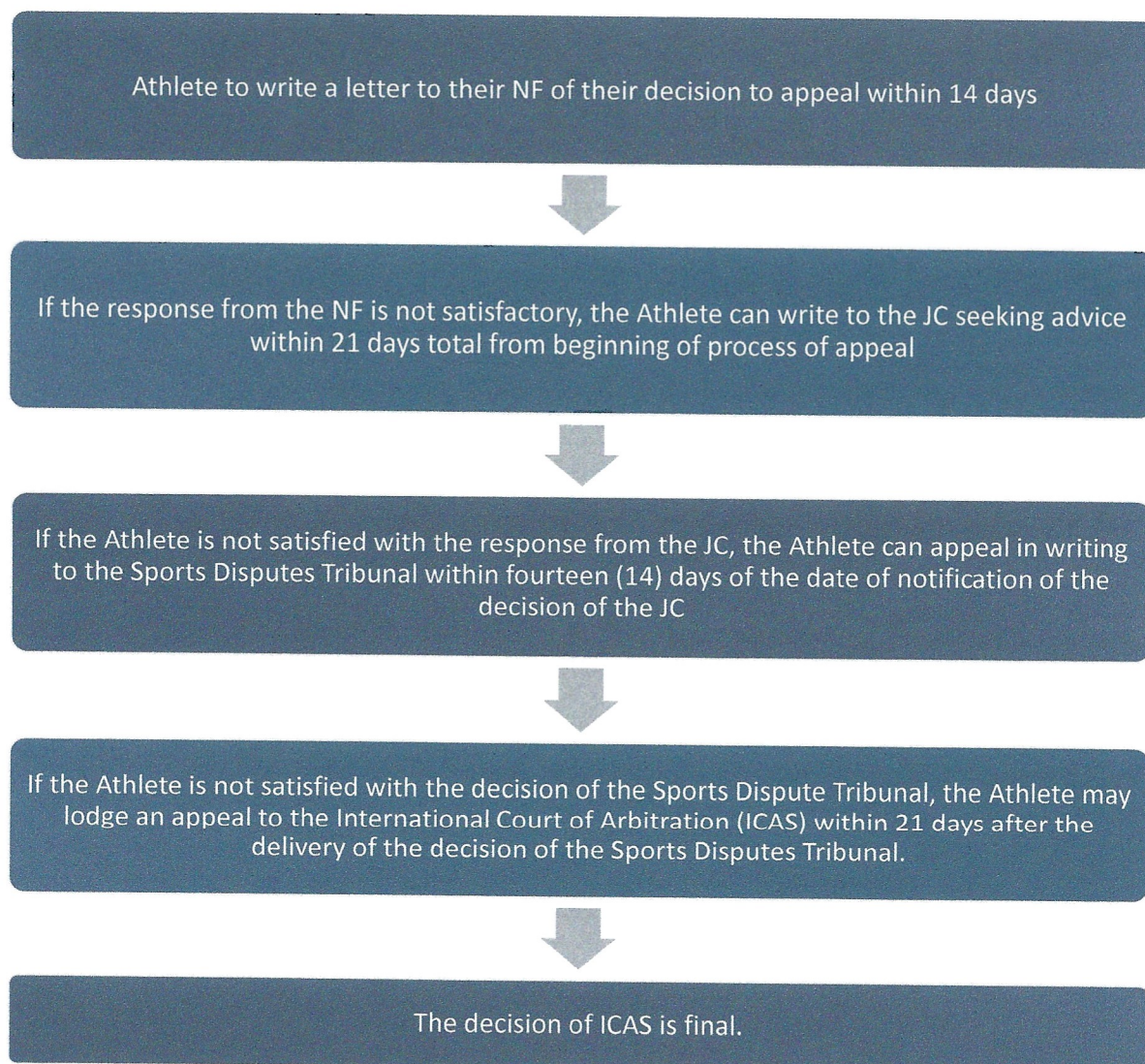
The only grounds for such an appeal are that the JC, in making their final decision, failed to comply with this policy.

There is no right to appeal where a sanction or ban exists in relation to WADA or International Federation.

Appeals – Appeals can be made through the standard sports appeal process, with ultimate arbitrator being the International Court of Arbitration (ICAS).

