

2016 RIO OLYMPIC GAMES AMENDED NOMINATION CRITERIA CANOE/KAYAK - Canoe Slalom NZ

1. Introduction

- 1.1 **Scope:** This Nomination Criteria document applies to all athletes wishing to be nominated by the New Zealand Canoeing Federation (NZCF) and Canoe Slalom New Zealand Inc (CSNZ) to the New Zealand Olympic Committee (NZOC) for consideration for selection in the New Zealand Team to compete in the 2016 Rio Olympic Games (“the Games”) and to the NZCF and CSNZ selectors appointed under clause 1.4 (“Selectors”) that wish to nominate athletes to the New Zealand Team for the Games.
- 1.2 **Effective Date:** This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from the 15th May, 2015.
- 1.3 **Board Approval:** This Nomination Criteria document was approved by the NZCF Board and the CSNZ Committee on 2nd May, 2015. An amendment to this Nomination Criteria was approved on 13 July 2015.
- 1.4 **Selectors:** The Selectors who will determine the athletes to be nominated to the NZOC, on behalf of NZCF and CSNZ, for consideration of selection in the Games Team are:
- Maree Burnett
 - Ian Mercer
 - Donald Johnstone

2. Nomination Procedure

- 2.1 **Conditions of Nomination:** The Selectors may only consider an athlete for nomination if the athlete has satisfied the following conditions of nomination:
- (a) returned a completed Athlete Application to CSNZ prior to the Application Date, in the form prescribed by the NZOC; and
 - (b) returned a completed Athlete Agreement in the manner prescribed by the NZOC prior to the Nomination Date; and
 - (c) demonstrated to the satisfaction of the NZCF and CSNZ that they are not suffering any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing in the Games to the highest possible standard; and
 - (d) acted in such a manner so as not to bring the athlete, the sport, NZCF, CSNZ or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
 - (e) to NZCF or CSNZ’s knowledge has not 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 NZCF, CSNZ, the International Canoe Federation’s (ICF’s) or NZOC’s Anti-Doping Bylaw; and

- (f) from 5 February 2016 has provided their name and contact address details to the NZOC for the purpose of out of competition drug testing by DFSNZ.

2.2 **Qualification:** New Zealand must qualify for places in an event(s) in accordance with the International Canoe Federation's Qualification System – Games of the XXXI Olympiad – Rio 2016 (“ICF Qualification System”) and/or ICF requirements for the Games. Qualification for a place in any event(s) by an athlete does not guarantee that athlete will be nominated or selected to compete in the event(s) at the Games.

2.3 **Nomination if Nomination Criteria Met:** Provided the requirements set out in clause 2.1 and 2.2 are met, the Selectors shall nominate those athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.

3. **Nomination Criteria**

3.1 **Nomination Criteria:** This Nomination Criteria for nomination to the Games Team is made up of two parts:

- (a) the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria specified in clause 3.2; and
- (b) the Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 3.3.

3.2 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:**

(a) In determining whether or not to nominate an athlete to the Games for a Canoe Slalom Events, the Selectors must be satisfied overall that:

- i. the athlete is capable of achieving a top 16 placing at the Games in the Canoe Slalom Event, with the potential to win an Olympic Diploma (top 8 placing); and
- ii. the athlete has a track record of sufficient quality and depth that the Selectors believe demonstrates the athlete will be competitive at the Games and will perform credibly in the Canoe Slalom Event.

(b) **Evidence:** In determining whether or not the athlete has met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Canoe Slalom Events in clause 3.2(a) above, the Selectors will consider the following criteria:

i. **Primary Criteria:** The following athletes will be considered to have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Canoe Slalom Events in the following circumstances, in order of preference:

- (1) the athlete achieves a top three placing at the 2015 World Championships; or
- (2) the athlete achieves a top ten placing at the 2015 World Championships and no other New Zealand athlete has qualified for semifinals in the same class.

