

BIRMINGHAM 2022 COMMONWEALTH GAMES
NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR BOWLS EVENTS

BOWLS NEW ZEALAND

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

1.1 **Status:** This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of Bowls New Zealand and shall take effect from 1st March 2021, amended 26th August 2021, 19th November 2021 and 27th April 2022. This Nomination Criteria supersedes any previous correspondence, discussions and representations (whether written or oral) by Bowls New Zealand regarding nomination and selection for the Games.

1.2 **Scope:** 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 Bowls Event; and
- (b) Bowls New Zealand including its Selectors, that wish to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

1.3 **Process:** Selection to the Games Team in a Bowls Event is a three step process:

- (a) each Athlete must be eligible in accordance with clause 3 of this Nomination Criteria;
- (b) Bowls New Zealand nominates Athletes to the NZOC in accordance with this Nomination Criteria and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation; and
- (c) the NZOC selects Athletes to the Games Team in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

2. Selectors

2.1 **Composition:** Philip Skoglund (Convenor) and Peter Belliss are the Selectors who have been appointed by the Bowls New Zealand Board pursuant to clause 18.2.8 of the Constitution to consider nomination of Athletes to the NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team.

2.2 **Right to Change:** The Bowls New Zealand Board reserves the right to change a Selector at any time in accordance with the Constitution prior to the Nomination Date. In such case, it will publish the change of Selector on the Bowls New Zealand website.

3. Eligibility

3.1 **Athlete Eligibility:** To be eligible to be nominated to the NZOC by Bowls New Zealand, an Athlete must:

- (a) have returned a completed Athlete Application to the NZOC, in the form prescribed by the NZOC by the following dates (“Application Date”):
 - i. no later than 5.00pm, 28 July 2021, where an Athlete is not a regular member of Bowls New Zealand at this date; or
 - ii. no later than 5.00pm, 26 November 2021, where an Athlete is a regular member of Bowls New Zealand or
 - iii. in exceptional circumstances before 5.00pm, 28 January 2022 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) where Bowls New Zealand provides the NZOC with evidence that demonstrates that Athlete could not have been reasonably in contemplation before 26 November 2021, provided the Athlete is a regular member of Bowls New Zealand; and
- (b) have returned a completed Athlete Agreement in the manner prescribed by the NZOC to NZOC prior to the Nomination Date; and
- (c) be a member of Bowls New Zealand or one of its affiliates; and
- (d) be a New Zealand citizen and have a New Zealand passport; and
- (e) for the Para Bowls Events, be internationally classified with a confirmed sport class status or review with a fixed review date of 2023 or later at the sport entry deadline of 29 June 2022; and
- (f) have met the CGF’s eligibility regulations in accordance with the CGF Constitution and complied with the minimum age regulations as stipulated by World Bowls; and
- (g) have demonstrated to the satisfaction of Bowls New Zealand that they are not suffering any physical or psychological impairment that would prevent them from competing in the Games to the highest possible standard; and
- (h) have acted in such a manner so as not to bring the Athlete, the sport, Bowls New Zealand or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
- (i) not be under investigation for any breach of any part of the Bowls New Zealand and World Bowls’ anti-doping regulations, the Sports Anti-Doping Rules and/or the NZOC Integrity Regulation; and
- (j) no later than 28 July 2021 where the Athlete is not a regular member of Bowls New Zealand or 28 January 2022 (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 **Athlete Allocation:** New Zealand must qualify for places in a Bowls Event(s) in accordance with the Birmingham 2020 Games Manual, relevant CGF Athlete Allocation System and/or World Bowls’ requirements for the Games. Qualification for a place in any Bowls 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 Bowls Event(s) at the Games. Bowls New Zealand acknowledges that there is a quota restriction on Bowls New Zealand of ten (10) Athletes, excluding athletes from Para-Bowls Events. Accordingly, Bowls New Zealand will not nominate more than ten (10) Athletes in non Para-Bowls Events. For Para-Bowls Events, the CGF Para-Bowls Athlete Allocation System will apply and Bowls New Zealand will have a quota restriction of two (2) Athletes per gender in the Para Bowls Pairs Event and one (1) further athlete per gender in the Para Bowls Mixed Pairs Event, noting that each blind or visually impaired Athlete is entitled to one (1) director for any Para-Bowls Event (not included in the maximum possible slot allocation).

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 to NZOC for consideration of selection, those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.

