



Selection Team Policy for Adult and Junior Australia MTA Team's.

For concurrence with IFMA terminology. A-Class is ELITE Men's and Women, B-Class is COMPETITOR Men. Juniors are under 17 as at 1 Aug 2018. Seniors Must be under 40 and over 18 as at 10 May 2018.

All members of the Australian Team **MUST** be financial members of the MTA as at the day of selection and remain members for at least 12 months after any competition date.

Selection procedure.

Australian Teams are selected by the MTA selection committee.

Selection criteria is based on the following:

- Your performance at the MTA Nationals.
- Your fight record and experience.
- Your MTA ranking.
- Your WMC title achievements.
- Your competition weight and walk around weight for IFMA competition.
- Your competitiveness at an IFMA event as determined by the selection committee.
- Your ability to perform as a part of the MTA Australian team and be a team member.
- Your regular trainer's approval and acceptance of the training program, requirements and style required for competing at IFMA and that you are on the Australian Team first, not representing your own club.
- That you will not compete in any Combat Sports competition, 4 weeks from the event.
- Your ability to complete all medical, bloods, administration and PAYMENTS required for the event, by the due dates of IFMA and the MTA.
- That you sign and abide by the MTA code of conduct and all MTA policies.
- The trainer of athletes agree to abide by all MTA policies and team structure and sign an agreement regarding the athlete selection.
- The parents of juniors agree to abide by all MTA policies and team structure and sign an agreement regarding the athlete selection.
- That you accept that IFMA/MTA is WADA (ASADA) compliant and obtain a Therapeutic Good Exemption (TGE), if required, for any medication you routinely take. You are aware you may be drug tested at any time during the event. If you refuse a test or fail a test, you are automatically banned for 4 years and criminal or further action may be brought against you by the MTA/IFMA.

Australian Teams for international event consist of:

- Junior Australian Team for IFMA world championships.
- Under 23 - Male and Female Team. (proposed new structure by IFMA)
- Adult Male and Female Team – A-class. For Asian Games and World games.
- Any other IFMA/WMC international events that arise from time to time.

NOTE: IFMA international events are A-Class only. In 2019 a Under 23's division is being added but only for World Championships. All other events are A-class for men and women. All event are tournament style. With a weigh in at registration, and a weigh in every day you compete. Depending on your division this could be 2 - 6 times during the event. All fights are in head gear, cloth shin guards, elbow guards, 10oz gloves, wraps and are 3 by 3 min rounds. The team will have a team coach, and a team manager with a representative from the MTA executive at the event. These positions may overlap depending on the size of the team. A proportionate coach and manager to athlete will be determined for each event based on team size. A female coach/manager should be appointed for any team consisting of female athletes.

The Australian Team is selected by a selection Committee. Headed by the National Coach, the Team Manager, and the MTA General Secretary or President.

For juniors, senior Women and under 23's, the nationals is a selection event for the Australian Team. For A-class men, you can be selected by nomination, rankings and or competition/fight off. A-class women may also be selected with the same process with priority always given to nationals competition and IFMA experience.

Division winners at nationals are on the Australian Team Squad for their division. Nomination in these categories is only requested in a vacant division or if the selection committee determines that the division representative is not suitable. Then that division may be open to nomination on request. If an athlete is unavailable, the first replacement considered is the silver medallist at Nationals. After that, recruitment can occur.

Selection by nomination cannot override a national's winner without selection committee approval based on the suitability of the athlete over a potential more suitable, highly ranked athlete. The selection committee can recruit a replacement if a serious argument is mounted on behalf of an athlete being in the team. Athletes may also be approached, if two strong fighters exist in one weight division and another division has no national's winner or the winner is unavailable or unsuitable. Fight offs can occur to determine positions in the national's team.

Elite Males – (A-Class) is for the men's division only and suitable for athletes who are professionals and have had more than 25 fights with a strong record of wins, are highly MTA ranked – (top 5), are current fighters and have relevant IFMA experience. Nomination of an athlete for selection is designed predominately for ELITE Males Application by nomination can be utilised to 'recruit' ELITE male fighters to the team to compete for Australia.

- The Australian Nationals is a selection event for the Australian team for juniors, Senior women and under 23's. Winning a division place's you in the squad for that division and weight class. Availability, code of conduct agreement and adequate preparation will determine selection. Selection will also be based on suitability and experience to compete at a world level at the division.
- Selection will consider previous IFMA experience, fight style suitability for an IFMA event in comparison to competition in Australia.
- Men's A-Class (elite) can be selected by nomination and evaluation of the selection committee and may include a fight off if required. Females can also be selected with this method but must be in conjunction with consideration of the national's winner.

- For Australian Nationals. A-class men with more than 25 fights will be contacted to determine suitability to compete in order to avoid mismatching and the separation of B and A class fighters. Registered professionals, or A-class Australian fighters with 25 fights or less are considered B-class for international competition and can therefore compete at nationals.
- Professionally registered fighters can compete at Nationals if the state legislation of the hosting state allows.
- A-class Australia fighters may be selected to compete at IFMA Worlds in either under 23 or A-class.
- Athletes are only eligible for a spot in the team in the division, weight, and age, they are selected for. Any weight division movement must be approved by the selection committee.
- The Head Coach will determine selection criteria as required per event and may include compulsory training camps, travel times to events, code of conduct, preparation training and concurrent coaching relationships with the athletes current gym trainer.

Class experience requirement for selection.

| | Female | Male |
|-----------------|--------|------|
| 10-11 years | 5 | 5+ |
| 12-13 years | 8+ | 10+ |
| 14-15 years | 10+ | 15+ |
| 16-17 years | 15+ | 15+ |
| Under 23 | 12+ | 15+ |
| A-class (elite) | 15+ | 25+ |
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