

GOLD COAST 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES
AMENDED NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR BEACH VOLLEYBALL EVENTS

Volleyball New Zealand (VNZ)

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of VNZ.
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from 3 February 2017.
- 1.3 This Nomination Criteria applies to:
- (a) all Athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to the Games Team to compete in the Games in a Beach Volleyball Event; and
 - (b) VNZ, including its VNZ Selectors, that wish to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

2. VNZ Selectors

- 2.1 **Composition:** The VNZ Selectors shall be appointed by the Board of Volleyball New Zealand. The VNZ Selectors who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:
- Tim Cleaver
 - Lucy Pomeroy
 - Pete Cox

3. Nomination Procedure

- 3.1 **Conditions of Nomination:** The VNZ 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 the NZOC prior to the Application Date, in the form prescribed by the NZOC; and
 - (b) returned a completed Athlete Agreement to the NZOC in the manner prescribed by the NZOC prior to the Nomination Date; and
 - (c) demonstrated to the satisfaction of VNZ 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, VNZ or the NZOC into public disrepute; and

- (e) to VNZ'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 VNZ, the International Federation's ("FIVB") or NZOC's Integrity Regulation; and
- (f) from 4 October 2017 has provided their name and contact address details to NZOC for the purpose of out of competition drug testing with Drug Free Sport New Zealand.

3.2 **Qualification:** New Zealand must qualify for places in a Beach Volleyball Event(s) in accordance with Athlete Allocation System and the Gold Coast Games Manual and other CGF/FIVB rules. Qualification for a place in any Beach Volleyball Event by an Athlete does not guarantee that Athlete will be nominated or selected to compete in a Beach Volleyball Event at the Games.

3.3 **Nomination if Nomination Criteria Met:** Provided the requirements set out in clause 3.1 and 3.2 are met, the VNZ Selectors shall nominate those Athletes it considers meet the requirements set out below in clauses 4 and 5, subject to any quota restriction placed on the NZOC or VNZ.

4. Eligibility

4.1 **Athlete Eligibility:** In order to be eligible for nomination at the Games, an Athlete must achieve the following minimum eligibility requirements in order of preference:

(a) **Primary Eligibility:**

Men: Each Athlete has achieved a minimum of 3 of the following results between 1 January 2017 – 31 October 2017. Two of these results must have been achieved by the group of Athletes together:

- 5* FIVB World Tour Tournament (inc World Championships) – Placing in the top 48
- 4* FIVB World Tour Tournament – Placing in the top 32
- 3* FIVB World Tour Tournament – Placing in the top 16
- 2* FIVB World Tour Tournament – Placing in the top 8
- 1* FIVB World Tour Tournament – Placing in the top 2

Women: The Athlete has achieved a minimum of 3 of the following results between 1 January 2017 – 31 October 2017. Two of these results must have been achieved by the group of Athletes together:

- 5* FIVB World Tour Tournament (inc World Championships) – Placing in the top 48
- 4* FIVB World Tour Tournament – Placing in the top 48
- 3* FIVB World Tour Tournament – Placing in the top 32
- 2* FIVB World Tour Tournament – Placing in the top 16
- 1* FIVB World Tour Tournament – Placing in the top 4

(b) **Secondary Eligibility:**

Men: The Athlete has achieved a minimum of 3 of the following results between 1 January 2017 – 31 October 2017:

- NZ Open Events – Placing in the top 6
- Australian Open Events – Placing in the top 8
- Asian Tour Events – Placing in the top 12
- Oceania Tour Events – Placing in the top 4
- 5* FIVB World Tour Tournament (inc World Championships) – Qualification
- 4* FIVB World Tour Tournament – Placing in the top 56
- 3* FIVB World Tour Tournament – Placing in the top 40
- 2* FIVB World Tour Tournament – Placing in the top 16
- 1* FIVB World Tour Tournament – Placing in the top 8

Women: The Athlete has achieved a minimum of 3 of the following results between 1 January 2017 – 31 October 2017:

- NZ Open Events – Placing in the top 4
- Australian Open Events – Placing in the top 8
- Asian Tour Events – Placing in the top 12
- Oceania Tour Events – Placing in the top 6
- 5* FIVB World Tour Tournament (inc World Championships) – Qualification
- 4* FIVB World Tour Tournament – Placing in the top 64
- 3* FIVB World Tour Tournament – Placing in the top 56
- 2* FIVB World Tour Tournament – Placing in the top 32
- 1* FIVB World Tour Tournament – Placing in the top 8

5. Nomination Criteria

5.1 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:** In determining whether or not to nominate a group of Athletes to the NZOC, the Selectors must be satisfied that the group of Athletes:

- (a) has met the requirements set out in clauses 3 and 4; and
- (b) are capable of achieving a top 6 placing at the Games in a Beach Volleyball Event; and
- (c) have a track record of sufficient quality and depth that the NZOC believes demonstrates that the group of Nominated Athletes will be competitive at the Games and will perform creditably in that Beach Volleyball Event.

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

- (a) any other performances or results in competitions / events in addition to the events listed in clause 4.1;
- (b) adequate fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es);
- (c) demonstrated good behaviour, including a commitment to training and attendance at training camps;
- (d) demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment;
- (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 Games, including respect for team members and support staff;
- (g) willingness to promote VNZ in a positive manner;
- (h) demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
- (i) proven ability to be reliable; and
- (j) any other factor(s) the VNZ Selectors consider relevant.

