

APPENDIX E

AUSTRALIAN DRAFT SYSTEM

PURPOSE

See [Rule 1.14](#) of the handbook for the purpose of the Draft and a summary of the Draft's operation.

KEY POINTS/PRINCIPLES OF THE DRAFT SYSTEM

- Before the draft process commences, States/Territories must select their Interstate team from their pool of available athletes. i.e. the State/Territory must exhaust the athletes eligible to them who have applied for and/or have identified themselves as available for selection for their Interstate team before accessing the draft process.
- When applying to draft an athlete into their Interstate Team the STMO must indicate how many athletes are required and what age category of those athletes.
- STMO's must also disclose at the time of their request to access the draft any conditions they will need to impose upon a drafted athlete as a prerequisite to them competing for their Interstate team. This should include any team monetary levy plus travel, accommodation, equipment and uniform costs.
- If an athlete nominates but is not selected for their State/Territory's Interstate team (or there is no team selected by the State/Territory) they can then nominate through their STMO for the APLSC National Draft system.
- If an athlete chooses not to nominate for a State/Territory Interstate team and wishes to apply for the draft they must obtain the written consent of their STMO before nominating for the draft. The reason for not making themselves available must be provided to National Branch for the approval of the National Sports Committee prior to the athlete being permitted to enter the Draft.
- When nominating for the draft, an athlete does not have a choice of which State/Territory they may be drafted to, subject to the exception set out in [Rule 1.15](#) of the Handbook.
- When an athlete nominates for the Draft, they must have met the eligibility requirements for Interstate team entry to the competition, excluding the residency requirement.

DRAFT PROCESS

- At least six months prior to the commencement of the next Australian Pool Life Saving Championships, the National Sport Committee will set appropriate timelines and procedures for draft nominations.
- Once the nominations for APLSC National draft close random draws for selection will be created. The random draws will be created for each male and female age group as well as random draws for teams requesting draftees. There will be a separate team draw order for each age group as well as for athlete allocation. The state and athlete orders will be then matched to arrive at which athlete is drafted to which team.
- When this selection order is established, the draft process will begin.
- Commencing with the U/16's age group the names are drawn out until either the interstate teams are full or there are no more draftees left. When there are no draftees for an age

group remaining the process for the age group is complete even if all teams are not filled. All age groups will follow this process.

- Athlete's may nominate for more than one age group. They are initially placed into the age for which they are eligible currently via their birth date and if they are unsuccessful in that age group, they are then be moved to any additional age group they have nominated for. (Refer to [Rule 1.14.2](#)) 'Competing out of Age Group'.) Athletes not drafted are put on a reserve list in case an athlete subsequently refuses their Draft selection.
- Once drafted; the athlete then becomes part of their allocated Interstate team. The draftee cannot then request to compete for any other State/Territory/Club. Swapping or trading of athletes is not permitted.
- Each draftee is subject to any STMO conditions imposed on them as a prerequisite to them competing for their allocated Interstate team. These conditions must be made clear to the athlete before they accept a draft selection. The allocated STMO and the athlete are responsible for the negotiation of the payment of any costs (monetary and otherwise) associated with the draftee competing for their allocated Interstate Team.