

BUENOS AIRES 2018 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES (6 - 18 October 2018) NOMINATION CRITERIA

1. NOMINATION / SELECTION PHILOSOPHY

- 1.1 The New Zealand Olympic Committee's ("NZOC") Selection Policy - Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games ("*NZOC Selection Regulation*") sets out the criteria that applies for the selection of athletes by the NZOC to compete at the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games (the "*2018 YOG*").
- 1.2 This *Nomination Criteria* is issued by the Board of Athletics New Zealand ("*Athletics NZ Board*") and sets out the basis on which the Athletics New Zealand ("*Athletics NZ*") Nomination Panel (refer to clause 2.1) will consider athletes under this *Nomination Criteria* for nomination to the NZOC Selection Panel to be considered for selection in the team to compete at the *2018 YOG*.
- 1.3 In the event there is any inconsistency between this *Nomination Criteria* and the *NZOC Selection Regulation*, the *NZOC Selection Regulation* shall prevail. This *Nomination Criteria* shall take effect from 19 March 2018.
- 1.4 The *2018 YOG* is an Athletics NZ "White" Singlet competition. It is considered a development opportunity for young athletes to compete for New Zealand.
- 1.5 The *2018 YOG* Local Organising Committee ("*2018 YOG LOC*") has set a maximum number of entries from New Zealand of 18 male and 18 female athletes across all athletics events. This means the NZOC can only enter a maximum 1 male and 1 female New Zealand athlete into each event. *Athletics NZ* has no control over this quota limitation. There are also a maximum number of entries for New Zealand of 75 athletes across all sports. Accordingly, final team composition will be at the discretion of the NZOC in accordance with the *NZOC Selection Regulation*.
- 1.6 Athletes must have attended the *Compulsory Selection Trial* (9-11 May, Vanuatu) in order to be eligible for nomination for the *2018 YOG*.

2. NOMINATION PANEL

- 2.1 The *Athletics NZ Board* endorsed *Nomination Panel* and the *Convenor* appointed to nominate athletes to the NZOC for the *2018 YOG* are:
 - a. Alec McNab (*Convenor*)
 - b. Sarah Cowley-Ross
 - c. Terry Lomax
- 2.2 The *Athletics NZ Board* reserves the right to replace any member of the *Nomination Panel* at any time for any reason.

3. CONDITIONS OF NOMINATION

- 3.1 As a condition of nomination for the *Compulsory Selection Trial* and the *2018 YOG*, an athlete must:
 - a. Have achieved a *Performance Standard* (refer clause 6.1) that is listed on the official *Athletics NZ* Rankings Website within the *Qualification Period* (**note** the *Qualification Period* and *Performance Standards* only relates to gaining entry at the *Compulsory Selection Trial*); **AND**

