



Media Guide

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WELCOME

2020 is shaping up to be an exciting year for boxing in Australia as we lead into the Tokyo Olympic Games. Qualification begins in Amman, Jordan for the Asia-Oceania Olympic Qualification Event, where our boxers will need to finish in the top 4-6 to earn their place at the Games. After Jordan there will be one final chance to qualify, at the World Olympic Qualification event in Paris, France.

Domestically there will be plenty of action with the Youth National Team Selection Event ahead of the World Championships later in the year. Australian Boxing's pinnacle events, the U19 Australian Championships and Elite Australian Championships will be held in the post-Games period.



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KEVIN SMITH

National Head Coach

Kevin Smith has an extensive experience in coaching globally, having started his career in his native city of Liverpool leading the coaching team at the Golden Gloves Boxing Club in Toxteth. From England he moved north to coach the Scottish National Team for 3 years then headed Nigeria's 2012 Olympic Campaign before filling a 2 year consultancy role with the Philippines. Under Coach Kevin the Australian high-performance program has seen great success with a record medal haul at the 2018 Commonwealth Games and numerous podium finishes at the Elite and Youth Boxing World Championships.

JAMIE PITTMAN

National Futures Coach

Jamie is an indigenous former Australian boxer in the middleweight division. In his amateur career, he represented Australia at the 2002 Commonwealth Games, 2003 AIBA Boxing World Championship and 2004 Athens Olympics, before turning pro the following year with an amateur record of 187 fights (150 wins 37 losses). From then on, Pittman held a record of twenty-five bouts throughout his professional career (twenty-two victories, eleven knockouts, and three losses).



ATHLETE PROFILES

HARRY GARSIDE

LIGHT WEIGHT 63 KG



6 x National Champion

2018 Commonwealth Games Gold

Age:	22
Birthplace:	Melbourne
Club:	Pure Boxing
Home Coach:	Brian Levier
Stance:	Southpaw
Height:	178 cm
Bouts:	93
Started Boxing:	2006
Boxing Idols:	Vasiliy Lomachenko and Muhammad Ali

Enrolling for ballet classes after finding out that his boxing idol Vasiliy Lomachenko uses ballet to improve his footwork and balance, Harry hopes these new skills will give him the competitive edge he needs to win a medal at the Olympics.

ALEX WINWOOD

FLY WEIGHT 52 KG



4 x National Champion

2017 Oceania Champion

Age:	22
Birthplace:	Bunbury, Western Australia
Club:	Eureka Boxing Club
Home Coach:	Brian Sartori
Stance:	Orthodox
Height:	158 cm
Bouts:	50
Started Boxing:	2013
Boxing Idols:	Lionel Rose, Muhammad Ali, Vasiliy Lomachenko



After missing out on a spot on the 2016 Rio Olympic team, Alex has put his apprenticeship on hold and spent the last 4 years with one thing on his mind, securing his spot for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

ATHLETE PROFILES

BRANDON REES

HEAVY WEIGHT 91 KG



 2 x National Champion
 Bronze Chemistry Cup, Cologne

Age: 22
Birthplace: Attadale, Western Australia
Club: Nashys Boxing Club
Home Coach: Sean Nash
Stance: Orthodox
Height: 190 cm
Bouts: 76
Started Boxing: 2013
Boxing Idols: I have many boxing idols

A fully qualified Air Conditioning & Refrigeration mechanic, Brandon has set aside his trade to focus on boxing and making the Olympic team.

JASON MALLIA

WELTER WEIGHT 69 KG



 5 x National Champion

Age: 25
Birthplace: Williamstown, Victoria
Club: Collingwood Boxing Club
Home Coach: Kel Bryant
Stance: Orthodox
Height: 169 cm
Bouts: 92
Started Boxing: 2009
Boxing Idols: Kostya Tszyu

Jason juggles life as an elite athlete with owning his own gym in Melbourne. He tore his meniscus while preparing for the Australian Championships, but after a strong commitment to his rehab, 10 weeks after post injury Jason returned to the ring and became Australian Champion.

ATHLETE PROFILES

PAULO AOKUSO

LIGHT HEAVY WEIGHT 81 KG



1 x National Champion

Age:	22
Birthplace:	New South Wales
Club:	Shape Up Performance
Home Coach:	Geoff Frazer
Stance:	Southpaw
Height:	180cm
Bouts:	39
Started Boxing:	2015
Boxing Idols:	Roy Jones Jr & Floyd Mayweather

A talented young Rugby League player, Paulo tried boxing as a way of keeping fit in the off season.

