



AUSTRALIAN PARACHUTE FEDERATION

APF National Team Selection Guidelines



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PART 1 - AUSTRALIAN PARACHUTE TEAM (APT)

1.1 Authorisation

- 1.1.1 Only members authorised by APF may represent Australia in international parachuting competition.
- 1.1.2 APF may form an Australian Parachute Team (APT) composed of APF members to represent APF at international parachuting competitions.

1.2 Eligibility for the Australian Parachute Team

- 1.2.1 The APT will generally be composed of teams and individuals in accordance with the provisions of the international rules for each discipline and the minimum standards outlined below.
- 1.2.2 To compete as part of the Australian Parachute Team in an FAI sanctioned competition, the member must possess a valid FAI Sporting Licence as required by the FAI Sporting Code.
- 1.2.3 To be eligible for selection to the APT a person must:
 - (a) Be a full member of APF in good standing; and
 - (b) Be at least 18 years of age; and
 - (c) Be an Australian citizen, permanent resident or seeking permanent resident status with at least one year's residency in Australia prior to the start of the World Championships and satisfy the provisions of the FAI Sporting Code General Section 3.4 and 3.5 with respect to residency, and not having competed for another country within a specified period.
- 1.2.4 The APF CEO in consultation with the Competition Committee will make the selection of APT members to the Australian National Team Delegations.
- 1.2.5 The selection to the APT team members will be based on the standings at the National Championships held prior to the relevant World Parachuting Championships or World Cup and the performance standards specified for each discipline.
 - 1.2.5.1 The following standings will be considered for the following disciplines:
 - Accuracy and Speed - the individual placing in the accuracy event
 - Formation Skydiving, Canopy Formation and Freefly - the team placing in each event.
 - Canopy Piloting and Wingsuit – Task and overall event placing.

- 1.2.6 A particular competitor or team may be chosen (regardless of overall or event placing) or it may be decided that no competitor or team otherwise eligible will be designated for a place on the National Team. The following items will be taken into account:
- (a) Previous competition experience and performance standings at the national or international level;
 - (b) The participation of the athlete or team in an active training program.
 - (c) The athlete's "ability to perform effectively at this level of competition" demonstrated by an ability to perform consistently at or above the mid-point of the World Cup field during training and designated competitions;
 - (d) "Potential ability to perform effectively at this level of competition" is demonstrated by an ability to perform consistently within the top 20% at National Championships, and other designated competitions. Designated competitions will include Level I, Level II and Level III competitions. Level I competitions include WPC, WC, World Games and World Air Games. Level II competitions include National Championships both domestic and foreign governed by NAC's affiliated with the FAI and/or competitions approved by the FAI. Level III competitions include State championships and other selected competitions.
 - (e) Current participation levels and competitiveness of the discipline within Australia.
- 1.2.7 When a specific discipline event is not offered at the Australian National Championships an athlete or team may apply to represent Australia at an international event. Anyone applying for a position on the National Team or to represent Australia at an international meet will generally be expected to have competed at a Class III competition or higher, in that event, in the 18 months prior to the international competition. Athletes interested in applying for a position on the National Team must provide a resume of competition experience, documentation of scores, placings of their competition experience, a specific training plan and should contact the Chair of the Competition Committee.
- 1.2.8 The composition of a team selected for the APT may be changed after selection with APF approval provided at least 60% of the original team members remain.

1.3 Conditions of Australian Parachute Team Membership

- 1.3.1 Inclusion as a member of an Australian Parachute Team is under the terms and conditions set by APF.

- 1.3.2 Eligible members may be invited to join the APT and shall receive a copy of the terms and conditions referred to above which must be accepted by the member prior to accepting a position on the APT.
- 1.3.3 Teams and Individuals eligible for World Championships shall notify APF of their acceptance within 14 days of receiving a letter of invitation.
- 1.3.4 Team members are responsible for all costs associated with attendance at any competition, APF may reimburse some or all of the costs to the member in accordance with APF policy.
- 1.3.5 All team members' financial commitments must be paid in advance and team members shall not leave Australia as a member of the Australian Parachute Team if all financial commitments to the APF and/or Competition Host have not been met.

1.4 Delegation Officials

- 1.4.1 APF may appoint officials to accompany the team to each international competition including a Head of Delegation (HoD) and a Team Manager. Other officials may be appointed at the discretion of APF.
- 1.4.2 The Head of Delegation is the titular head of the group and should be an appropriate person who is familiar with World Championships organisational procedures and has leadership qualities.
- 1.4.3 The Team Manager should be a person who is familiar with World Championships organisational procedures and has displayed leadership qualities.
- 1.4.4 Should APF appoint an Interpreter, it should be a person capable of interpreting all documents, speeches, briefings etc. from the language of the country in which the competition is being held into English.
- 1.4.5 As soon as the team is selected, a Team Captain for each event will be elected by each team from amongst its members.
- 1.4.6 APF may appoint a person to one or more of the above positions. Except where explicitly prohibited by the relevant competition rules APF may appoint a competitor to these positions.

1.5 Duties and Responsibilities

- 1.5.1 The team and officials must at all times behave in accordance with the APF Code of Conduct and in a manner which upholds and enhances the image of APF and the sport of skydiving.
- 1.5.2 Competitors must obey the FAI rules, the competition rules, the rules of the airfield and dropzone, the Competitors' Code of Conduct and other relevant guidelines during both on field and off field activities.
- 1.5.3 The Head of Delegation shall administer the affairs of the team and delegation according to the directives of APF, attend meetings and functions as directed by APF. and act as a member of the International Jury where applicable.