Scenario 1 - Athlete is not nominated by the NF

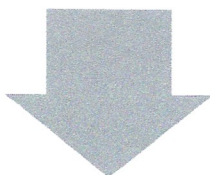
Process for an athlete to appeal if they haven't been nominated by the NF is as follows:



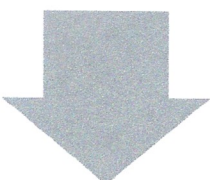
Scenario 2 - Athlete is excluded by the JC

Process for an athlete and/or the NF to appeal if the athlete is excluded by the JC is as follows:

If the Athlete and / NF is dissatisfied with the decisions of the Justification Committee, the Athlete and / or NF can appeal in writing to the Sports Disputes Tribunal within fourteen (14) days after the date of notification of the decision of the JC.



If the Athlete is dissatisfied with the decision of the Sports Dispute Tribunal, the Athlete may lodge an appeal to the International Court of Arbitration (ICAS) within 21 days after the delivery of decision.



The decision of ICAS is final.

The appeal process will not be extended beyond 21 days. A final decision is to be made in due course but no later than the due date for final nominations.

Indemnity: - It is a condition of nomination and participation in selection that PNGOC and its directors, officers, employees, servants, and agents be indemnified from and against all claims, demands, action, proceedings, costs and expenses including legal costs and liabilities to third parties arising out of incidents of any breach by the National Federation, and/or athletes.

We, the undersigned are in agreement of this Selection Policy to select athletes to represent PNG at respective Games from 2021 to 2024.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2022.

Auvita Rapilla
Secretary General
PNG Olympic Committee



Name of NF Executive

KARO P. LELAI

Signature of NF Executive



NF Executive Position

PRESIDENT

Name of Witness

Desmond Kariagu

Signature of Witness



Address of Witness

CA Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee

Team PNG - Performance Standards (Team Sports)					
Games					
Year	2022			2023	2024
Games	Pacific Mini Games	Commonwealth Games	Asian Games	Pacific Games	Olympic Games
Host City	Saipan	Birmingham	Hangzhou	Honiara	Paris
Host Country	Northern Mariana Islands	England	China	Solomon Islands	France
Date	June 17-25	July 27 - Aug 7	Sept 10-25	July 14-28	July 26-Aug 11
Performance Standards					
Oceania	Top 5	Top 3	Top 5	Top 5	Top 3
Pacific	Top 3			Top 3	1st
Selection Policy Criteria - Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team has Demonstrated improved performances and results at key international competitions over the past 24 months (Prior to commencement of Games). Includes improved performances from Pacific Games 2019 Capable of achieving a medal placing in their respective sport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team has Demonstrated improved performances and results at key international competitions over the past 24 months (Prior to commencement of Games) Capable of achieving a top third placing of their respective sport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team has Demonstrated improved performances and results at key international competitions over the past 24 months (Prior to commencement of Games) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team has Demonstrated improved performances and results at key international competitions over the past 24 months (Prior to commencement of Games). Includes improved performances from Pacific Games 2019 Capable of achieving a medal placing in their respective sport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team has Demonstrated improved performances and results at key international competitions over the past 24 months (Prior to commencement of Games) Capable of achieving a placing in the top half of their respective sport
Selection Policy Criteria - Athlete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commitment to training and preparation for the Games No disciplinary issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commitment to training and preparation for the Games No disciplinary issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commitment to training and preparation for the Games No disciplinary issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commitment to training and preparation for the Games No disciplinary issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commitment to training and preparation for the Games No disciplinary issues

Annexures:

1. Basketball Federation of PNG 3 x 3 Selection Policy
2. PGC Charter –
 - a. Article 25 - Athlete Eligibility
 - b. Regulation 7 – Maximum number of entries for Team Sports for each PGA
 - c. Regulation 9 – Regulations relating to Team Sports
3. Commonwealth Games – Birmingham2022
 - a. Athlete Allocation System – 3x3 Basketball
4. Olympic Games – Paris2024
 - a. Qualification System



3 x 3 SELECTION POLICY

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

In reference to BFPNG's policies, rules and codes of conduct, this Selection Policy recognizes the rights of athletes irrespective of gender, ethnic differences or other factors. Gender equality and inclusivity are basic human rights of both male and female athletes. All athletes and other participants in basketball have the right to enjoy a safe and supportive sport environment.

