



## Position Description for a Member of the Athletes' Commission

### ORGANISATIONAL BACKGROUND

The New Zealand Olympic Committee (NZOC) Athletes' Commission is an advisory group made up of Summer and Winter Olympians and Commonwealth Games representatives. The purpose of the New Olympic Committee's Athletes' Commission is to ensure that the views of New Zealand's current Olympic and Commonwealth Games athletes are represented and heard within the NZOC.

The Commission is an important vehicle to ensure NZOC remains athlete focused and connected to the needs of athletes. It is committed to engaging with athletes and representing their rights and interests, participating in NZOC consultation and decision-making as required. The NZOC Athletes' Commission serves as both the International Olympic Committee Athletes' Commission and the Commonwealth Games Federation Athletes' Commission.

The Athletes' Commission's objectives are:

- Actively supporting the work of the organisation on all matters relating to Olympic and Commonwealth Games operations, performance and policy;
- Engaging with athletes and representing their rights and interests and participate in NZOC consultation and decision-making as required;
- Engaging with the NZOC Board and management to effective advice and support is reasonably provided (financial and otherwise) for the AC to progress its objectives;
- Contributing to the co-operation, development and advocacy of the AC within the Olympic
- Movement and connecting with other NOC Athletes' Commissions, the IOC Athletes' Commission and the CGF Athlete Advisory Commission, where possible;
- Considering questions and issues relating to active athletes and providing advice to the NZOC;
- Acting as role models among NZ Olympic and Commonwealth Games athletes;
- Support and encouraging the development of athlete aspirations and pathways; and
- Advocating for athlete voice in National Federations.

### Person Specifications

To be eligible for election or appointment to the Athletes' Commission an athlete must:

- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Be available and able to participate in meetings and accordingly, be domiciled in New Zealand;
- Not have been sanctioned for a doping offence in relation to the World Anti-Doping Code in their sporting career nor been in breach of their National Federation, International Federation, NZOC, IOC or CGF rules and regulations;
- Either: be a participant in the Summer Olympic Games, the Winter Olympic Games, or the Commonwealth Games during the year in which the election is held; or have participated in at least one of the previous Games;



- Be able to demonstrate they have many of the following desirable skills, knowledge and experience to assist the AC fulfil its objectives and activities:
- Clear written and/or verbal communication skills;
- Highly developed interpersonal and relationship building skills;
- The ability to connect and engage with active athletes;
- Capable of working without direct supervision both individually and within a team environment;
- Knowledge of and interest in the Olympic movement and NZ high performance sports culture;
- Passionate about the development of the Olympic Values and athlete interests;
- Mature personality, able to handle confidential information and contrasting opinions.
- Be available to attend (either in person or by Skype) a minimum of two meetings per year; and
- Sign the New Zealand Olympic Committee Code of Ethics.