Events	Qualification Period
All Individual Events	1 August 2017 – 11 March 2018

- b. Be a registered member of *Athletics NZ* at the time of achieving their *Performance Standard* and when attending the *Compulsory Selection Trial*; AND
- c. Have submitted an [Application for the NZOC Long List](#) on the *Athletics NZ* website and pay a \$200.00 bond (refer clause 11.7 & 11.8) by 5pm, Friday 23 February 2018; AND
- d. Be eligible to complete, and have completed, the *NZOC 2018 YOG Athlete Application Form* in full and submit that form to the *NZOC* no later than 5pm, 30 March 2018 (or an extended date as agreed by the Board of the *NZOC*); AND
- e. Have provided their name and contact address to the *NZOC* and/or Drug Free Sport New Zealand ("*DFSNZ*") by 5pm Friday 30 March 2018 (or an extended date as agreed by the Board of the *NZOC*) for the purpose of Out of Competition drug testing by *DFSNZ*; AND
- f. Have signed the *NZOC 2018 YOG Athlete Agreement* and submit that agreement to the *NZOC* no later than 5pm, Thursday 24 May 2018; AND
- g. Have qualified for a place in an event at the *2018 YOG* from the *Compulsory Selection Trial* in accordance with the IAAF Qualification System – Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 ("*Qualification System*") and/or IAAF requirements for *2018 YOG*; AND
- h. Received an invitation to participate in the *2018 YOG* by IAAF via the *NZOC*. It should be noted that if an athlete finishes first at the *Compulsory Selection trial* he/she would likely receive an invitation to participate in the *2018 YOG*. However, athletes that finish second or third may still receive an invitation if another Oceania nation declines the relevant quota place. For the sake of clarity, receiving an invitation by name does not guarantee an athlete will be nominated and/or selected to the *2018 YOG* team pursuant to this *Nomination Criteria*; AND
- i. Comply with all *2018 YOG* eligibility, nationality and participation requirements, including the requirements set out in clause 4 and 5; AND
- j. Be and remain in "good standing" with *Athletics NZ* and the *NZOC* and at all times comply with any established code of conduct or athlete agreement of *Athletics NZ* and the *NZOC* and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or the *2018 YOG* team into disrepute; AND
- k. To *Athletics NZ's* knowledge, not have used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in *Athletics NZ* or IAAF Anti-Doping Regulations or *NZOC's* Integrity Regulation.

Note: Athletes should be aware that failure to comply with any of the requirements set out in clause 3.1 may render an athlete ineligible for nomination or selection.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The *Nomination Panel* will be restricted in the number of athletes that they can nominate for the *2018 YOG* for *Individual Events* in accordance with the *NZOC* Selection Policy for the *2018 YOG*. They will only nominate athletes that are considered capable of performing with distinction at the *2018 YOG* by finishing in the Top 3 at the *Compulsory Selection Trial*.
- 4.2 For the sake of clarity, *Individual Events* at the *Compulsory Selection Trial* and the *2018 YOG* are:
 - a. Track: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m 1500m, 3000m, 2000m Steeplechase, 100m Hurdles (women only), 110m Hurdles (men only), 400m Hurdles, 10,000m Race Walk (men only), 5000m Race Walk (women only).
 - b. Jumps: High Jump, Long Jump, Pole Vault, Triple Jump.
 - c. Throws: Shot Put (5kg men/3kg women), Discus Throw (1.5kg men/1kg women), Javelin Throw (700g men/500g women), Hammer Throw (5kg men/3kg women).
 - d. Cross country: 4-6km for both men and women (All athletes entered in the 1500m, 3000m and 2000m steeplechase must compete in the cross country event).

Note: Athletes do not have to compete in a cross country event at the *Compulsory Selection Trial*.

- 4.3 All athletes that meet the Conditions in clause 3 and are eligible in accordance with clause 4, will be ranked by the *Nomination Panel* in regard to one or more of the following factors:
- The athlete's placing at the *Compulsory Selection Trial*;
 - The athlete's potential at 2018 YOG;
 - Targeted event group strategic approach; and/or
 - Any other factors the *Nomination Panel* considers relevant.

5. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Age Requirements

- 5.1 Entries must comply with International Association of Athletics Federations ("*IAAF*") Technical Regulations and *2018 YOG LOC* Entry Requirements.
- 5.2 Only athletes born between 1 January 2001 and 31 December 2002 are allowed to compete at the *Compulsory Selection Trial* and the *2018 YOG*.

Individual Events

- 5.3 *NZOC* may enter a maximum of one New Zealand (1) athlete per *Individual Event* at the *2018 YOG*.
- 5.4 Selected athletes are able to compete in more than one event at the *2018 YOG*, provided they have competed at the *Compulsory Selection Trial*, placed Top 3 in that event and have received the invitation from the *NZOC* via the *IAAF* to do so.

6. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (only applicable for entry to the Compulsory Selection Trial)

- 6.1 For an athlete to be considered for entry to the *Compulsory Selection Trial* for the *2018 YOG* in an *Individual Event*, they must have achieved the following *Performance Standard/s* during the *Qualification Period*:

Event	U18 Men	U18 Women
100m	11.80	13.70
200m	24.20	28.00
400m	51.14	59.14
800m	1:59.00	2:19.00
1500m	4:02.00	4:46.00
2000m Steeplechase	6:50.00	8:00.00
3000m	9:10.00	11:00.00
100m Hurdles		16.24
110m Hurdles	16.74	
400m Hurdles	61.14	72.14
Long Jump	6.70	5.50
Triple Jump	13.20	11.30
High Jump	1.90	1.63
Pole Vault	3.20	2.70
Discus	46.00	39.00
Hammer	40.00	36.00
Javelin	54.00	42.00
Shot Put	14.40	12.65
5,000m Race Walk		32:00.00
10,000m Race Walk	45:00.00	

NOTE: achieving a *Performance Standard* gives no right or guarantee of entry to the *Compulsory Selection Trial*, nomination or selection.

7. COMPULSORY SELECTION TRIAL

- 7.1 The following competition is the *Compulsory Selection Trial* for the 2018 YOG:
- a. Oceania Melanesian Regional Championships – Port Vila, Vanuatu, 9 – 11 May 2018
- 7.2 All athletes seeking nomination for the 2018 YOG must have competed in the *Compulsory Selection Trial* in the event/s in which they are seeking selection.

8. DISCRETIONARY CONSIDERATION

- 8.1 The *Nomination Panel* have the discretion to make enquiries of the athlete or other persons, as they see fit, in order to nominate athletes that meet the eligibility requirements set out in this *Nomination Criteria*.
- 8.2 The *Nomination Panel* may give weight to any one or more of the nomination factors below in clause 8.3 and, if it does, to apply such weighting to one or more athletes as it sees fit. No particular factor shall be weighted more or less significantly by reason only of the order in which that factor appears in this *Nomination Criteria*.
- 8.3 In applying their discretion the *Nomination Panel* may consider any factor or combination of factors that are, in their opinion, relevant to their decision whether or not to nominate an athlete, including but not limited to the athlete's:
- a. Performance at the *Compulsory Selection Trial*;
 - b. Potential to be highly competitive at the 2018 YOG;
 - c. Competitive record against other athletes under consideration for nomination in the *Compulsory Selection Trial*;
 - d. Commitment and focus on competing at the 2018 YOG;
 - e. Demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions;
 - f. Understanding and respect for the obligations that accompany being a member of a New Zealand team when competing at the 2018 YOG, including respect for team members and support staff;
 - g. History of performances at previous selected individual or team events; and
 - h. Recent injuries or illness.
- 8.4 In any decision regarding the nomination of athletes in the team, the *Nomination Panel* may, in their sole discretion, take into account or give weight to any extenuating circumstances, including but not limited to:
- a. Injury or illness;
 - b. Travel delays;
 - c. Equipment failure;
 - d. Bereavement or personal misfortune; and/or
 - e. Any other factors reasonably considered by *Athletics NZ* or the *Nomination Panel* to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- 8.5 Athletes who compete at the *Compulsory Selection Trial* that feel extenuating circumstances outlined in clause 8.4 of this *Nomination Criteria* may apply to them, must advise the [Convenor](#) of those extenuating circumstances and reasons (accompanied by a medical certificate if applicable i.e. injury or illness) or other such details, in writing, as soon as the extenuating circumstances is known (or at least within 5 days of the completion of the *Compulsory Selection Trial*). If the *Convenor* is not notified of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with this *Nomination Criteria* then the *Nomination Panel* have no obligation to rely on such circumstances.

9. NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Compulsory Selection Trial Nomination and Selection process

- 9.1 The *Nomination Panel* may nominate individual athletes for the *Compulsory Selection Trial* in accordance with this *Nomination Criteria*.
- 9.2 The *Nomination Panel* will provide the *Athletics NZ Board* with details of athletes they wish to nominate for the *Compulsory Selection Trial*.
- 9.3 The *Selection Announcement* of the athletes selected for the *Compulsory Selection Trial* will be published on the *Athletics NZ* website by 5pm Wednesday 21 March 2018.

