



## **ELIGIBILITY AND NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS**

### **OLYMPIC SURFING EVENT – PARIS 2024**

The following requirements (“Requirements”) are established by the International Surfing Association (“ISA”) in accordance with its rule book (the “ISA Rule Book”) applicable to the eligibility of a surfer (each, a “Surfer”) and to the nomination of a Surfer by his or her National Federation (“NF”) for participation in the Olympic Surfing Event at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games (the “Olympic Surfing Event”), subject to the last sentence of these Requirements below.

#### **Requirements Applicable to Surfers**

1. To be eligible to be nominated for and to participate in the Olympic Surfing Event, a Surfer must comply with the following criteria:
  - a. The Surfer must satisfy and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter in force from time to time, including but not limited to Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter (Nationality of Competitors) or any replacement or successor provision.
  - b. The Surfer must be in good standing with his/her National Federation (“NF”) and the ISA in accordance with the ISA Rule Book in force at the time of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
  - c. The Surfer must be eligible to represent the country of the NF and National Olympic Committee (“NOC”) that nominates the Surfer by satisfying the NOC’s and NF’s eligibility rules in force at the time of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
  - d. The Surfer must make him or herself available for their respective national team for participation in the 2023 and 2024 ISA World Surfing Games.
  - e. If nominated by the NF to represent the National Team at the 2023 and/or 2024 ISA World Surfing Games, the Surfer must accept the nomination of his or her NF to take part, and must actually take part in good faith, in any or all of the above ISA World Surfing Games. A surfer may only be allowed to withdraw before the conclusion of the competition in the 2024 ISA World Surfing Games provided the surfer has submitted to an ISA medical review confirming the surfer’s inability to continue for justifiable health reasons. If a surfer withdraws



from the competition without said medical certification, the surfer shall relinquish his or her Olympic eligibility.

- i. For the avoidance of doubt, unless otherwise required to participate as per Paragraph 2 in “Requirements Applicable to National Federations” below, if a surfer is not nominated by the NF and therefore does not participate, the surfer maintains eligibility
  
- f. Where the Surfer has not met the minimum participation requirements set forth in paragraphs d. and e. above, a review panel appointed by ISA Executive Committee (the “Panel”) may exercise its discretion to rule that a Surfer who satisfies all other eligibility criteria is considered eligible for nomination for and participation in the Olympic Surfing Event. The Panel may take into consideration special circumstances, including, but not limited to, the fact that a Surfer’s injury or illness prevented the Surfer from participating fully or at all, where the injury or illness is evidenced through authorized medical records, clearly identifying the period of absence from competitive surfing events.
  
- g. For the avoidance of doubt, unless excused by the Panel, pursuant paragraph 1(f) above, a Surfer who is nominated but fails to take part in the 2023 and/or 2024 ISA World Surfing Games, in accordance with paragraph 1(e) above, shall be ineligible to take to take part in the Olympic Surfing Event.

For the purpose of these requirements, the term “Olympic Cycle” means the period commencing on September 1, 2022, being the start of the qualification period, and ending June, 2024 (exact date TBC), being the ranking date for entries to the Paris 2024 Olympic Surfing Event.

The ISA will publish these Requirements for the Olympic Surfing Event subject to any amendment as issued by the IOC and/or the ISA. The ISA will also publish in due time the requirements for the filing of any appeal or application to the Panel.

## **Requirements Applicable to National Federations**

1. A NF may only nominate a Surfer to participate in the Olympic Surfing Event who is eligible in accordance with the foregoing Requirements Applicable to Surfers.
2. Where there are surfers from a territory in the World Surf League (WSL) Championship Tour (CT), the nomination requirements are as follows:
  - a. 2023 ISA World Surfing Games: a NF must nominate, from among the Surfers in the territory of such NF, per category (i.e., men and women, as applicable), the top two ranked eligible Surfers, in accordance with the WSL rankings as of May 1, 2023 following the Margaret River Pro. Despite the possibility of WSL rankings changing between the time of nomination and the lead up to the 2023 ISA World Surfing Games/Olympic Qualifying Event, the rankings will be taken from the May 1 mark.
  - b. 2024 ISA World Surfing Games:, a NF must nominate, from among the Surfers in the territory of such NF, per category (i.e., men and women, as applicable), the top two ranked eligible Surfers, in accordance with the WSL rankings at the end of 2023.
  - c. For the avoidance of doubt, if an NF only has one surfer representing the respective territory on the WSL ranking as per paragraph 2(b)(c), only one surfer is required to be nominated.
3. If a Surfer nominated by the NF declines such nomination, the NF must then nominate the next in rank Surfer, per category.

**These eligibility requirements are subject to such further supplementary, additional or amending rules as are issued by the International Olympic Committee and/or the ISA in the Olympic Regulations, the Olympic Charter, the ISA Rule Book, the ISA Charter or otherwise prior to the commencement of the Paris 2024 Olympic Surfing Event taking place in July 2024.**