CHARLIE SENIOR

FEATHER WEIGHT 57 KG



1 x National Champion



3 x National Youth Champion

Age:	18
Birthplace:	Bradford, England
Club:	Lacey's Boxing Gym
Home Coach:	Justin Lacey
Stance:	Orthodox
Height:	175 cm
Bouts:	37
Started Boxing:	2012
Boxing Idols:	Roy Jones jr & Vasyl Lomanchenko

The youngest athlete on the National Team, Charlie comes from a dance background, turning to boxing as a way of trying something new.

ATHLETE PROFILES

JUSTIS HUNI

HEAVY WEIGHT 91+KG



 Gold Youth World Championships
 Bronze AIBA World Championships

Age: 20
Birthplace: Brisbane, Queensland
Club: Bethania Boxing Club
Home Coach: Mark Wilson, Rocki Huni
Stance: Orthodox
Height: 192
Bouts: 74
Started Boxing: 2010
Boxing Idols: Mike Tyson, Pernell Whitaker

From training in his backyard at home, to becoming the first ever Australian Youth World Champion, Justis has experienced much success over the last few years. At the 2019 AIBA Men's World Championships he became only the 4th Australian Elite Male to ever Medal at a World Championships, all before turning 21!

KIRRA RUSTON

MIDDLE WEIGHT 75 KG



 1 x National Champion

Age: 23
Birthplace: Queensland
Club: Lacey's Boxing Gym
Home Coach: Justin Lacey
Stance: Orthodox
Height: 182 cm
Bouts: 55
Started Boxing: 2015
Boxing Idols: Old - Roy Jones Jr, New - Canelo

One of Kirra's other passions lies in coaching, where he is helping to coach some of the kids in his local gym. He recently graduated from University with a Bachelor of Exercise & Sports Science

ATHLETE PROFILES

KRISTY HARRIS

FLY WEIGHT 51 KG



4 x National Champion



Bronze 2018 AIBA World Champs

Age:	27
Birthplace:	Geelong, Victoria
Club:	Collingwood Boxing Club
Home Coach:	Kel Bryant
Stance:	Orthodox
Height:	163 cm
Bouts:	87
Started Boxing:	2012
Boxing Idols:	Katie Taylor, Khasanbay Dusmatov, Andy Cruz Gomez

Outside of boxing Kristy is heavily involved in community engagement, giving presentations to school students, educating them about the importance of resilience, dedication and goal setting. She is also a Lifeline Australia Community Custodian, a program developed by SportAUS and Lifeline Australia to help raise awareness of mental illness.

CAITLIN PARKER

MIDDLE WEIGHT 75 KG



7 x National Champion



Silver 2018 Commonwealth Games

Age:	23
Birthplace:	Subiaco, Western Australia
Club:	Fox's Boxing Den, Peninsula Boxing
Home Coach:	Peter (Fox) Wilkinson, Marcos Amado
Stance:	Orthodox
Height:	174 cm
Bouts:	88
Started Boxing:	2007
Boxing Idols:	There are many influential people in my career.

Caitlin started boxing at age 11 after achieving black belt in Tae Kwon Do, mainly for fitness while playing rugby but she switched to boxing after finding a love for the sport. Her first fight was at 13 years old in an exhibition with a 25 year old woman. After her first national title at the age of 14, she went on to compete at the 2011 Junior World Championships in Turkey where she won a Bronze, Australia's first medal at that competition. Caitlin is also on the AIBA Athletes Commission, representing the views and opinions of her fellow athletes.

ANJA SCRIDSMAN

LIGHT WEIGHT 60 KG



2 x National Champion



Gold 2018 Commonwealth Games

Age:	32
Birthplace:	Sweden
Club:	Umina PCYC
Home Coach:	Joel Keegan
Stance:	Orthodox
Height:	171 cm
Bouts:	80
Started Boxing:	2010
Boxing Idols:	Jean Claude Van Damm

At the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games she became the second ever Australian female boxer to win gold. In preparation for the Commonwealth Games Anja tore her ACL, in order to be able to compete at the Games Anja underwent surgery where she received the ACL from a cadavre.

KAYE SCOLL

WELTER WEIGHT 69 KG



Silver 2016 World Championships



Bronze 2018 Commonwealth Games

Age:	35
Birthplace:	Wahroonga, New South Wales
Club:	Umina PCYC
Home Coach:	Joel Keegan
Stance:	Orthodox
Height:	178 cm
Bouts:	100+
Started Boxing:	2009
Boxing Idols:	Tyson, Ali, Sugar Ray Robinson, Mayweather

Kaye actively works to support Women's boxing in Australia and boxing in Australia in general. After the ban was lifted on women's boxing, she took part in the first female bout in NSW, an exhibition fight with Ramona Stephenson in October 2009. Kaye captained the 2014 Commonwealth Games boxing team (the first-time female boxing was included in the Commonwealth Games), helping to mentor and support other Australian male and female boxers.