3.4 **Reserve Athletes:** The Selectors may nominate Reserve Athletes to the NZOC for any Bowls Event.

4. Nomination Criteria

4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** In considering any Athlete for nomination to the NZOC, the Selectors shall consider:

- (a) the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria specified in clause 5.1; and
- (b) the Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 5.2; and
- (c) any Extenuating Circumstances in accordance with clause 6.

4.2 **Relevance and Weighting:** The Selectors may determine the relevance and weight that they wish to place on any Specific Nomination Factor(s) and any Extenuating Circumstances(s) as they consider appropriate. No particular Specific Nomination Factor shall be weighed more or less significantly based on the order in which it appears in this Nomination Criteria unless expressly specified otherwise.

4.3 **Permission to Start:** At the sole discretion of the NZOC, Nominated Athletes may, on Bowls New Zealand request to the NZOC, if they are selected to the Games Team by the NZOC, request permission to start in another Bowls Event where competing in this Bowls Event will not have any detrimental effect on the Bowls Event they have already been selected for.

4.4 **Own Enquiries:** In considering the Specific Nomination Factors, the Selectors may make such enquiries of the Athlete, or other persons, as they see fit.

4.5 **Conditions:** In considering any results and performances of an Athlete at any Key Events, the Selectors may, but do not have to, take into account the conditions in which the results and performances were obtained such as, but not limited to, the weather conditions and the field of competition.

- 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 6 below.

5. Over-Riding Nomination Criteria and Specific Nomination Factors

5.1 Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:

- (a) In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete (or group of Athletes) to a Bowls Event, the Selectors must be satisfied overall that the Athlete (or group of Athletes):
- (i) is or are capable of achieving a top 6 placing at the Games in a Bowls Event(s) (except the Fours Event); or
 - (ii) are capable of achieving a top 3 placing at the Games in the Fours Event(s); and
 - (iii) has or have a track record of sufficient quality and depth that the NZOC believes demonstrates that the Nominated Athlete(s) or group of Nominated Athlete(s) will be competitive at the Games and will perform creditably in that Bowls Event.
- (b) In determining whether or not the Athlete (or group of Athletes) satisfies the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Bowls Events in clause 5.1(a) above, the Selectors shall have regard to the results and performances in the Bowls Event for which he/she/they seek nomination at the following Key Events during the Qualification Period:
- National Singles and Pairs, January 2021
 - National Fours 2021 (for Fours Events only)
 - National Intercentre, 2021 (does not include Para Bowls Events)
 - North v South Series 2021
 - New Zealand Disabled Lawn Bowls National Champs 2021 (for Para Bowls Events only)
 - Trans-Tasman Test series 2021
 - National Singles and Pairs 2022
 - Trans-Tasman Test series 2022

5.2 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 within the Qualification Period:

- (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 Games Team members;
- (g) willingness to promote Bowls 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.

5.3 **Ranking:** The Selectors shall, no later than 14 February 2022 for Athletes in Para Bowls Events and 20 May 2022 for all other Athletes in Bowls Events, examine the credentials of all Athletes. If there are more Athletes who meet the Over-riding Criteria set out in clause 5.1 than quota places available, then nomination will be decided by the Selectors having regard to one or more of the following factors:

- (a) ability to medal;
- (b) performance results at the Key Events within the field of Commonwealth athletes at the Key Events; and
- (c) any other information the Selectors consider relevant.

6. Extenuating Circumstances

6.1 **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.

- 6.2 **Athlete to Advise:** Athletes unable to compete at Key Events, trials, or other attendances required under this Nomination Criteria, must advise the CEO 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 Key Event, trial or other attendance. If the CEO is not notified of any Extenuating Circumstances in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, then the 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 CEO to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the CEO, 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.
- 6.4 **Case by Case:** In the case of any Extenuating Circumstance/s, the Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

7. Nomination and Selection

- 7.1 **Nomination to NZOC:** Bowls New Zealand will nominate Athletes (“Nominated Athletes”) and any Reserve Athletes to the NZOC by the Nomination Date.
- 7.2 **Nomination with Conditions:** Bowls New Zealand may nominate an Athlete with any conditions, for example, conditions relating to recovery from injury or continuing to meet specified performance levels. If the conditions are not met to the satisfaction of the Selectors, they will not be eligible for selection, unless the NZOC decides to select the Nominated Athlete subject to those or other conditions.
- 7.3 **Selection by NZOC:** Selection to the Games Team by the NZOC will be made in accordance with the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

