

TRINBAGO 2023 COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES
NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR BEACH VOLLEYBALL EVENTS

VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

1.1 **Status:** This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of Volleyball New Zealand and shall take effect from 1 February 2022. This Nomination Criteria supersedes any previous correspondence, discussions, and representations (whether written or oral) by Volleyball 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 Beach Volleyball Event; and
- (b) Volleyball 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 Beach Volleyball Event is a three-step process:

- (a) each Athlete must be eligible in accordance with clause 3 of this Nomination Criteria.
- (b) Volleyball 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:** The Selectors have been appointed by the Board of Volleyball New Zealand. The Selectors who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:

- Dr Warren Smith, PhD, U19 National Coach (Men's)
- Mrs Fiona Scrimshaw, U19 National Coach (Women's)
- Mrs Colleen Campbell, High Performance Director, Volleyball New Zealand (Men's and Women's)
- Mr Jason Lochhead, National High-Performance Coach, Beach Volleyball (Men's and Women's)

2.2 **Change of Selectors:** The Board reserves the right to change a Selector at any time in its absolute discretion prior to the Nomination Date. In such case, it will publish the change of Selector on the Volleyball New Zealand website.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1 **Athlete Eligibility:** To be eligible to be nominated to the NZOC by Volleyball New Zealand, an Athlete must:
- (a) have returned a completed Athlete Application to the NZOC, in the form prescribed by the NZOC no later than 5.00pm, 2 February 2023 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) where Volleyball New Zealand provides the NZOC with evidence that demonstrates that Athlete could not have been in contemplation on 2 February 2023; 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 Volleyball New Zealand or one of its affiliates; and
 - (d) be a New Zealand citizen and has a New Zealand passport; and
 - (e) be born between 1 January 2005 and 31 December 2009; and
 - (f) have demonstrated to the satisfaction of Volleyball 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
 - (g) have acted in such a manner so as not to bring the Athlete, the sport, Volleyball New Zealand or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
 - (h) not be under investigation for any breach of any part of the Volleyball New Zealand and Federation Internationale de Volleyball's anti-doping regulations, the Sports Anti-Doping Rules and/or the NZOC Integrity Regulation; and
 - (i) no later than 2 February 2023 (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 **Quota Allocation:** Games Team size will be determined by the NZOC in accordance with the quota and invitations allocated by the Games Local Organising Committee. In addition, a maximum of 2 Athletes per gender in a Beach Volleyball Event may be considered for nomination.
- 3.3 **Nomination if Nomination Criteria Met:** Provided the requirements set out in clauses 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 Beach Volleyball 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 and evidential requirements 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 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 **Own Enquiries:** In considering the Specific Nomination Factors, the Selectors may make such enquiries of the Athlete, or other persons, as they see fit.
- 4.4 **Conditions:** In considering any results and performances of an Athlete at any Key Events and Trials, 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.
- 4.5 **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) **Criteria:** Any Athlete wishing to be nominated for the Games Team in an Beach Volleyball Event must (in addition to the Other Factors set out in clause 4 of this Policy) demonstrate to the Selector's satisfaction that Athlete (or pair of Athletes):
 - Has/have a high national ranking or has/have placed in the top 3 at the most recent National age group championships (in the age group the athlete is seeking nomination for); and
 - Will perform with distinction at the Games.
 - (b) **Evidence:** In determining whether or not the Athlete (or pair of Athletes) satisfies the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Beach Volleyball Events in clause 5.1(a) above, the Selectors shall have regard to any one or more of the following:

- i. *Results and Performances*: any one or more of the results and performances in the Beach Volleyball Event at the following Key Events during the Qualification Period:
 - National Beach Tour results January 1 – March 27, 2023,
 - Regional Two-day events – December 2022 – February 2023
 - Interprovincial Age Group Championships – January 2023
 - Australian Age Group Competition - March 2023
 - FIVB Futures Event (New Zealand) – March 2023
- ii. *Trials*: in addition to the results and performances at Key Events, the results and performance at any Trials held during the Qualification Period, including any selection trials. To assist the Selectors in considering any nomination under this Nomination Criteria, the Selectors may decide that a Trial(s) will be held. The Selectors may invite any Athlete they consider appropriate to participate in a Trial, as long as they are eligible under clause 3 of this Nomination Criteria. The Selectors' decision on the invited Athletes is final and cannot be appealed. The nature and format of any Trial will be decided by the Selectors, is their discretion.

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 both within a pairing and 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 Volleyball 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.

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 High-Performance Manager 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 High-Performance Manager 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 High Performance Manager to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the High Performance Manager, 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:** Volleyball New Zealand will nominate Athletes (“Nominated Athletes”) and any Reserve Athletes to the NZOC by the Nomination Date.
- 7.2 **Nomination with Conditions:** Volleyball 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 Volleyball New Zealand against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the Volleyball New Zealand provided that the Athlete:

- (a) is on the Volleyball 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 Volleyball 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.

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 **Beach Volleyball Event** means a men’s or women’s 12 team beach volleyball tournament at the Games of 2 athletes per team.
- 11.6 **Board** means the Board of Volleyball New Zealand as constituted under the Constitution.
- 11.7 **Constitution** means the Constitution of Volleyball New Zealand.
- 11.8 **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.
- 11.9 **Games** means Commonwealth Youth Games to be held in Trinidad and Tobago from 4 – 11 August 2023.
- 11.10 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.
- 11.11 **High Performance Manager** means the High Performance Manager of Volleyball New Zealand and includes his/her nominee.
- 11.12 **Key Events** means an international, continental, or national competition listed in clause 5.1(b).
- 11.13 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated by Volleyball New Zealand to the NZOC for consideration of selection to the Games Team.
- 11.14 **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**”.
- 11.15 **Nomination Date** means on or before 25 May 2023 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and [insert NF]), by which Volleyball New Zealand must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 11.16 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 11.17 **NZOC Integrity Regulation** means the NZOC Integrity Regulation available at <http://www.olympic.org.nz/about-the-nzoc/governance-documents/>.
- 11.18 **NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation** means the regulation of NZOC in 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/>.

- 11.19 **NZOC Selection Policy** means the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games, available at <https://www.olympic.org.nz/assets/Trinbago-2023-CYG-Selection-Policy.pdf>.
- 11.20 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 5.1.
- 11.21 **Qualification Period** means the period between 1 January 2022 and 23 May 2023.
- 11.22 **Reserve Athletes** means a travelling and/or non-travelling reserve, as designated by the Selectors and in accordance with the Games Sport Entry Manual.
- 11.23 **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.
- 11.24 **Selectors** means the selectors appointed by Volleyball New Zealand in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 11.25 **Trial** means a race pursuant to clause 5.1(b)ii. on a date and at a venue determined by Volleyball New Zealand and notified to Athletes invited to Trial.
- 11.26 **Volleyball New Zealand** means Volleyball New Zealand Incorporated.