The duty of care is a basic but important responsibility of Coaches, selectors, Technical Officials, Team Managers, BFPNG executive and staff, Medical staff and other key Volunteers to provide opportunity, empowerment and protection to all athletes from all forms of harassment and abuse.

BFPNG's policies aim to safeguard our athletes, protect the integrity of our sport and BFPNG, to protect all of us within the BFPNG and in leading in values of Basketball as a safe sport. Our sport provides a safe space to our athletes where BFPNG will provide support and help as necessary.

BFPNG will endeavour to ensure that safe and clean water, bathrooms and toilets are provided at our facilities across the country for our participants including girls and women in basketball.

PART 1

GENERAL RULES APPLYING TO ALL JUNIOR & SENIOR TEAMS

1.1 ELIGIBILITY

- a) Be a citizen of Papua New Guinea with a passport and a legally recognized birth certificate, National Identity Card or equivalent;
- b) Be registered members of basketball or otherwise eligible to represent BFPNG;
- c) Satisfies the Qualification System and is likely to satisfy the Selection Criteria;
- d) Has a registered and confirmed 3x3 player profile on play.fiba3x3.com;
- e) Have not breached any BFPNG policies, Team PNG or PNGOC policy, or World Anti-doping Organization rules, unless the player has been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed;
- f) Is not currently under any suspension by BFPNG, FIBA, Team PNG, PNGOC, FIBA or other relevant sporting organization;
- g) Have not by their actions or omissions brought themselves or the sport of basketball into disrepute; and

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- h) Does not, and is not likely to in the foreseeable future, suffer from any physical or mental impairment that would prevent the player from competing at the highest possible standard for that athlete; and
- i) Signed the required athlete agreement or code of conduct.

1.2 MEDICAL/ INJURY/ STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

All athletes must report or disclose any injury, medical condition, medication, treatment of an injury or illness to BFPNG via the Head Coach or Team Manager where it has an impact on the athlete's ongoing training or preparation. All athletes must comply with set physical and medical assessments set by BFPNG.

An athlete must provide any information requested by BFPNG in relation to a medical or physical assessment, injury or medical condition.

Female athletes will undergo pregnancy testing as part of precautionary measures. Where a female athlete tests positive, BFPNG will treat the matter with utmost confidentiality and a decision will be made by the selection panel and the BFPNG Board based on all relevant considerations including but not limited to, medical evidence and advice, training records, strength and conditioning records.

Any athlete carrying an injury or with an ongoing medical condition that is selected will be required to indemnify BFPNG and its agents, coaches, managers and staff and waive any right to claim in the event of loss or damage suffered of any kind. With athletes who are not yet of legal age, their parents will be required to indemnify BFPNG and its agents and staff and waive any right to claim in the event of loss or damage suffered of any kind.

An athlete has the right to seek a second opinion from a reputable doctor or medical/ physio expert at their own cost subject to relevant selection deadlines.

1.3 SELECTION PANEL

For every National Training Squad or National Team, the selection panel will be comprised of a member of the Board who will chair the Panel, the Head Coach of that team, the Assistant Coach and an independent member nominated by the Board.

The Selection Panel may consult and/or invite the Team Manager or other medical or other expert to attend and address meetings, as and when required.

The Selection Panel will apply this Selection Policy when selecting a training squad and finalizing a team. If the Selection Panel wishes to deviate from this Selection Policy, it must first consult and seek prior approval of the BFPNG Board.

Selection Advice

The National Training Squad will be announced by BFPNG on social media and mainstream media and every athlete will receive a written letter advising of their selection and other relevant information.

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Appeal

Where any athlete is aggrieved with the selections, they may appeal in writing to the BFPNG Board within seven (7) days of the training squad being announced. The appeal should be sent to the Executive Officer (EO@png.basketball) and the secretary (secretary@png.basketball).

Where the team being selected is for purposes of Team PNG attending the Pacific Games or the Mini-Pacific Games, then the Team PNG Appeals Policy applies. Each athlete is encouraged to contact the PNG Athletes Commission (**PNGAC**) for assistance with such appeals (athletescommissionpng@gmail.com). The PNGAC is part of the PNG Olympic Committee.