SKYE NICOLSON

FEATHER WEIGHT 57 KG



Bronze 2016 World Championships



Gold 2018 Commonwealth Games

Age:	24
Birthplace:	Meadowbrook, Queensland
Club:	Albert Boxing Club
Home Coach:	Wayne Tolton
Stance:	Southpaw
Height:	166
Bouts:	140
Started Boxing:	2008
Boxing Idols:	Jamie Pittman

Skye is from a large boxing family with her brothers and parents all being involved in the sport. Growing up she never met her 2 older brothers, Jamie (22 years old) and Gavin (10 years old), who were killed in a car accident on their way to training. One of the brothers, Jamie was a Barcelona Olympian and Commonwealth Games bronze medallist. Skye has emulated Jamie's success with a very successful amateur boxing career.

EVENT CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Olympic Qualification Men's International Training Camp	11 - 26 JAN	Vijaynagar-Bellary, India
Olympic Qualification Women's International Training Camp	12 - 25 JAN	Saraburi, Thailand
Asia/Oceania Olympic Qualification	03 - 11 MAR	Amman, Jordan
World Olympic Qualification	13 - 24 MAY	Paris, France
Youth Selection Event	JULY	Perth, Western Australia
Tokyo 2020 Olympics	24 JUL - 09 AUG	Tokyo, Japan
2020 U19/17/15 Men's and Women's Australian Championships	30 SEP - 03 OCT	Melbourne, Victoria
2020 AIBA Youth Men's World Championships	SEP	TBA
2020 Elite Australian Championships	25 - 28 NOV	TBA

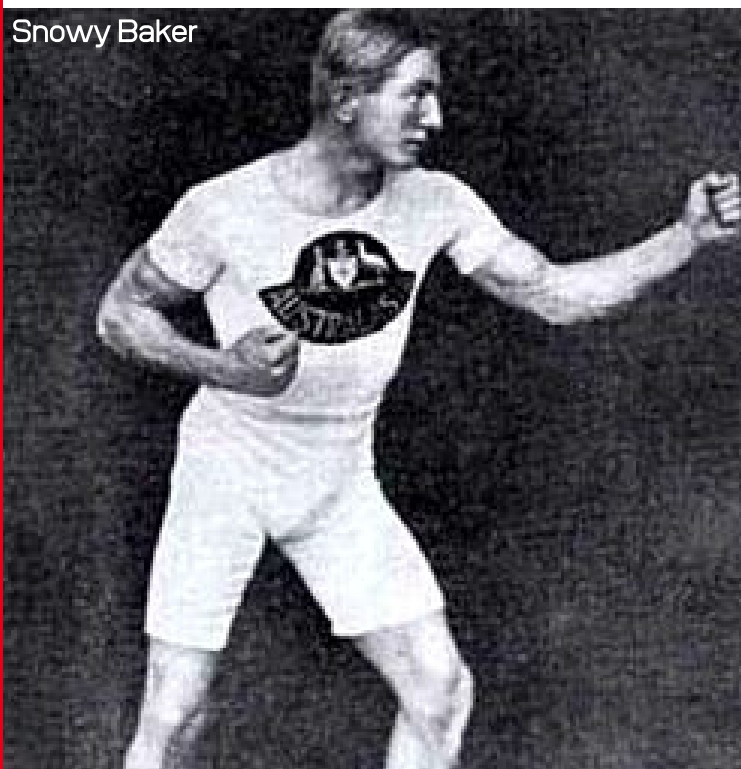




In 2013 the AIS Combat Centre was established, housing the Boxing Australia training facilities, featuring 2 training rings and 1 Olympic-size ring, 15 bags of various shapes and sizes, 2 uppercut wall bags, 2 speed balls and ample floor space. The Centre also features an area for strength and conditioning involving weights, skipping ropes, exercise bikes and rowing machines. A medical room coming off the Combat Centre floor allows quick access to treatment for our boxers. The AIS Combat Centre is a shared space, also involving training facilities for Judo, Taekwondo and Wrestling.

The Boxing Australia Centre of Excellence (CoE) was developed as a decentralised program within each state and territory. The purpose of the program was to identify talented boxers that have the potential to represent their state or territory at future Australian Championships. The CoE program utilises the facilities at the Combat Centre for multiple National Camps throughout the year.

Snowy Baker



Men's Boxing

5 Olympic Medals
63 Commonwealth Games Medals
4 World Championship Medals
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The National Elite Men's program has a rich history, from Reginald 'Snowy' Baker winning a silver medal more than a century ago at the 1908 Olympic Games, to Justis Huni becoming the youngest ever Australian boxer to medal at a World Championships. The team has had great success at Benchmark Events around the world, the most notable being the Commonwealth Games medal haul, with 60 medals in the 19 editions that have been held over 80+ years. Australia has had boxers participate in 20 of the 30 Olympiads and 15 of the 16 World Championships.