- 1.5.4 The Team Manager shall attend all meetings of the Committee of Team Managers, ensure the team is ready in good time for events and keep the team members informed on the latest developments and rule interpretations throughout the competition.
- 1.5.5 Team Captains shall assist the Team Manager in maintaining discipline, ensuring competitors are ready to board the aircraft on time and act on behalf of the Team Manager when delegated to do so.
- 1.5.6 Where required, the Interpreter shall be available to assist the Team Manager and other officials and shall generally assist team members with language problems.

1.6 Reports

The Head of Delegation in consultation with the Team Manager(s) must submit a report to APF following the completion of the competition, informing APF of the progress and achievement of the team, with emphasis on those items which could lead to improvements in future organisation.

1.7 Organisation Prior to the Team's Departure

- 1.7.1 The Head of Delegation and the Team Manager are responsible for managing the affairs of the team in accordance with APF direction.
- 1.7.2 After consultation with the Team Manager and Head of Delegation, APF may schedule an official training camp prior to the competition.
- 1.7.3 The Team Manager is responsible for the collection of video and photographs of the team in training and team details for media purposes. The Team Manager and Head of Delegation are responsible for ensuring the APF is provided with a copy of all relevant media and informed of any matters of importance.
- 1.7.4 The Team Manager may request reimbursement for miscellaneous expenses incurred while travelling or at the Championships.

PART 2 - PERFORMANCE BASED FUNDING

2.1 General

- 2.1.1 APF may support APT members by providing funding to offset the cost of competing at a WPC, or to aid training prior to the competition. This funding is provided based on the competitor's skill level and demonstrated performance. Where practical, a competitor's performance at the most recent APF National Championships will be the primary factor in determining the appropriate level of funding.

APT members who have not achieved the requirements for Level one funding but have been selected for inclusion in the APT will be eligible for:

- (a) APT uniform; and
- (b) Relevant travel insurance

- 2.1.2 Level One funding will be awarded to APT members whose performance is in line with the performance indicators outlined in 2.2 below. Level One funding is intended to offset the following costs associated with attending a WPC:
- (a) Competition entry fees (excluding accommodation costs); and
 - (b) APT uniform; and
 - (c) Relevant travel insurance.
- 2.1.3 Level Two funding may be awarded to APT members whose performance is in line with the performance indicators outlined in 2.2 below. Level Two funding is intended to offset the following costs associated with attending a WPC:
- (a) Competition entry fees (excluding accommodation costs); and
 - (b) APT uniform; and
 - (c) Relevant travel insurance; and
 - (d) Aid with reasonable accommodation costs.
 - (e) Funding to assist with training as deemed appropriate by the PBF committee.

2.2 Performance Indicators

- 2.2.1 The following performance indicators are a guideline for determining eligibility criteria for each level of funding.
- 2.2.2 Four-way Formation Skydiving
- (a) Level one: Produce an average score of at least 11.0
 - (b) Level two: Produce an average score of at least 16.0
- 2.2.3 Four-way Vertical Formation Skydiving
- (a) Level one: Produce an average score of at least 9.0
 - (b) Level two: Produce an average score of at least 13.0
- 2.2.4 Eight-way Formation Skydiving
- (a) Level one: Produce an average score of at least 10.0
 - (b) Level two: Produce an average score of at least 14.0
- 2.2.5 Artistic Events
- Demonstrate a level of performance that would in the reasonable view of APF likely result in the competitor placing at the following levels in the WPC:
- (a) Level one: Average score of 5.5 or above
 - (b) Level two: Within top 3 teams.
- 2.2.6 Canopy Piloting, Canopy Piloting Freestyle, Wingsuiting, Speed, Accuracy Landing
- Demonstrate a level of performance that would in the reasonable view* of APF likely result in the competitor placing at the following levels at world competitions (averaged over the previous three First Category Events):
- (a) Level one: Within the top 75%
 - (b) Level two: Within the top 25%
- * "Reasonable view" will take into consideration variations in meteorological conditions between competitions that could affect scores, such as headwinds and DZ elevation.

- 2.2.8 Canopy Formation (CF) 4-way Sequential
- (a) Level one: Produce an average score of at least 5.0
 - (b) Level two: Within top 3 teams.
- 2.2.9 Canopy Formation (CF) 4-way Rotations
- (a) Level one: Produce an average score of at least 10.0
 - (b) Level two: Within top 3 teams.
- 2.2.10 Canopy Formation (CF) 2-way CF Sequential
- (a) Level one: Produce an average score of at least 12.0
 - (b) Level two: Produce an average score of at least 16.0

2.2.11 Mentoring Incentive

As an incentive for competitors to share their knowledge with other APF members and assist in the future development of the sport, APF may consider further support for the team or individual than was provided at the previous WPC where:

- (a) The team or individual qualifies to represent Australia at the 2nd+ WPC;
and
- (b) The competitor(s) have substantially contributed to the development of their relevant discipline within Australia;

Teams/individuals may contribute to the development of the sport in their discipline by doing one or more of the following:

- coaching
- mentoring
- organising events
- contributing to APF publications
- volunteering on APF Sport and Competition Committees