- ii. **Secondary Criteria:** Where a quota place has been qualified, but no athlete has met the Primary Criteria above, then as a Secondary Criteria, the Selectors will, subject to the athlete meeting the Over-riding Nomination Criteria in 3.2(a), consider the athlete's points gained from the following Key Events:

- 2015 Senior World Championships;
- 2016 Oceania Continental Championships;
- 2016 NZ Open.

The points attributed only to the NZ athlete's places attained at each of these races will be 1st NZ place: 30 points, 2nd NZ place: 27 points, 3rd NZ place: 25 points, 4th NZ place: 23 points, 5th NZ place: 22 points and so on. Athletes will be ranked on their best two points scores over the three races. In addition, a bonus of 3 points will be awarded to the athlete who qualified a Games quota place for New Zealand at the 2015 World Championships. Alternatively, if no athlete qualifies a place at the 2015 World Championships, a bonus of 2 points will be awarded to the athlete who qualified a Games quota place for New Zealand at the 2016 Oceania Championships.

Where there is a tie between athletes, the athlete who has secured the most wins against the other tied athlete(s) across all three events, will be given preference to.

- (c) **Classes:** In the event more than two quota places are qualified for Canoe Slalom Events at the 2016 Oceania Continental Championships or through the quota reallocation process according to the ICF Qualification System, the classes that qualified the quota place through the 2016 Oceania Continental Championships event will have precedence over a class that qualified through any quota reallocation process,, followed by the comparison of 2015 World Ranking (published by the ICF after the 2015 World Championships), of the athletes who the Selectors have identified as meeting the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria.
- (d) **Reserves:** A reserve athlete for each class may be considered by the Selectors based on the results at the Key Events.

3.3 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria above, the Selectors may also take into account any one or more of the following factors about an athlete:

- (a) adequate fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es);
- (b) demonstrated good behaviour, including a commitment to training and attendance at training camps;
- (c) demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment;
- (d) demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions;

- (e) understanding and respect for the obligations that accompany being a member of a New Zealand team when competing at the Games, including respect for team members and support staff;
 - (f) willingness to promote NZCF and CSNZ in a positive manner;
 - (g) demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
 - (h) proven ability to be reliable; and
 - (i) any other factor(s) the Selectors consider relevant.
- 3.4 **Own Enquiries:** In considering any one or more of the above factors, the Selectors may make such enquiries of the athlete, or other persons, as they see fit.
- 3.5 **Weight to be Given to Specific Nomination Factors:** The Selectors may give weight to any one or more of the Specific Nomination Factors and, if it does, to apply such weighting to one or more athletes. 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.
- 3.6 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In any decision regarding the nomination of athletes to the Games Team, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, take into account any extenuating circumstances in accordance with clause 4 below.
- 3.7 **Nomination Procedure:** After consideration of this Nomination Criteria, the Selectors shall follow the procedure set out in clause 7 of the NZOC / NZCF Agreement.

4. **Extenuating Circumstances**

- 4.1 **Extenuating Circumstances:** For the purpose of this Nomination Criteria, “extenuating circumstances” means an inability of the athlete to compete in the Key Events arising from:
- Injury or illness of the athlete;
 - Equipment failure (subject to the ICF rules on such a situation);
 - Travel delays;
 - Bereavement;
 - Such other circumstances as the selectors may reasonably consider constitute extenuating circumstances.
- 4.2 **Superior Performance:** Extenuating circumstances will only be considered for athletes who have demonstrated superior performance in 2015 racing season as compared to other New Zealand athletes, defined as achieving final finishes at World Cups and/or World Championship and where no other New Zealand athlete has achieved same in the relevant class.
- 4.3 **Athletes to Advise:** Athletes unable to compete at Key Events, trials, or other attendances required under this Nomination Criteria, must advise the Chairperson of the extenuating circumstances and reasons, in writing, with as much advance notice as possible and ideally seven (7) days prior to the

commencement of the event, trial or other attendance. If the Chairperson is not notified of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, then the Selectors have no obligation to rely on such circumstances.

