

## Australian Underwater Hockey Athlete Selection Criteria

The sport specific athlete selection criteria will be utilised in the identification, ranking and selection of athletes for Australian open and women elite teams

The plan is to pick the 12 person team at the Australian Underwater Hockey Championships with 2 reserves. There is a maximum of 2 postal votes allowed.

Selection Criteria:

We aim to select the players with the highest effectiveness to assist the team to win high-level competition hockey, and to do Australia proud with their conduct throughout the whole journey, in and out of the water.

### A. Hockey Skills:

- High level of puck control - Ability to apply skills to games
- Flicking - Passing under pressure in a wide range of passing situations / with deception
- Maintaining possession in confined area
- Making good choices under pressure
- Scoring and assisting to score goals
- Closing down opposition players
- Creating support position for team player with the puck
- Tackling skills to create possession turnover

### B. Physical Characteristics:

- Work rate demonstrated during game play
- Speed on and off the puck
- Aerobic and anaerobic monitoring "test" (based on team set standards)
- Power / Flexibility

### C. Personal Characteristics:

- Works effectively within a team unit
- Focused during practices
- Level-headed during games
- Executes game plan
- Positive attitude
- Effective communication
- Demonstrated ability to train effectively

Assessment:

- All athletes will be evaluated during games at the National Championships, including selection games. This evaluation will be based on the above criteria. Selectors will rank the athletes. State coaches may be consulted.
- Players will be subject to brief speed and fitness test.
- Interviews will be conducted with players if required.

Process:

- All athletes are required to apply before the first game of the National Championships where selection will be undertaken.
- All athletes wishing to be considered for selection for the world team will need to fill in the required management forms and including a note outlining experience.
- In order to be considered all athletes must pay a deposit before the Nationals. The amount of the deposit will be determined by the Teams Manager(s) and circulated along with a provisional budget and payment schedule at least one month before the Nationals.
- Teams will be announced at a suitable time following selections. This may be at the end of selections either at nationals or a selection camp, or possibly posted on the UWH Commission web site.
- A ranked list of reserve athletes (forwards and backs) will be provided for each team. At the time of consideration of inclusion of a reserve athlete, a re-evaluation of how they meet the selection criteria may need to be undertaken for inclusion.
- Only when the list of ranked reserve athletes has been exhausted can an alternative UWH Commission approved process can be developed and implemented.
- Attendance at all training camp(s) after selections and prior to the competition are compulsory.