



2008 BEIJING OLYMPICS SELECTION NOMINATION POLICY

1. Introduction

This nomination criteria applies to all athletes seeking nomination by Canoe Racing New Zealand (CRNZ) to the New Zealand Olympic Committee (NZOC) for selection in to the NZ team to compete in the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

CRNZ Selectors who will determine the athletes to be nominated to the NZOC are:

1. John MacDonald (Convenor of Selectors)
2. Gavin Elmiger
3. up to two (2) additional selectors to be appointed by the Board of CRNZ

2. Nomination Criteria

Athletes seeking nomination must firstly satisfy the following eligibility criteria.

2.1 ICF/International Canoeing Federation Requirements

The International Canoeing Federation qualification requirements must first be met. (These are available from the ICF, NZ Canoeing Federation, Canoe Racing New Zealand or NZOC).

2.2 National Federation Requirements

To be eligible for selection to the NZ Olympic Team for sprint kayaking in 2008, the athlete must:

- a) meet CRNZ selection criteria.
- b) have been selected (or have qualified for selection) for the CRNZ team to contest the 2007 ICF sprint world championships.
- c) or been selected for the CRNZ team to contest the 2008 Oceania sprint kayak championships.

Athletes must compete in the following events but may also be required to attend trials, training camps or other international regattas etc. in 2007/2008.

- World Sprint Championships 2007
- World Sprint Cup events 2007

- Oceania Sprint Champs 2008
- World Sprint Cup events 2008

2.3 New Zealand Olympic Committee Over-riding Criteria

ICF and CRNZ selection criteria will be applied contemporaneously with NZOC's over-riding selection policy, which states:

NZOC will select athletes who, through world rankings and top level competition performances, have demonstrated the ability to finish within the Top 16 at the 2008 Olympic Games, with the potential to win an Olympic Diploma (Top 8). For team sports, they must have demonstrated the ability to advance beyond the first round of Olympic competition.

3. Performance Criteria

CRNZ (selectors) will apply the following criteria when nominating to NZOC:

- 3.1 Athletes will only be nominated to NZOC if, in the opinion of CRNZ, they have demonstrated they are capable of racing competitively at Olympic and World Championship level.
- 3.2 Athletes and / or team boats (K2 and K4) must have achieved a world championship B Final (top 18) finish in 2007, or in CRNZ's selectors' opinion an equivalent race time at a 2007 or 2008 sprint world cup event to be considered for nomination.
- 3.3 Any athlete(s) who qualifies a boat at the 2007 World Sprint Championships will be nominated to NZOC for inclusion in the Olympic team.
- 3.4 Any athlete(s) who qualifies a boat at the 2008 Oceania Sprint Championships will be nominated to NZOC for inclusion in the Olympic team.
- 3.5 Where a team boat (K2 or K4) is qualified at a qualifying event, CRNZ selectors will confirm the athletes to be nominated as the crew for Olympics.

4. Quota Places (ICF allocated seats)

In the event ICF allocates an athlete quota place to NZOC, this will be applied only to an athlete having a world 14th placing or better at the preceding world championships.

5. Overriding Discretion

In addition to the performance criteria, the following factors, in no particular order, may be taken into account at the discretion of CRNZ Selectors

1. Past and present conduct of the Athlete
2. The athlete's current level of technical skill and fitness
3. The athlete's ability to 'fit' with the team or crew they are to travel and compete with

6. Extenuating Circumstances

- 6.1 In considering the performances of an athlete at an event, time-trial or any other attendance required under this Nomination Criteria, the CRNZ Selectors may, in their discretion, give bearing to extenuating circumstances.

For the purpose of this Nomination Criteria, “extenuating circumstances” means an inability of the athlete to compete in and/or attend an event, time-trial or other required attendance arising from:

- a) Injury of illness of the athlete;
- b) Equipment failure;
- c) Travel delays;
- d) Bereavement;
- e) Such other circumstances as CRNZ Selectors reasonably consider constitute extenuating circumstances.

6.2 An athlete who is unable to compete in and/or attend an event, time-trial or any other required attendance, must advise the Convenor of Selectors in writing of this fact with related reasoning regarding non-attendance prior to commencement of the event, time-trial or any other required attendance. If the extenuating circumstance arises within 48 hours of the event, time-trial or attendance, notification via phone or email should be submitted as soon as realistically possible after it arises.

6.3 In the case of injury or illness, athletes will be required to undergo a medical assessment by a Doctor or Doctor(s) nominated by CRNZ, before CRNZ Selectors can give bearing to any extenuating circumstances.

7. Team Announcements

All team announcements will be individually released to the media from, and authorized by the NZOC, in full consultation with the New Zealand Canoeing Federation and CRNZ. While it is accepted that the team announcement date may have to be changed, it is anticipated that the team announcement will be made, with agreement between the NZOC and CRNZ, by 30 April 2008.

This Olympic nomination criteria is current and last updated on 10 May 2007.