- 4.4 **Medical Certificate:** In the case of injury or illness, athletes may be required to undergo a medical assessment by a doctor or doctors nominated by CSNZ, before the selectors can consider the extenuating circumstances.
- 4.5 **Case by Case:** In case of any extenuating circumstance/s, the Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

5. Appeal Procedure

- 5.1 **Nomination Appeals:** An athlete may appeal to NZCF against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the Selectors provided that the athlete has returned a completed:
- (a) Athlete Application to NZCF by the Application Date (that has been certified by the NZCF); and
 - (b) Athlete Agreement in the manner directed by the NZOC by the Nomination Date.
- 5.2 **Procedures for Nomination Appeals:** Any appeal under paragraph 5.1 must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in clause 11 of the NZOC /NZCF Agreement.

6. Inconsistencies

- 6.1 **NZOC / NZCF Agreement:** In the event there is any inconsistency between this Nomination Criteria and the NZOC / NZCF Agreement, the NZOC / NZCF Agreement shall prevail.
- 6.2 **ICF Qualification System:** If this Nomination Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the ICF Qualification System, this shall not be regarded as an inconsistency.

7. Amendments to this Nomination Criteria

- 7.1 **Prior to Nomination Date:** This Nomination Criteria may be amended or supplemented from time to time by the NZCF Board and the CSNZ Committee, before the Nomination Date, provided NZOC has prior approved the amendment/s and supplement/s.
- 7.2 **Notice:** The NZCF Board and the CSNZ Committee will give as much notice as possible of any amendment/s or supplement/s made under clause 7.1 to this Nomination Criteria, to persons it considers may be affected by any such amendment/s or supplement/s.

8. Team Announcement

- 8.1 **Public Announcement:** The NZOC shall, on a date set by the NZOC, publicly announce the athletes that are included in the Games Team.

9. Definitions

Application Date means the 27th July 2015 by which athletes must submit a completed Athlete Application in accordance with clause 6.1(a) of the NZOC / NZCF Agreement.

Athlete Agreement means the agreement that must be completed by any athlete wishing to be considered for nomination and selection to the Games Team in accordance with clause 6.1(b) of the NZOC / NZCF Agreement.

Athlete Application means the form that must be completed by any athlete applying to be nominated and selected to the Games Team and which is attached as Schedule A to the NZOC / NZCF Agreement.

Canoe Slalom Events means the Men's and Women's Kayak (K1), the Men's Canoe Single (C1) and the Men's Canoe Double (C2).

Chairperson means the Chairperson of the CSNZ Executive and includes his / her nominee.

Games means the 2016 Olympic Games to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 5 August 2016 to 21 August 2016.

Games Team means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.

Key Events means the events set out in clause 3.2(b)(ii) being, international, continental or national competitions which are major or pinnacle events for the sport or are at least the equivalent of a World Cup or World Championship, and have an equivalent field of competitors to that which is likely to occur at the Games.

Nominated Athlete means an athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC by NZCF.

Nomination Criteria means the criteria made up of the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria and the Specific Nomination Factors, and is also referred to as "this Criteria".

Nomination Date means 1 June 2016 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and NZCF, by which NZCF must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC).

NZOC means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.

NZOC / NZCF Agreement means the agreement entered between NZOC and NZCF for the Application, Nomination and Selection Process for the Games.

Over-Riding Nomination Criteria means the criteria set out in clause 3.2.

Selectors means the selectors appointed by NZCF and CSNZ in accordance with clause 1 of this Nomination Criteria.

Specific Nomination Factors means the nomination factors set out in clause 3.3.

OTHER APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS (all located at www.olympic.org.nz)

- Agreement between NZOC and NZCF for the 2016 Olympic Games;
- NZOC Selection Policy;
- Athlete Application Form; and
- Athlete Agreement.