2018 YOG Nomination and Selection Process

- 9.4 The *Nomination Panel* may nominate individual athletes to the *NZOC* for selection in accordance with this *Nomination Criteria* as outlined in the *NZOC Selection Regulation* within clause 9.
- 9.5 Neither the *Nomination Panel*, nor *Athletics NZ*, has the right or the power to select athletes for inclusion to the New Zealand team to compete at the *2018 YOG*.
- 9.6 Nothing in this *Nomination Criteria* obliges *Athletics NZ* to nominate any athlete or a full contingent of athletes in any particular event regardless of anything else in this *Nomination Criteria*, the *IAAF Technical Regulations* or the *2018 YOG LOC* entry requirements.
- 9.7 If this *Nomination Criteria* imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the *NZOC*, this shall not be regarded as an inconsistency.

2018 YOG Ratification and Nominations

The *Nomination Panel* will provide the *Athletics NZ Board* with details of athletes the *Nomination Panel* wishes to nominate for selection.

- 9.8 The *Athletics NZ Board* will nominate athletes to the *NZOC* after receiving nominations from the *Nomination Panel*. All athletes who have completed an *NZOC 2018 YOG Athlete Application Form* will be notified of their nomination or non-nomination on or before 5:00pm Friday 25th May 2018, (the "*Nomination Time and Date*"). Any athlete who is not nominated by *Athletics NZ* in accordance with this *Nomination Criteria* may appeal their non-nomination by following the procedures outlined in clause 10.

2018 YOG Selection Announcements

- 9.9 The *Final Selection Announcement* of the athletes selected for the *2018 YOG* will be published on the *Athletics NZ* website on or before a date to be confirmed in June 2018.

Note: This *Nomination Criteria* will be updated when this date is set.

- 9.10 Any athlete who is nominated but not selected by the *NZOC* may appeal their non-selection by following the procedures outlined in the *NZOC Selection Regulation* (in particular clause 14).

10. NON-NOMINATION APPEALS PROCESS

- 10.1 Any athlete not nominated by the *Athletics NZ Board* can query (i.e. seek clarification regarding their non-nomination) their non-nomination after the *Nomination Time and Date* with the *Convenor* [Alec McNab](#).
- 10.2 Any athlete whose nomination is not ratified by the *Athletics NZ Board* in accord with this *Nomination Criteria* may appeal their non-nomination by following the procedures outlined in the *NZOC Selection Regulation* (in particular, clause 13) providing they:

- a. Have submitted an [Application for the NZOC Long List](#) in accord with timelines contained in this *Nomination Criteria*; AND
- b. Have completed the *NZOC 2018 YOG Athlete Application Form* to NZOC in accord with the timelines contained in this *Nomination Criteria*; AND
- c. Have completed and signed their *NZOC Athlete Agreement* in accord with the timelines contained in this *Nomination Criteria*; AND
- d. Submit a notice of their intention to appeal their non-nomination in writing to the *Convenor* within 48 hours of the *Nomination Time and Date*.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 11.1 This *Nomination Criteria* may be amended at any time, prior to the *Nomination Time and Date*, by the *Athletics NZ Board* with the approval of NZOC. Any amendment to this *Nomination Criteria* will be published on the *Athletics NZ* website.
- 11.2 The *Athletics NZ Board* will give as much notice as possible of any amendment/s made to this *Nomination Criteria* to persons it considers may be affected by any such amendment.

