

### Australia 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

Specific Eligibility Criteria:

#### A. *General Skills:*

- High level of puck skills
- Ability to apply skills to games
- Passing under pressure / with deception
- Maintaining possession in confined area
- Executing decisions under pressure

#### B. *Specific Positional Skills:*

##### **Forwards**

- Scoring goals
- Eliminating defenders
- Closing down opposing defenders – no hesitation in execution of phase 1
- Creating support position for player with the puck in phase 2 and 3

##### **Backs**

- Reading the game
- Sound tackling skills
- Wide range of passing skills
- Passing under pressure / with deception
- Closing down opposing attackers – no hesitation in execution of phase 1
- Creating support position for player with the puck in phase 2 and 3

#### C. *Physical Characteristics:*

- Aerobic and anaerobic monitoring “test” (based on team set standards)
- Fitness demonstrated during game play
- Strength on and off the puck
- Power / Flexibility in use of advanced techniques

#### D. *Personal Characteristics:*

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

Process:

- All athletes are required to apply before the first game of the National Championships where selection will be undertaken.
- All athletes in the Australian UWH development teams program shall be considered if they meet the eligibility criteria. These athletes do not need to apply but must complete the required management forms.
- All other 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 and current skills outlined in

criteria A and B. Athletes will also need to submit supporting evidence of their current physical and personal characteristics current to address criteria C and D.

- 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.
- 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 lists of athletes from each team. Only those athletes who meet all criteria to a high level will be named in either a touring squad/team or the full Worlds team(s) following the Nationals, or in the case of a touring squad at a training camp.
- Final selection of the touring 10-12 athletes will be made at a minimum of 4 months before the World Championship tour starts. Selectors who reside in the state location of the training camp may be appointed.
- 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) prior to the competition are compulsory.