5.3 **Ranking:** The VNZ Selectors shall, no later than 12 February 2018, examine the credentials of all Athletes for Beach Volleyball Events. If there are more Athletes who meet the Over-riding Criteria set out in clause 5.1 than places available, then nomination will be decided by the VNZ Selectors having regard to one or more of the following factors:

- (a) The order of preference listed in clause 4.1; then
- (b) If after applying the Primary Eligibility, there are more Athletes who meet the Primary Eligibility than quota places available, the group of Athletes with the highest total points from their three best events from clause 4.1(a) will be nominated.
- (c) In the event there are more Athletes who meet the Secondary Eligibility (after Primary Eligibility Athletes have been allocated quota places) than remaining quota places then nominated will be decided by the best placed eligible group of eligible Athletes at a Selection Trial. "Eligible Athletes" for the purpose of this criteria means Athletes who have met both the Secondary Eligibility set out in clause 4.1 (b) and the Over-Riding Criteria set out in clause 5.1
- (d) Selection Trial for the purpose of clause 5.3(c) will be on the date notified by VNZ (but likely to be January 2018) and in a format as advised by VNZ on its website.

5.4 **Own Enquiries:** In considering any one or more of the above factors, the VNZ Selectors may make such enquiries of the Athlete, or other persons, as they see fit.

- 5.5 **Weight to be Given to Specific Nomination Factors:** The VNZ 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.
- 5.6 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In any decision regarding the nomination of Athletes to the Games Team, the VNZ Selectors may, in their sole discretion, take into account any extenuating circumstances in accordance with clause 6 below.
- 5.7 **Nomination Procedure:** After consideration of this Nomination Criteria, the VNZ Selectors shall follow the procedure set out in clause 9 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

6. Extenuating Circumstances

- 6.1 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In considering the nomination of Athletes in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, the VNZ Selectors may, in their sole discretion, give weight to any extenuating circumstances which may include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (a) injury or illness;
 - (b) travel delays;
 - (c) equipment failure;
 - (d) bereavement or personal misfortune; and/or
 - (e) any other factors reasonably considered by the VNZ Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- 6.2 **Athlete to Advise:** Athletes unable to compete at events, trials, or other attendances required under this Nomination Criteria, must advise the Chief Executive 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 Chief Executive is not notified of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, then the VNZ Selectors have no obligation to rely on such circumstances.
- 6.3 **Medical Certificate:** In the case of injury or illness, Athletes may be required by the VNZ Selectors to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the VNZ Selectors, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the VNZ Selectors. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the VNZ Selectors being unable to consider the injury or illness as an extenuating circumstance.
- 6.4 **Case by Case:** In the case of any extenuating circumstance/s, the VNZ Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

7. Appeal Procedure

- 7.1 **Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal to VNZ against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the VNZ Selectors provided that the Athlete has returned a completed:
- (a) Athlete Application to the NZOC by the Application Date; and
 - (b) Athlete Agreement to the NZOC by the Nomination Date.
- 7.2 **Procedures for Nomination Appeals:** Any appeal under paragraph 7.1 must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in clause 13 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

8. Inconsistencies

- 8.1 **NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation:** In the event there is any inconsistency between this Nomination Criteria and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation, the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation shall prevail.
- 8.2 **Qualification Standard:** If this Nomination Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the CGF, this shall not be regarded as an inconsistency.

9. Amendments to this Nomination Criteria

- 9.1 **Prior to Nomination Date:** This Nomination Criteria may be amended or supplemented from time to time by the Board, before the Nomination Date, provided NZOC has prior approved the amendment/s and supplement/s.
- 9.2 **Notice:** The Board will give as much notice as possible of any amendment/s or supplement/s made under clause 9.1 to this Nomination Criteria, to persons it considers may be affected by any such amendment/s or supplement/s.

10. Definitions

- 10.1 **Application Date** means 4 June 2017, (or such other dates as specified by NZOC), by which Athletes must submit a completed Athlete Application to the NZOC in accordance with clause 8.3 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.
- 10.2 **Athlete** means a person who wishes to be considered for nomination to the Games Team.
- 10.3 **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 8.4 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

- 10.4 **Athlete Application** means the form set by the NZOC that must be completed by any Athlete applying to be nominated and selected to the Games Team.
- 10.5 **Beach Volleyball Event** means an event in the Games in which an Athlete participates in the Men's or Women's Beach Volleyball team event.
- 10.6 **Board** means the Board of VNZ as established under the Constitution.
- 10.7 **CGF** means the Commonwealth Games Federation.
- 10.8 **Chief Executive** means the Chief Executive Officer of VNZ and includes his / her nominee.
- 10.9 **Constitution** means the Constitution of VNZ.
- 10.10 **Games** means the 2018 Commonwealth Games to be held in Gold Coast, Australia from 4 April – 15 April 2018.
- 10.11 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.
- 10.12 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC by VNZ.
- 10.13 **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".
- 10.14 **Nomination Date** means on or before 15 February 2018 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and VNZ), by which VNZ must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 10.15 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 10.16 **NZOC Integrity Regulation** means the regulation adopted by the NZOC, in particular in relation to anti-doping, a copy of which is available at www.olympic.org.nz/nzoc/publications-and-reports-0.
- 10.17 **NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation** means the regulation of NZOC relation to the nomination and selection Process for all Olympic and Commonwealth games, including the Games.
- 10.18 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause.
- 10.19 **Primary Eligibility** means the criteria listed in clause 4.1(a).
- 10.20 **Secondary Eligibility** means the criteria listed in clause 4.1(b).
- 10.21 **Selection Trial** means the event determined by VNZ as set out in clause 5.3(d).
- 10.22 **VNZ** means Volleyball New Zealand Incorporated.

10.23 **VNZ Selectors** means the selectors appointed by VNZ in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.