

**TOKYO 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES**  
**NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR FENCING EVENTS**

**FENCING NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED**

**1. Application of this Nomination Criteria**

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- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of Fencing New Zealand.
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from 22 July 2018.
- 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 Fencing Event; and
  - (b) Fencing New Zealand including its Selectors, wish to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

**2. Selectors**

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- 2.1 **Composition:** The Selectors have been appointed by the Board of Fencing New Zealand. The Selectors who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:

*Mark Rance, Steve Clarke, Steve Martin, Kyle MacDonald, or their duly Board appointed successors.*

**3. Nomination Procedure**

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- 3.1 **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 the NZOC, in the form prescribed by the NZOC to the NZOC by the following dates ('Application Date'):
    - i. no later than 5.00pm Friday 24 September 2019; or
    - ii. in exceptional circumstances where Fencing NZ provides NZOC with evidence that demonstrates that the Athlete could not have been reasonably in contemplation before 24 January 2020 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board); and
  - (b) returned a completed Athlete Agreement to the NZOC, in the form prescribed by the NZOC prior to the Nomination Date; and

- (c) demonstrated to the satisfaction of Fencing New Zealand 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, Fencing New Zealand or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
- (e) to Fencing New Zealand'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 Fencing New Zealand's, the International Fencing Federation's (FIE's) or NZOC's Integrity Regulation; and
- (f) received an invitation by name from FIE to participate in the Games in relation to Individual Fencing Events; and
- (g) from 24 January 2020 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) 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 Fencing Event in accordance with the FIE's Qualification System for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games ("FIE Qualification System") and/or FIE requirements for the Games. Qualification for a place in any Fencing Event 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 Fencing 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 Selectors shall nominate those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.

#### **4. Nomination Criteria**

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4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The Fencing New Zealand 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 Fencing Event, the Selectors must be satisfied overall that the Athlete (or group of Athletes):
  - i. is or are capable of achieving a top 16 placing at the Games in the Fencing Event, with the potential to win an Olympic Diploma (top 8 placing); and

- ii. has or have a track record of sufficient quality and depth that Fencing New Zealand believes demonstrates the Athlete (or group of Athletes) will be competitive at the Games and will perform creditably in the Fencing Event; and
  - iii. in relation to a Team Fencing Event, has qualified a Team place at the Games in accordance with the FIE Qualification System and all Athletes are available and eligible to compete in the Team at the Games that qualified the Team. In the event, the Athletes who comprised the Team during qualification are unable to compete at the Games, Fencing New Zealand will only nominate Athletes of at least equal standard and quality to the NZOC.
- (b) Evidence: In determining whether or not the Athlete (or group of Athletes) has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Fencing Events in clause 4.2(a) above, the Selectors shall consider the Athlete's performances and results in the Fencing Event at which they seek to be selected for the Games at any of the following Key Events between 3 April 2019 and the day after the Zone qualification competition for the Games:

**Mandatory Event** – An Athlete must participate at the following Key Event:

- 2020 FIE Continental/Zone Qualification Tournament

**Secondary Event** - An Athlete must participate in a minimum of two of the following Key Events from 3 April 2019 and the day after the Zone qualification competition for the Games and in at least one of these Key Events, the Athlete must demonstrate he/she has defeated an opponent who is ranked at or higher than the top 32 athletes on the FIE World Ranking List (as at the day after the Zone qualification competition for the Games), taking into account a maximum of three athletes per country:

- FIE Grand Prix competitions
- FIE World Cup competitions
- FIE World Championship
- FIE Satellite and Zone tournaments (excluding the Mandatory Key Event)

4.3 **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) any other performances or results in competitions / events in addition to the Key Events;
- (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 Fencing New Zealand 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 Selectors consider relevant.

4.4 **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.

4.5 **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.

4.6 **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 5 below.

4.7 **Nomination Procedure:** After consideration of this Nomination Criteria, the Selectors shall follow the procedure set out in clause 9 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

## **5. Extenuating Circumstances**

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5.1 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In considering the nomination of Athletes in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, the 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 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 Secretary General 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 Secretary General is not notified of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, then the 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 Selectors to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the Selectors, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the Selectors. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the 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 Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

## 6. Appeal Procedure

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- 6.1 **Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal to Fencing New Zealand against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the 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.
- 6.2 **Procedures for Nomination Appeals:** Any appeal under paragraph 6.1 must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in clause 13 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

## 7. Inconsistencies

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- 7.1 **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.
- 7.2 **FIE Qualification System:** If this Nomination Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the FIE Qualification System, this shall not be regarded as an inconsistency.

## 8. Amendments to this Nomination Criteria

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- 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 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

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- 9.1 **Application Date** means the dates set out in clause 3.1(a), by which Athletes must submit a completed Athlete Application in accordance with clause 8.3 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.
- 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 8.4 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.
- 9.4 **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.
- 9.5 **Board** means the Board of Fencing New Zealand as constituted under the Constitution.
- 9.6 **Constitution** means the Constitution of Fencing New Zealand (New Zealand Amateur Fencing Association Incorporated).
- 9.7 **Fencing Event** means an Individual Fencing Event or a Team Fencing Event at the Games.
- 9.8 **Fencing New Zealand** means Fencing New Zealand (Incorporated).
- 9.9 **Games** means the 2020 Olympic Games to be held in Tokyo, Japan from 24 July – 9 August 2020.
- 9.10 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.
- 9.11 **Individual Fencing Event** means one of the following events in the Games in which an Athlete competes:

Men's Events	Women's Events
Foil	Foil
Epée	Epée
Sabre	Sabre

- 9.12 **Key Events** mean international, continental or national competition listed in clause 4.2(b) which is a major or pinnacle event for the sport or is at least the equivalent of a World Cup or World Championship, and have an equivalent field 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 fencing New Zealand.
- 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 on or before 15 May 2020, as agreed by the NZOC (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and Fencing New Zealand, by which Fencing New Zealand must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 9.16 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 9.17 **NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation** means the regulation of the NZOC relation to the nomination and selection process for all Olympic and Commonwealth games, including the Games.
- 9.18 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 4.2.
- 9.19 **Secretary General** means the Secretary General of Fencing New Zealand and includes his / her nominee.
- 9.20 **Selectors** means the selectors appointed by Fencing New Zealand in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 9.21 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the nomination factors set out in clause 4.3.
- 9.22 **Team Fencing Event** means a team of three Athletes competing together in either a Team Foil, Team Epée or Team Sabre event.