8. Appeal Procedure

- 8.1 **Non-Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal to Bowls New Zealand against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the Bowls New Zealand provided that the Athlete:
- (a) is on the Bowls New Zealand long list for the Games; and
 - (b) meets the eligibility criteria under clause 3 of this Criteria.
- 8.2 **Procedures for Non-Nomination Appeals:** Any appeal under criteria 8.1 of this Criteria must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in clause 13 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.
- 8.3 **Procedures for Non-Selection Appeals:** If a Nominated Athlete is not selected by the NZOC, the Nominated Athlete may appeal the non-selection in accordance with the procedures set out in clause 14 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation provided that the Nominated Athlete:

- (a) is on the Bowls New Zealand long list for the Games; and
- (b) meets the eligibility criteria under clause 3 of this Criteria.

9. Inconsistencies

- 9.1 **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.
- 9.2 **CGF Athlete Allocation System:** If this Nomination Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the CGF Athlete Allocation System, this shall not be regarded as an inconsistency.

10. Amendments to this Nomination Criteria

- 10.1 **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.
- 10.2 **Notice:** The Board will give as much notice as possible of any amendment/s or supplement/s made under clause 10.1 to this Nomination Criteria, to persons it considers may be affected by any such amendment/s or supplement/s.

11. Definitions

- 11.1 **Application Date** means the dates set out in clause 3.1(a) of this Criteria, by which Athletes must submit to NZOC a completed Athlete Application in accordance with clause 8.3 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.
- 11.2 **Athlete** means a person who wishes to be considered for nomination to the Games Team.
- 11.3 **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.
- 11.4 **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.
- 11.5 **Board** means the Board of Bowls New Zealand as constituted under the Constitution.
- 11.6 **Bowls New Zealand** means Bowls New Zealand Incorporated.
- 11.7 **Bowls Event** means a Para Bowls Event and one of the following lawn bowls events either alone or together with other Athletes at the Games:

Men's	Women's
Singles	Singles
Pairs	Pairs
Triples	Triples
Fours	Fours

- 11.8 **CEO** means the Chief Executive Officer of Bowls New Zealand and includes his/her nominee.
- 11.9 **CGF** means the Commonwealth Games Federation.
- 11.10 **Constitution** means the Constitution of Bowls New Zealand
- 11.11 **Extenuating Circumstances** means the inability to perform at an optimum level arising from one or more of the reasons set out in clause 6.1.
- 11.12 **Fours Events** means a Bowls Event where four Athletes compete together as a team.
- 11.13 **Games** means the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games to be held in Birmingham, England between 28 July – 8 August 2022.
- 11.14 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.
- 11.15 **Key Events** means the competitions and events listed in clause 5.1(b).
- 11.16 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated by Bowls New Zealand to the NZOC for consideration of selection to the Games Team.
- 11.17 **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**”.
- 11.18 **Nomination Date** means:
- (a) For Para Bowls Events, on or before 15 February 2022 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and Bowls New Zealand); and
 - (b) For all other Bowls Events, on or before 23 May 2022 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and Bowls New Zealand),
- by which Bowls New Zealand must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 11.19 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 11.20 **NZOC Integrity Regulation** means the NZOC Integrity Regulation available at <http://www.olympic.org.nz/about-the-nzoc/governance-documents/>.
- 11.21 **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, available at <http://www.olympic.org.nz/about-the-nzoc/governance-documents/>.

11.22 **NZOC Selection Policy** means the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games, available at <https://www.olympic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Birmingham-2022-Selection-Policy-Final.pdf>.

11.23 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 5.1.

11.24 **Para Bowls Event** means one of the following events at the Games in which an Athlete competes:

Men's Event	Eligible Sport Classes
Men's Pairs B6 – B8	B5 – B8
Women's Event	Eligible Sport Classes
Women's Pairs B6 – B8	B5 – B8
Mixed Event	Eligible Sport Classes
Mixed Pairs B2 – B3	B1 – B3

11.25 **Qualification Period** means the period between 1ST November 2020 – 10 February 2022 for Para Bowls Events and between 1st November 2020 – 18 May 2022 for all other Bowls Events.

11.26 **Reserve Athletes** means a travelling and/or non-travelling reserve, as designated by the Selectors.

11.27 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the factors listed in clause 5.2 which the Selectors may take into account when applying the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria.

11.28 **Selectors** means the selectors appointed by Bowls New Zealand in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.

11.29 **World Bowls** means the World Bowls Association.