## **International Wild Card Information**

## Australian Beach Volleyball Tour 2017/18

2017/18 ABVT Sport Regulations (excerpt relating to International Teams)

## 2.3 ENTRY INFORMATION & WILD CARDS

- 2.3.3 For a team to recognised as representing a country other than Australia and be classified as an International Team, each **TEAM** must:
  - Not have lived in Australia for the past 2 years
  - Be registered to play from the same country
  - Have a letter of approval to participate from their National Federation
  - 2.3.3.1 An Australian player wishing to play with an International player will be classified as an International Team however will not be recognised as representing any country.
- 2.3.5 For each gender, a maximum of 4 Wild Cards may be issued for the Main Draw with a maximum of 2 going to International Teams. A maximum of 4 International teams will be accepted into the Qualifying Tournament per gender.
  - 2.3.5.1 An International team wishing to apply for inclusion onto the ABVT must submit a letter to <a href="mailto:baz.wedmaier@avf.org.au">baz.wedmaier@avf.org.au</a> including details on your current playing experience, any national or international rankings, a Letter of Clearance from the athlete's National Federation and any other relevant information. All applications must be received a minimum of 28 days prior to the 1st competition day of the requested event.
  - 2.3.5.2 An Australian team wishing to apply for a Wild Card must submit a letter to <a href="mailto:baz.wedmaier@avf.org.au">baz.wedmaier@avf.org.au</a> including specific details on why a Wild Card is required when compared to coming through the Qualifying Tournament. Wild Cards to Australian teams will only be issued in extraordinary situations.
- 2.3.6 The Wild Card Selection Committee (WCSC), at their sole discretion, will decide all Wild Cards. The WCSC is comprised of:
  - Volleyball Australia CEO representing the commercial and political interests of the ABVT & VA
  - Volleyball Australia Beach Volleyball High Performance Director representing the High Performance and Development opportunities for VA athletes
  - ABVT Tour Director representing the State Tours, the Tour itself and the operational deliverables of the ABVT
- 2.3.7 In the event that less Wild Cards are offered than positions available, the next highest ranked Australian team/s will be promoted from the Qualifying Tournament to the Main Draw.
- 2.3.8 Entry into all ABVT events will be taken through the Event Organiser and close 28 days prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> competition day for International Teams and 7 days prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> competition day for Australian Teams.
  - 2.3.8.1 International teams entered will be notified of their entry (successful or not) 24 days prior to the 1st day of competition into an event.