Funding

- 11.3 The *2018 YOG* is an athlete-funded competition and athletes seeking nomination in accordance with this *Nomination Criteria* will have to participate at no cost to *Athletics NZ* or the *NZOC*.
- 11.4 Athletes considering competing at the Games should plan their funding and budgets early. The *Compulsory Selection Trial* is estimated to cost \$2500 with the likely travel dates of 5 May - 12 May. The *2018 YOG* trip is estimated to cost \$3800 with the likely travel dates of 2 to 20 October 2018.
- 11.5 A management levy is likely to be charged across all athletes (i.e. above the cost of their own travel and accommodation) to assist with the cost of the Team Leader and/or support staff (if applicable).
- 11.6 Two (2) weeks prior to the departure of the team from New Zealand, all athlete-funding components must be paid to *Athletics NZ*. **Note: Non-payment of the athlete-funding components in full by this date will result in removal of the athlete from the team and the withdrawal of that athlete's entry in the 2018 YOG. Unpaid amounts will remain outstanding and will be subject to collection in accordance with Athletics NZ Debtors policy.**

Bond

- 11.7 Athletes seeking nomination for the *2018 YOG* will be required to pay a Bond of \$200.00 along with submitting their [Application for the NZOC Long List](#) by 5pm, Friday 23 February 2018.
- 11.8 The conditions associated with Bond are:
 - a. The Bond should either be paid by:
 - i. Depositing cleared funds into 12-3192-0002433-00 noting "2018 YOG" in the Particulars field and athlete's name (e.g., "J A Blogs") in the reference field in internet banking. The payee is Athletics NZ; or
 - ii. sending a cheque made payable to Athletics NZ, P O Box 305 504 Triton Plaza, Auckland 0757 to be received no later than 5pm, Friday 19 January 2018. The cheque must be accompanied with a note recording the athlete's name and that the payment is made as a bond for the *2018 YOG* team.
 - iii. by credit card when completing the *Application for the NZOC Long List*. **Note: Paying via credit card within the *Application for the NZOC Long List*, incurs a non-refundable 4.2% processing fee.**

Refund of Bond

- b. The full amount of the Bond paid will be refunded (without interest and any processing fee) if an athlete is not nominated and/or selected.
- c. If an athlete withdraws from the team after nomination for any reason, they must notify the *Convenor* of the Nomination Panel in writing as soon as possible. A full refund of the Bond paid will not automatically be given in these circumstances. All refund requests will be considered on a “case-by-case” basis, including by reference to whether any costs have already been incurred or committed by Athletics NZ prior to the time of the withdrawal, as well as to the circumstances behind the withdrawal. In any case, an amount of not less than \$50.00 will be retained to defray costs.
- d. Any refund is subject to the athlete in question having included details for the refund payment (i.e., bank account details or address and payee for refund cheque) in their *Application for the NZOC Long List*; otherwise the athlete must provide those details when he or she advises of the withdrawal of their *Application for the NZOC Long List*. Refunds cannot be made without these details.

Application of Bond

- e. If selected the Bond will be applied by *Athletics NZ* to offset costs payable by the selected athlete heading to the *Compulsory Selection Trial* (i.e. it is not an “extra” fee/levy).

Team Leader/Coach/Staff Appointments

- 11.9 In some instances, when there is a need for an *Athletics NZ* High Performance staff member to fill a team management position, at the discretion of the *Athletics NZ* High Performance Director and approval of the *Athletics NZ Board*, team management appointments will not be advertised.

Compulsory Selection Trial Management Appointments

- 11.10 If required, [Expressions of Interest](#) for the position of the *Compulsory Selection Trial* Team Leader will be advertised by 5pm Thursday 15 March 2018.
- 11.11 If required, [Expressions of Interest](#) for additional support staff and /or coaches will be advertised by 5pm Thursday 15 March 2018.

2018 YOG Management Appointments

- 11.12 If required, [Expressions of Interest](#) for the position of the *2018 YOG Team Leader* will be advertised by 5pm, Friday 25 May 2018.
- 11.13 If required additional support staff and /or coaches will be advertised by 5pm, Friday 1 June 2018.
- 11.14 For further information regarding staff appointments contact [Jess Jones](#).

12. ADDITIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

- 12.1 For further information regarding the *2018 YOG* refer to:
 - [The official 2018 YOG website](#)
 - [The official Olympic Games website](#)

13. OTHER APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

- [NZOC Amended 2 Selection Policy Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games;](#)
- [NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation](#)