

2016 RIO OLYMPIC GAMES
NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR RHYTHMIC GYMNASTIC EVENTS

GYMSPORTS NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of GymSports NZ.
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from 1st May 2015.
- 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 Rhythmic Gymnastics Event; and
 - (b) GymSports NZ, including its GymSports NZ Selectors, that wish to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

2. GymSports NZ Selectors

- 2.1 **Composition:** The GymSports NZ Selectors shall be appointed by the Board. The GymSports NZ Selectors who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:
- a) The High Performance Advisory Group; and
 - b) GymSports NZ CEO

The High Performance Advisory Group membership consists of Angie Dougal, Tristan Collins and Jane Borren. The membership may change from time to time and the names of the members can be found on the GymSports NZ website.

3. Nomination Procedure

- 3.1 **Conditions of Nomination:** The GymSports NZ 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 GymSports NZ 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 GymSports NZ 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, GymSports NZ or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
 - (e) to GymSports NZ'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 GymSports NZ's, the International Federation's (IF's) or NZOC's Anti-Doping Bylaw; and

- (f) meet the age eligibility criteria of the Rhythmic Gymnastics Event being born on or before 31 December 2000; and
- (g) 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.

3.2 **Qualification:** New Zealand must qualify for places in an event(s) in accordance with the International Federation's Qualification System – Games of the XXXI Olympiad – Rio 2016 ("IF Qualification System") and/or IF requirements for the Games. Qualification for a place in any event(s) by an Athlete (or group of Athletes) does not guarantee that Athlete (or group of Athletes) will be nominated or selected to compete in the event(s) 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 GymSports NZ Selectors shall nominate those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.

4. Nomination Criteria

4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The GymSports NZ Nomination Criteria for nomination to the Games Team is made up of two parts:

- (a) the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria specified in clause 4.2; and
- (b) the Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 4.3.

4.2 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:**

- (a) In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete (or group of Athletes) to a Rhythmic Gymnastics Event, the GymSports NZ Selectors must be satisfied overall that:
 - i. the Athlete (or group of Athletes) is or are capable of achieving a top 16 placing at the Games in the Rhythmic Gymnastics Event, with the potential to win an Olympic Diploma (top 8 placing); and
 - ii. the Athlete (or group of Athletes) has or have a track record of sufficient quality and depth that GymSports NZ believes demonstrates the Athlete (or group of Athletes) will be competitive at the Games and will perform credibly in the Rhythmic Gymnastics Event.
- (b) Evidence: In determining whether or not the Athlete (or group of Athletes) has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Rhythmic Gymnastics Events in clause 4.2(a) above, the GymSports NZ Selectors will consider the Athlete's (or group of Athletes') performance and results at the Key Events listed below:
 - i. Mandatory Key Events
 - World Championships 2015 (Stuttgart, GER) on 7th – 13th September 2015 (mandatory); and

- Olympic Games Test Event in Rio, Brazil from 16 to 24 April 2016. For the avoidance of doubt this means where the Athlete has been selected to attend as a member of the official GymSports NZ team; and

ii. At least one of the following Key Events:

- Budapest World Cup on 7th – 9th August 2015; or
- Sofia World Cup on 14th – 16th August 2015; or
- Lisbon World Cup - March/April 2016.

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

- any other performances or results in competitions / events in addition to the Key Events;
- adequate fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es);
- demonstrated good behaviour, including a commitment to training and attendance at training camps;
- demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment;
- demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions;
- 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;
- willingness to promote GymSports NZ in a positive manner;
- demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
- proven ability to be reliable; and
- any other factor(s) the GymSports NZ Selectors consider relevant.

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

4.5 **Weight to be Given to Specific Nomination Factors:** The GymSports NZ 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.

4.6 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In any decision regarding the nomination of Athletes to the Games Team, the GymSports NZ Selectors may, in their sole discretion, take into account any extenuating circumstances in accordance with clause 5 below.

4.7 **Nomination Procedure:** After consideration of this Nomination Criteria, the GymSports NZ Selectors shall follow the procedure set out in clause 7 of the NZOC / GymSports NZ Agreement.

5. Extenuating Circumstances

- 5.1 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In considering the nomination of Athletes in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, the GymSports NZ 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 GymSports NZ Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- 5.2 **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 GymSports NZ Selectors have no obligation to rely on such circumstances.
- 5.3 **Medical Certificate:** In the case of injury or illness, Athletes may be required by the GymSports NZ Selectors to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the GymSports NZ Selectors, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the GymSports NZ Selectors. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the GymSports NZ Selectors being unable to consider the injury or illness as an extenuating circumstance.
- 5.4 **Case by Case:** In the case of any extenuating circumstance/s, the GymSports NZ Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

6. Appeal Procedure

- 6.1 **Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal to GymSports NZ against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the GymSports NZ Selectors of GymSports NZ provided that the Athlete has returned a completed:
- (a) Athlete Application to GymSports NZ by the Application Date (that has been certified by GymSports NZ); and
 - (b) Athlete Agreement in the manner directed by the NZOC by the Nomination Date.
- 6.2 **Procedures for Nomination Appeals:** Any appeal under paragraph 6.1 must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in clause 11 of the NZOC / GymSports NZ Agreement.

7. Inconsistencies

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

8. Amendments to this Nomination Criteria

- 8.1 **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.
- 8.2 **Notice:** The Board will give as much notice as possible of any amendment/s or supplement/s made under clause 8.1 to this Nomination Criteria, to persons it considers may be affected by any such amendment/s or supplement/s.

9. Definitions

- 9.1 **Application Date** means 10 July 2015, by which Athletes must submit a completed Athlete Application in accordance with clause 6.1(a) of the NZOC / GymSports NZ Agreement.
- 9.2 **Athlete** means a person who wishes to be considered for nomination to the Games Team.
- 9.3 **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 6.1(b) of the NZOC / GymSports NZ Agreement.
- 9.4 **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 / GymSports NZ Agreement.
- 9.5 **Board** means the Board of GymSports NZ as constituted under the Constitution.
- 9.6 **Chief Executive** means the Chief Executive Officer of GymSports NZ and includes his / her nominee.
- 9.7 **Constitution** means the Constitution of GymSports NZ.
- 9.8 **Games** means the 2016 Olympic Games to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 5 August 2016 to 21 August 2016.
- 9.9 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.
- 9.10 **GymSports NZ** means GymSports New Zealand Incorporated.
- 9.11 **GymSports NZ Selectors** means the selectors appointed by GymSports NZ in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.

- 9.12 **Key Events** means the events listed in clause 4.2(b) 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.
- 9.13 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC by GymSports NZ.
- 9.14 **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”.
- 9.15 **Nomination Date** means the date, as specified by the NZOC (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and GymSports NZ), by which GymSports NZ must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 9.16 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 9.17 **NZOC / GymSports NZ Agreement** means the agreement entered between NZOC and GymSports NZ for the Application, Nomination and Selection Process for the Games.
- 9.18 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 4.2.
- 9.19 **Rhythmic Gymnastics Events** means a Women’s rhythmic gymnastics individual all-round competition or group competition at the Games in which an Athlete competes either alone or together with a group of Athletes.
- 9.20 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the nomination factors set out in clause 4.3.

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

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