



AUSTRALIAN PARACHUTE FEDERATION

National Team Selection Guidelines



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1. AUSTRALIAN PARACHUTE TEAM (APT)

1.1 Authorisation

1.1.1 APF athletes represent the Australian Parachute Federation (APF). By extension, they are internationally recognised as representing Australia in parachuting competition.

1.1.2 The APF may form a team to compete at any international competition, including FAI Category 1 Events and other recognised competitions and/or events.

1.1.3 International participation—whether through APF-sanctioned teams or competing independently—is encouraged as part of the APF’s long-term strategy to develop world-class athletes and enhance Australia’s global standing in parachuting sport.

1.2 Selection and Eligibility

1.2.1 The APT will generally consist of individuals and teams in accordance with international discipline-specific rules and the selection principles outlined in Clause 1.2.4.

1.2.2 To compete as part of the APT at an FAI-sanctioned competition, members must hold a valid FAI Sporting Licence in line with FAI Sporting Code requirements.

1.2.3 Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for selection to the APT, an athlete must:

- Be a full APF member in good standing;
- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Be an Australian citizen, permanent resident, or applicant for permanent residency, with at least 12 months’ continuous residency in Australia before the competition date, and meet the residency requirements under FAI Sporting Code General Section 3.4 and 3.5;
- Have competed at the most recent Australian National Championships in the relevant discipline within the selection cycle, unless granted an exemption under Clause 1.2.6.

1.2.4 Selection Principles

Selection to the APT is merit-based and assessed by the APF Competition Committee. In addition to results at the most recent Australian National Championships, the APF Competition Committee may also consider:

- Evidence of recent, structured training and preparation;
- Team completeness and value to national representation;
- The athlete’s readiness to compete safely and credibly at an international level.

1.2.5 Selection Authority

The APF CEO, in consultation with the Competition Committee, is responsible for selecting APT members and confirming National Team delegations.

1.2.6 Valid Exceptions to Nationals Participation

Athletes or teams who did not compete at the most recent Nationals may still be considered if:

- The discipline was not offered at Nationals;
- They were unable to attend due to injury, illness, or verified extenuating circumstances;
- They have demonstrated strong recent performance at Australian State Championships, Nationals, and/or international competitions within the past 18 months.

To be considered, athletes must submit a written application to the NCO. **Applications must include:**

- A competition resume with documented results;
- A current training plan;
- An explanation of circumstances (if seeking exemption);
- Confirmation of willingness to self-fund (if not eligible for APT funding).

1.2.7 Team Composition Changes

Changes to a selected team's composition must retain at least 60% of the original team members. Any replacement must meet APT eligibility criteria.

1.3 APT Membership Conditions

1.3.1 Invited athletes and teams will receive the Team Agreement outlining the terms and conditions, which must be read, accepted and signed before being formally admitted to the APT.

1.3.2 Team members are responsible for their own costs associated with international competition. APF may provide financial assistance in accordance with its Performance Based Funding guidelines, **1.3.3** All financial obligations to the APF and/or event organisers must be satisfied before their event registrations close. A team member may not represent Australia internationally if outstanding payments exist.

2. APF DELEGATION OFFICIALS

2.1 Appointments

2.1.1 The APF may appoint delegation officials to support the APT at international competitions. These roles may include:

- Head of Delegation (HoD)
- Team Manager
- Team Captain
- Interpreter (if required)

2.1.2 The appointment of officials will be determined by the APF Competition Committee based on the size and nature of the competition. Not all positions will be filled for every event. In smaller delegations—particularly during World Cups—the APF may appoint a senior athlete to fulfil the duties of **Team Manager**, ensuring continuity of leadership and coordination.

2.1.3 The responsibilities of delegation officials are guided by this manual and by the FAI Sporting Code – General Section 5, particularly Section 4.5: Competition Management.

2.2 Roles and Responsibilities

2.2.1 Head of Delegation (HoD)

The HoD leads the APT delegation, represents the APF at official functions, and oversees team affairs in line with FAI Sporting Code.

2.2.2 Team Manager

The Team Manager coordinates team logistics, ensures athletes are ready for competition, and keeps the team informed throughout the event.

2.2.3 Team Captain

The Team Captain may act in place of the Team Manager when no Team Manager is appointed. They are responsible for team discipline and ensuring athletes are prepared and on time

2.2.4 Interpreter (if appointed)

Provides translation of official documents, briefings, and supports communication between team members and event organisers.

2.3 Code of Conduct and Compliance

2.3.1 All team members and officials must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the **APF Code of Conduct**, and always uphold the reputation of the APF and the sport of skydiving.

2.3.2 Team members must comply with:

- FAI Sporting Code and competition rules
 - Event-specific rules and regulations
 - Airfield and drop zone protocols
 - APT Team Agreement
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2.4 Post-Competition Reporting

2.4.1 Following each international competition, the Head of Delegation (or Team Manager if no HoD), in consultation with the Team Manager, must submit a report to the APF. This report should summarise team outcomes and highlight any insights or recommendations to improve future planning and performance.

2.5 Pre-Departure Responsibilities

2.5.1 The Head of Delegation and Team Manager are responsible for managing the affairs of the team in accordance with their defined roles and responsibilities, both prior to and during the competition dates.

2.5.2 The APF may, in consultation with team officials, organise an official training camp ahead of the event.

2.5.3 The Team Manager is responsible for collecting media content (e.g. photographs and video) and providing the APF with team information for communications and promotion.

2.5.4 The Team Manager may submit a claim for reimbursement for miscellaneous expenses incurred while travelling or during competition, subject to APF review.
