

## VOLLEYBALL AUSTRALIA

### BEACH VOLLEYBALL SELECTION COMMITTEE STATEMENT

#### Commonwealth Games Selection

Selection of the Men's and Women's Teams to represent Australia in the Beach Volleyball Tournament of the 2018 Commonwealth Games is governed by the VA Beach Volleyball Selection Policy 2017-2018 (the Policy), which is available on the VA website.

Within that policy, the Selection Committees are directed to a number of criteria to consider, including results in the Australian Beach Volleyball Tour (ABVT) as set out here:

*"Domestic Tour results in 2017 and 2018 will be taken into account at the Selection Committee's discretion. The Committee may determine that National Tour events in late 2017/early 2018 may be used to make any final decision, provided advance notice of this has been given to the teams/athletes concerned."*

Pursuant to this The Selection Committees in consultation with VA Management and Board have decided the following.

1. Athletes seeking Commonwealth Games Selection will be required to nominate for selection by 30 September 2017.
2. Two or three ABVT events in late 2017 / early 2018 will be designated "Commonwealth Games Selection Tournaments" by the end of August 2017.
3. Participation in those Commonwealth Games Selection Tournaments will be compulsory for all players who have nominated for Commonwealth Games Selection, unless exempted by the Selection Committee in exceptional circumstances.
4. In those tournaments there will be 2 divisions: Commonwealth Games Selection Division and General Division. The top 16 teams, including all those who have nominated for selection will be drawn in the Commonwealth Games Selection Division.
5. Results in the Commonwealth Games Selection Events will be taken into account by the Selection Committees in their selection decisions, along with all the other criteria in the Policy. For the avoidance of doubt, international results will carry more weight than ABVT results in the selection decisions.

## **Selection for World Tour and Asian Tour Events**

The Policy also empowers the Selection Committees to make decisions about which teams will be entered in World Tour and Asian Tour events in 2017 and 2018.

In making those decisions the Committees wish to make it clear that the selection criteria outlined in the Policy will be applied by the Committees as follows:

1. The Committees will generally give priority in selection to players/teams who are members or potential members of the Beach Volleyroos squad based at the National Training Centre and possess the potential to compete at a world top 10 level, achieve a podium result at the Commonwealth Games and/or qualify for World Championships and/or Olympic Games . This is in order to ensure that our national team athletes have maximum opportunity to compete in events where points may be earned to enable them to be accepted in future World Tour and Asian Tour events, or to qualify for championships, or to achieve Main Draw entry or seedings.
2. The Committees also reserve the right to give secondary priority to potential Beach Volleyroos who are members of the Beach Volleyball Centre of Excellence. This is in order to ensure that the most likely future Beach Volleyroos are given the opportunity to gain relevant international competition experience and to earn points to enable them to be accepted in future World Tour and Asian Tour events.
3. Thereafter the Selection Committees will endorse other teams who have indicated by way of Expression of Interest (within the deadlines set by VA) for entry into specific World Tour and Asian Tour events. In deciding which other teams to endorse, the Selection Committees will have regard to:
  - whether the teams/athletes are pursuing full time or serious beach volleyball programs, as opposed to part time or recreational programs
  - whether the endorsement of those teams might prevent the entry of potential Beach Volleyroos, to which the Selection Committees wish to give priority for the benefit of the national programs of VA.
4. Ultimately, entry into World Tour and Asian Tour Main Draws and Qualification Tournaments will be determined by the event organizer on the basis of the entry points which the teams/athletes have, but the Selection Committees will nevertheless apply the priorities in endorsing entries as set out above.