PART 2 SELECTION CRITERIA FOR JUNIOR AND SENIOR TEAMS

2.1 BFPNG will nominate players who, in the opinion of BFPNG, in its absolute discretion:

- (a) will be most likely to achieve the highest competitive results; and
- (b) is, and will remain until the conclusion of the Tournament, a positive ambassador for basketball, BFPNG, and the Tournament.

In making its determination with respect to a player, BFPNG may have regard to the following considerations, in its absolute discretion:

- (c) the player's physical form and fitness (refer to 2.3 below for guideline);
- (d) the likelihood that the player will suffer an injury in the lead up to or during the Tournament;
- (e) the benefit or detriment of the player's membership on the Team with respect to team chemistry, team behaviour and team performance;
- (f) the extent to which the player has demonstrated:
 - (i) discipline;
 - (ii) motivation; and
 - (iii) commitment to the Sport and to the Team.
- (g) Previous international and national performances
- (h) Current international and national performances
- (i) Current domestic performances
- (j) Composition and balance of the team
- (k) Results from specific data testing.

2.2 Character Traits

- Timeliness: Ability to show up early/on time day in and day out
- Work Ethic: consistency in effort
- Passion: Commitment to both sport and improving self

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- Leadership: Both verbal and non-verbal, doing so with voice or by actions
- Coachability: Willingness to take criticism positively and improve from it
- Selflessness: Puts team/others' needs before themselves.

2.3 Physical Attributes

- Height
- Athleticism: Explosiveness, jumping ability, lateral movement, agility, speed, timing
- Wingspan
- Stamina: conditioning, ability to string together multiple efforts for extended periods of time.

2.4 Game sense

- BFPNG Style of Play understanding
- Ability to play without the ball
- Court vision
- Instincts
- Basketball IQ

2.5 Commitment to Training and Competition

Every BFPNG squad has a training and competition plan. Attendance/punctuality and ongoing commitment to this plan is vital for inclusion in selections for final BFPNG teams. Attendance records for training sessions including strength and conditioning and recovery sessions will be kept and submitted to BFPNG. Participation in competitions will be monitored and reports provided to BFPNG.



ARTICLE 25

Eligibility

1. An athlete to be eligible to compete in the Pacific Games or Pacific Mini Games shall:

- (a) Complete all entry and other applicable contractual documentation.
- (b) Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the Council, or their respective PGA or International Federation or under the World Anti Doping

Code.

- (c) Comply with:
 - (i) The applicable rules and regulations of the Council and this Constitution
 - (ii) The applicable rules and regulations of the relevant International Federations subject to the provisions of this Charter
 - (iii) The provisions of the World Anti Doping Code.
- (d) Meet the following citizenship and residency conditions for inclusion in a team selected by the PGA to represent its Country/Territory:
 - (i) Be a citizen of the country/territory the athlete is to represent at the Games and be able to demonstrate residency in that country/territory.
 - (ii) For the purposes of this clause:

“citizen” means the holder of a current valid and applicable passport of the country/territory the athlete represents.

“applicable passport” for countries/territories is as follows:

American Samoa PGA – USA Passport
Australia PGA (Associate member) – Australian Passport
Cook Islands PGA – New Zealand Passport
Fiji PGA – Fiji Passport
Federated States of Micronesia PGA – FSM Passport
French Polynesia PGA – France Passport
Guam PGA – USA Passport
Kiribati PGA – Kiribati Passport
Marshall Islands PGA – Marshall Islands Passport
Nauru PGA – Nauru Passport
New Caledonia PGA – France Passport
New Zealand PGA (Associate member) – New Zealand Passport
Niue PGA – New Zealand Passport
Norfolk Island PGA – Australian Passport
Northern Mariana Islands PGA – USA Passport
Palau PGA – Palau Passport
Papua New Guinea PGA – PNG Passport
Samoa PGA – Samoa Passport

Solomon Islands PGA – Solomon Islands Passport
Tonga PGA – Tonga Passport
Tokelau PGA – New Zealand Passport
Tuvalu PGA – Tuvalu Passport
Vanuatu PGA – Vanuatu Passport
Wallis and Futuna PGA – France Passport

“residency” means that the athlete shall be a citizen of the country/territory the athlete represents and have resided for not less than five years (cumulatively, whether consecutively or not) at any time in that country/territory of the PGA.

For the avoidance of doubt the temporary absence of an athlete from the country/territory of their citizenship for purposes such as education and sports training, military service and health care and other legitimate absences of a like kind shall be considered as residency.