Women's Boxing

6 Commonwealth Games Medals
4 World Championship Medals
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The National Elite Women's Team represented Australia at the first ever 2001 AIBA Women's World Championships in Scranton, USA and have attended six out of the seven following World Championships.

In 2009, the International Olympic Committee announced that women's boxing would be included in the 2012 Olympic Games where Australia was represented by Naomi Fischer-Rasmussen.

In 2012, the Commonwealth Games Federation announced that female boxing was to be included in the 2014 Commonwealth Games. Shelley Watts won the first Commonwealth Games Gold for Australia at the Games.

Shelley Watts





OLYMPIC GAMES MEDALISTS

Reginald Baker 1908 SILVER
Kevin Hogarth 1956 BRONZE
Anthony Madigan 1960 BRONZE
Oliver Taylor 1960 BRONZE
Graham Cheney 1988 SILVER



Men's World Championship Medallists

Jamie Nicolson 1989 BRONZE
Justin Rowsell 1991 BRONZE
Stefan Scriggins 1991 BRONZE
Joseph Goodall 2017 BRONZE
Justis Huni 2019 BRONZE



Women's World Championship Medallists

Desi Kontos 2002 BRONZE
Skye Nicolson 2016 BRONZE
Kaye Scott 2016 SILVER
Kristy Harris 2018 BRONZE



COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEDALISTS

Dudley Gallagher 1930 SILVER
Leonard Cook 1934 GOLD
Jack Dillon 1938 BRONZE
Les Harley 1938 BRONZE
Cecil Overall 1938 SILVER
William Smith 1938 GOLD
John Taylor 1950 BRONZE
Stanley Cousins 1950 SILVER

William Seewitz 1950 SILVER

William Barber 1950 SILVER

Warner Batchelor 1954 BRONZE

Brian Cahill 1954 BRONZE

Des Dguid 1954 BRONZE

Rod Litzow 1954 SILVER

Anthony Madigan 1954 SILVER

Oliver Taylor 1958 SILVER

Graham Robinson 1962 BRONZE

John Bukowski 1962 BRONZE

Edward Stone 1962 BRONZE

Anthony Madigan 1962 GOLD

Jeff Dynevov 1962 GOLD

John Rakowski 1966 BRONZE

Ray Maguire 1966 BRONZE

Dennis Booth 1966 BRONZE

Darryl Norwood 1966 SILVER

Peter Butterfield 1970 BRONZE

Robert Murphy 1970 BRONZE

Peter Wighton 1978 BRONZE

Phil McElawaine 1978 GOLD

Grant Richards 1982 BRONZE

Richard Reilly 1982 BRONZE

Rodney Harberger 1982 BRONZE

Brian Tink 1982 BRONZE

Douglas Sam 1982 SILVER

David Clencie 1986 SILVER

Richard Finch 1986 SILVER

Jeff Harding 1986 SILVER

Jamie Nicolson 1990 BRONZE

Stefan Scriggins 1990 BRONZE

Graham Cheney 1990 BRONZE

Justin Rowsell 1990 BRONZE

James Swan 1994 BRONZE

Richard Rowless 1994 BRONZE

Robert Peden 1994 GOLD

Casey Johns 1998 BRONZE

James Swan 1998 BRONZE

Lyndon Hosking 1998 BRONZE

Justin Whitehead 1998 BRONZE

Ben McEachran 2002 BRONZE

Justin Kane 2002 GOLD

Daniel Geale 2002 GOLD

Paul Miller 2002 GOLD

Luke Jackson 2006 BRONZE

Lenny Zappavigna 2006 BRONZE

Ben McEachran 2006 BRONZE

Steven Rudic 2006 BRONZE

Jarrold Fletcher 2006 GOLD

Brad Pitt 2006 GOLD

Joseph Goodall 2014 SILVER

Andrew Moloney 2014 GOLD

Shelley Watts 2014 GOLD

Jason Whateley 2018 Silver

Harrison Garside 2018 GOLD

Clay Waterman 2018 BRONZE

Taylah Robertson 2018 BRONZE

Kaye Scott 2018 BRONZE

Caitlin Parker 2018 SILVER

Skye Nicolson 2018 GOLD

Anja Stridsman 2018 GOLD



A boxer is seen from behind, wearing a blue protective suit and headgear. The headgear has "FBT." written on it. The boxer is in a boxing ring, with the ropes visible. The background is a blurred stadium.

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