

TOKYO 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES
NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR CANOE SLALOM EVENTS

CANOE SLALOM NEW ZEALAND INC & NEW ZEALAND CANOE FEDERATION

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Canoe Slalom New Zealand Inc (CSNZ) Committee and ratified by the New Zealand Canoe Federation (NZCF) Board.
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from 1 November 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 Canoe Slalom Event; and
 - (b) CSNZ and NZCF, including the Selectors, that wish to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

2. Selectors

- 2.1 **Composition:** The Selectors shall be appointed by the CSNZ Committee. The Selectors who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:

Selector 1 (Independent Chair)
Maree Burnett
Don Johnstone
Ian Mercer

3. Nomination Procedure

- 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 by the following dates (“Application Dates”):
 - i. no later than 5.00pm on Friday 24 September 2019; or
 - ii. in exceptional circumstances where the Selectors provide NZOC with evidence that demonstrates 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 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, CSNZ, NZCF or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
- (e) to CSNZ or NZCF'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 CSNZ's, NZCF's, ICF's or NZOC's Integrity Regulation; and
- (f) 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 Canoe Slalom Event in accordance with the ICF's Canoe Slalom Qualification System – Games of The XXXII Olympiad – Tokyo 2020 ("ICF Qualification System"). Qualification for a place in any Canoe Slalom Event by an Athlete does not guarantee that Athlete will be nominated or selected to compete in the Canoe Slalom 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

4.1 **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 4.24.2; 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 to a Canoe Slalom Event, the Selectors must be satisfied overall that the Athlete:
 - i. 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. 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 creditably in the Canoe Slalom Event.

(b) **Evidence:** In determining whether or not the Athlete has met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for the Canoe Slalom Event in clause 4.2(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 a Canoe Slalom Event in the following circumstances, in the following order of preference:

- the Athlete achieves a top three placing at the 2019 ICF World Championships and no other New Zealand Athlete has qualified for the final in the same class; then
- the Athlete achieves a top ten placing at the 2019 ICF World Championships and no other New Zealand Athlete has qualified for semifinal 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 4.2(a), consider the Athlete's performances at the following Key Events using the points ranking system below:

- 2019 ICF World Championships;
- 2020 Oceania Continental Championships;
- 2020 Australian Open Championships.

Points will be attributed only to Athletes who have met the conditions of nomination set out in clause 3. The following points will be attributed for each of the Key Events: 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. In addition, a bonus of 3 points will be awarded to the Athlete who qualified a Games quota place for New Zealand at the 2019 ICF World Championships, whether or not that quota place is ultimately accepted by the NZOC. Alternatively, if no Athlete qualified a Games quota place for New Zealand at the 2019 ICF World Championships (whether or not that quota place is ultimately accepted by the NZOC) a bonus of 2 points will be awarded to the Athlete who qualified a Games quota place for New Zealand at the 2020 Oceania Continental Championships, provided they finish in 1st NZ place at those Championships. A bonus of 2 and 1 points will be awarded to Athletes who finish in the final and top 20, respectively, at the 2019 ICF World Championships provided those Athletes have not been awarded bonus points for qualifying a Games quota place. Athletes will be ranked on their best two points scores over the Key Events, including bonus points.

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

- (c) **Reserves:** A non-travelling reserve Athlete for each class may be considered by the Selectors based on performances at the Key Events using the points ranking system.
- (d) **Quota Restrictions:** Where Athletes have qualified more quota places for New Zealand than quota places the NZOC can accept in accordance with the ICF Qualification System, the Selectors, in their sole discretion (but after consultation with the Athletes), will determine which quota place(s) they recommend to the NZOC to accept, based on one or more of the following factors:
- The Athlete's potential result at the Games in each Canoe Slalom Event;
 - Whether the Athlete has met the Primary or Secondary criteria; and/or
 - Any other factors the Selectors consider relevant.
- (e) **Cancellation:** In the situation that one or more of the Key Events cannot be held or the results of such competition are cancelled, then CSNZ will issue an amendment to this Nomination Criteria as expediently as possible, with alternate Key Events or ranking process.

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 CSNZ and NZCF 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.
- 4.8 **Permission to start in a Canoe Slalom Event:** At the sole discretion of the NZOC, Athletes who qualify for nomination in a Canoe Slalom Event in accordance with this Nomination Criteria may, on Selectors' request to the NZOC, if they are selected to the Games Team by the NZOC, request permission to start in another Canoe Slalom Event where there is an available place, no other Athlete has been nominated and selected to the Games team to compete in that Canoe Slalom Event, and competing in this event will not have any detrimental effect on their performance in the Canoe Slalom Event they have already been selected for.

5. Extenuating Circumstances

- 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 **Superior Performance:** Extenuating circumstances will only be considered for Athletes who have demonstrated superior performance in 2019 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.

- 5.3 **Athlete to Advise:** Athletes unable to compete at events, trials, or other attendances required under this Nomination Criteria, must advise the Chair of Selectors 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.
- 5.4 **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.
- 5.5 **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

- 6.1 **Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal to CSNZ 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

- 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 **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.

8. Amendments to this Nomination Criteria

- 8.1 **Prior to Nomination Date:** The Nomination Criteria may be amended or supplemented from time to time by the CSNZ Committee under delegated authority from NZCF, before the Nomination Date, provided NZOC has approved the amendment/s and supplement/s.

8.2 **Notice:** The CSNZ Committee 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 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 **Canoe Slalom Event** means an event in the Games in which an Athlete competes in the one of the following events

Men's Events	Women's Events
Men's Single Kayak (K1)	Women's Single Kayak (K1)
Men's Single Canoe (C1)	Women's Single Canoe (C1)

9.6 **CSNZ** means Canoe Slalom New Zealand.

9.7 **CSNZ Committee** means the Executive Committee of CSNZ as constituted under its Constitution.

9.8 **Games** means the 2020 Olympic Games to be held in Tokyo, Japan from 24 July – 9 August 2020.

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 **ICF** means the International Canoe Federation of which NZCF is a member.

9.11 **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.

9.12 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC by the Selectors.

9.13 **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".

- 9.14 **Nomination Date** means on or before 5 June 2020 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and CSNZ), by which Selectors must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 9.15 **NZCF** means the New Zealand Canoe Federation.
- 9.16 **NZCF Board** means the Board of the NZCF as constituted under the Constitution.
- 9.17 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 9.18 **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.
- 9.19 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 4.2.
- 9.20 **Secretary General** means the Secretary General of NZCF and includes his / her nominee.
- 9.21 **Selectors** means the selectors appointed by CSNZ in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 9.22 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the nomination factors set out in clause 4.3.