- (iii) The Executive Board shall have the discretion to waive the provisions of sub-paragraphs (d) (i)-(ii) above. These discretionary powers shall include, but are not limited to, utilising the prevailing eligibility rules of an International Federation where the following conditions are satisfied by the applicant International Federation no later than fifteen months prior to the Pacific Games:
- (a) The Pacific Games event will be utilised as a qualification pathway event to World Championship, or Olympic Games, or Commonwealth Games events and thus limit the requirement for duplicate events within the Pacific region; and/or
 - (b) The Pacific Games event will provide participants with international ranking points to facilitate their further participation in international events; and
 - (c) The Pacific Games event will receive additional resources or assistance from the applicant International Federation beyond what is required under the Charter, including assistance with monitoring eligibility; and
 - (d) The adoption of the International Federation's eligibility rules will not lead to distorted outcomes from the basic philosophy of the Pacific Games being facilitated for the benefit of the people of the Pacific.

In the event that a PGA believes the application of an International Federation's eligibility rules leads to an unintended discriminatory outcome for one of its athletes, the PGA shall have a right of recourse to the Executive Board who shall have the power to resolve the matter in its discretion.

If applied, the International Federation's eligibility rules shall be sent to all PGAs fifteen months prior to the Pacific Games.

2. It shall be the responsibility of the PGA to ensure that all competitors comply with this Constitution and its eligibility conditions. In satisfying the PGC requirements for entries of athletes it shall be a requirement that the PGA completes an Entry and Eligibility Conditions form, in the form contained in the regulations certifying that the competitor complies with this Article of the Constitution.
3. An athlete who has already competed in the Pacific Games or Pacific Mini Games for one PGA may represent another PGA at a future celebration of the Pacific Games provided that athlete complies with the provisions of this article and the approval of both PGAs.
4. A PGA shall be required to submit competitor entries by name at least 45 days prior to the commencement of the Games and each entry shall be accompanied by all necessary certification.
5. Late Entries by Name will not be accepted.
6. The OC shall be required to post, fax or email all entries by event, name and country on the official PGC website and to the PGAs, International Federations and Executive Board at the close of entries.
7. PGAs shall have 10 days thereafter to challenge to the Executive Board the eligibility of a competitor. A US\$50 bond must be posted by the challenging PGA to the PGC per challenge in order for it to proceed. The bond is refundable if the challenge is successful but is forfeited if it is unsuccessful. A PGA whose athlete is successfully challenged and is deemed ineligible to compete will be liable for a US\$100 penalty payable to the PGC at the Delegation Registration Meeting. If the penalty is unpaid, the PGA will not be able to compete in the sport in which the ineligible athlete was registered.
8. In the event of a challenge to an athlete's eligibility the Executive Board shall within 5 days refer the challenge to the Disputes Tribunal established by this Charter, for decision within a further 10 days from receipt of the last challenges. All Disputes Tribunal decisions should therefore be finalised at least 20 days prior to the commencement of the Games). The Disputes Tribunal's decision shall be final. No further challenges shall be considered thereafter.
9. In the event of a challenge to an athlete's eligibility, the burden of proof for residency shall rest with the sponsoring PGA rather than the challenging PGA. Documents proving residency must be submitted by the sponsoring PGA in the event of a challenge, and shall include where appropriate:
 - (a) School records certified by the school principal or the highest official of the relevant government ministry;
 - (b) Employment records certified by the employer or the highest official of the relevant government ministry for labour issues;
 - (c) Tax records;
 - (d) Official government birth or immigration records;
 - (e) Any other official government record which proves residence.

10. PGA delegation entries are required to be finalised (including satisfying all International Federation requirements), confirmed, and posted on the PGC and OC websites 20 days prior to the commencement of the Games.

REGULATION 7

Maximum Number Of Entries For Team Sports For Each PGA

Basketball 3x3 (Men and Women) 4 men, 4 women

A. NUMBER OF ENTRIES

1. Teams per country, for all Team sports, PGA's may enter one team only.
2. The maximum number of teams in each competition is as stated in Regulation 7 above.
3. The number of accompanying officials per Team sport is as follows:

Basketball: three (3) per team (per Men's team and per Women's team)
one (1) per Men's team and per Women's team in 3x3