

GOLD COAST 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES
AMENDED NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM EVENTS

BADMINTON NEW ZEALAND

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of Badminton New Zealand.
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from the 18th September 2016.
- 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 an Individual or Team Event; and
 - (b) Badminton NZ, including its Badminton NZ Selectors, that wish to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

2. Badminton NZ Selectors

- 2.1 **Composition:** The Badminton NZ Selectors shall be appointed by the Board of Badminton NZ, in accordance with Badminton NZ policy.

3. Nomination Procedure

- 3.1 **Conditions of Nomination:** The Badminton 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 the NZOC prior to the Application Date, in the form prescribed by the NZOC; and
 - (b) returned a completed Athlete Agreement to the NZOC in the manner prescribed by the NZOC prior to the Nomination Date; and
 - (c) demonstrated to the satisfaction of Badminton 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, Badminton NZ or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
 - (e) to Badminton 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 Badminton NZ's, the International Federation's (BWF's) or NZOC's Integrity Regulation; and

- (f) from 4 October 2017 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 an event(s) in accordance with the Gold Coast Games Manual, CGF Athlete Allocation System and / or BWF 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 Individual or Team 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 Badminton NZ Selectors shall nominate those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below, subject to any quota restriction placed on the NZOC or Badminton NZ.

4. Nomination Criteria

4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The Badminton NZ Nomination Criteria is made up of two parts:

- (a) the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria specified in clause 4.2, including the evidence required in clause 4.3; and
- (b) the Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 4.4.

4.2 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:** In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete (or group of Athletes) to the NZOC, the Selectors must be satisfied that:

- (a) The Athlete (or group of Athletes):
 - (i) is or are capable of achieving a top 6 placing at the Games in the Individual Event(s); or
 - (ii) are capable of achieving a top 3 placing at the Games in the Team Event(s); and
- (b) 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 Individual Event or Team Event.

4.3 **Evidence:** In determining whether or not the Athlete or Group of Athletes has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Individual Events or Team Events in clauses 4.2(a) and (b) above, the Badminton NZ Selectors shall consider the following:

- (a) BWF Ranking Points
BWF ranking points as at the 31st December 2017 to determine rankings as compared to eligible Commonwealth countries and players; and
- (b) Performances and results at a minimum of four (4) BWF Sanctioned International Events between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017; and
- (c) Performances and results at the following events:
 - (i) Oceania Senior Individual Championships February 2017
 - (ii) BWF Sudirman Cup May 2017
 - (iii) Xianmen Air Australian Open June 2017
 - (iv) SKYCITY NZ Open August 2017
 - (v) Waikato International August 2017

4.4 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria above, the Badminton NZ 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 Badminton NZ 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 Badminton NZ Selectors consider relevant.

- 4.5 **Ranking:** The Badminton NZ Selectors shall, no later than 15th January 2018, examine the credentials of all Athletes for Individual and Team Events. If there are more Athletes who meet the Over-riding Criteria set out in clause 4.2 than quota places available, then nomination will be decided by the Badminton NZ Selectors having regard to one or more of the following factors:
- (a) The Athlete or group of Athlete's BWF ranking points. The Badminton NZ Selectors shall then make comparison against ranking points other likely Commonwealth Games competitors;
 - (b) The Athlete or group of Athletes performance results at the Key Events within the field of Commonwealth athletes at the Key Events; and
 - (c) Any other information the Badminton NZ Selectors consider relevant.
- 4.6 **Additional Quota places:** In the event that further quota places are offered by the NZOC, Athletes who have met the Over-riding Criteria set out in clause 4.2(a)(i) but not nominated to the NZOC for an Individual Event, may be nominated on the Reallocation Date by the Badminton NZ Selectors.
- 4.7 **Own Enquiries:** In considering any one or more of the above factors, the Badminton NZ Selectors may make such enquiries of the Athlete, or other persons, as they see fit.
- 4.8 **Weight to be Given to Specific Nomination Factors:** The Badminton 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.
- 4.9 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In any decision regarding the nomination of Athletes to the Games Team, the Badminton NZ Selectors may, in their sole discretion, take into account any extenuating circumstances in accordance with clause 5 below.
- 4.10 **Nomination Procedure:** After consideration of this Nomination Criteria, the Badminton NZ Selectors shall follow the procedure set out in clause 9 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.
- 4.11 **Permission to Start:** In addition, at the sole discretion of the NZOC, Athletes who qualify for nomination in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, on Badminton NZ's request to the NZOC and if they are selected to the Games Team by the NZOC, request permission to start in other Individual Events where there is an available place and where competing in the Individual Event will not have any detrimental effect on the Individual or Team 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 Badminton 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 Badminton 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 Badminton 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 Badminton NZ Selectors to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the Badminton NZ Selectors, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the Badminton NZ Selectors. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the Badminton 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 Badminton NZ Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

6. Appeal Procedure

6.1 **Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal to Badminton NZ against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the Badminton NZ 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 **Qualification Standard:** If this Nomination Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the CGF, 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 4 June 2017, (or such other dates as specified by NZOC), by which Athletes must submit a completed Athlete Application to the NZOC 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 **Badminton NZ** means New Zealand Badminton Federation Incorporated.
- 9.6 **Badminton NZ Selectors** means the selectors appointed by Badminton NZ in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 9.7 **Board** means the Board of Badminton NZ as established under the Constitution.
- 9.8 **CGF** means the Commonwealth Games Federation.
- 9.9 **Chief Executive** means the Chief Executive Officer of Badminton NZ and includes his / her nominee.
- 9.10 **Constitution** means the Constitution of Badminton NZ

9.11 **Games** means the 2018 Commonwealth Games to be held in Gold Coast, Australia from 4 April – 15 April 2018.

9.12 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.

9.13 **Individual Event** means one of the following events at the Games:

Men's Events	Women's Events	Mixed
Singles	Singles	Doubles
Doubles	Doubles	

9.14 **Key Events** means an international, continental or national competition listed in clause 4.3(b) and (c) which is a major or pinnacle event for the sport or is at least the equivalent of a Commonwealth Championship, and have an equivalent to that which is likely to occur at the Games.

9.15 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC by Badminton NZ.

9.16 **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".

9.17 **Nomination Date** means the 17 January 2018 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and Badminton NZ, by which Badminton NZ must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC).

9.18 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.

9.19 **NZOC Integrity Regulation** means the regulation adopted by the NZOC, in particular in relation to anti-doping, a copy of which is available at www.olympic.org.nz/nzoc/publications-and-reports-0.

9.20 **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.

9.21 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 4.2.

9.22 **Reallocation Date** means on or before 6 February 2018 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between the NZOC and Badminton NZ) by which Badminton NZ must submit any further Nominated Athletes to the NZOC, should additional quota places become available to the NZOC.

9.23 **Team Event** means the mixed team event in the Games, in which a group of four (4) or more Athletes compete together.

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

- NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation;
- NZOC Selection Policy;
- Athlete Application Form; and
- Athlete Agreement.