

GOLD COAST 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES
AMENDED (2) NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR BOWLS EVENTS

Bowls New Zealand Incorporated

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of Bowls New Zealand on 31 August 2016 and amended on 16 January 2017 and on 15 June 2017.
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from 15th July 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 a Bowls Event
 - (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.

2. Bowls New Zealand Selectors

- 2.1 **Composition:** The Bowls New Zealand Selectors are appointed by the Bowls New Zealand Board. The Bowls New Zealand Selectors who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:

Sharon Sims (Convenor) and Peter Belliss who have been appointed by the Bowls New Zealand Board pursuant to the Bowls New Zealand Constitution, clause 18.2.8.

3. Nomination Procedure

- 3.1 **Conditions of Nomination:** The Bowls New Zealand 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 Bowls New Zealand 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, Bowls New Zealand or the NZOC into public disrepute; and

- (e) to Bowls New Zealand'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 Bowls New Zealand the International Federation's (IF'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, other CGF rules and / or IF 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 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 Bowls New Zealand Selectors shall nominate those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below, subject to any quota restriction placed on the NZOC or Bowls New Zealand.

4. Nomination Criteria

4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The Bowls New Zealand 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 Bowls Event, the Bowls New Zealand Selectors must be satisfied that the Athlete (or group of Athletes)

- (a) is or are capable of achieving a top 6 placing at the Games in the Bowls Event; and
- (b) has or have a track record of sufficient quality and depth that the Bowls New Zealand Selectors believe demonstrates that the Nominated Athlete(s) or group of Nominated Athlete(s) will be competitive at the Games and will perform creditably in the Bowls Event.

4.3 **Evidence:**

- (a) In determining whether or not the Athlete or group of Athletes has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for the Bowls Events in clauses 4.2(a) and (b) above, the Bowls NZ Selectors shall consider the Athlete and/or group of Athletes performances and results in the Bowls Event(s) at which they seek to be selected for the Games in the following Key Events during the period 1 July 2016 – 20 January 2018:

- i. World Bowls Championships Nov/Dec 2016
 - ii. National Open Championships, 29 Dec 2016–8 Jan 2017, Taranaki
 - iii. National Inter-Centre Championships, 23-26 March 2017, Wellington
 - iv. Trans-Tasman Test series, June 2017, Gold Coast
 - v. Multi Nation International event, June 2017, Gold Coast
 - vi. Trans-Tasman Test series, November 2017, Gold Coast
 - vii. National Open Championships, Dec 2017–Jan 2018, venue TBC
- (b) In determining whether or not the B2/B3 Athlete and/or Pair has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for the Bowls Events in clauses 4.2(a) and (b) above, the Bowls NZ Selectors shall consider the Athlete and/or the Pair's performances and results in the Bowls Event(s) at which they seek to be selected for the Games in the following Key Events during the period 1 July 2016 – 13 November 2017:
- i. National Blind Bowls Championships 2016, 28 Nov-4 Dec 2016
 - ii. NZ Open, EAD section, 14-22 February 2017, Auckland
 - iii. World Blind Bowls Championships, 20-30 March 2017, South Africa
 - iv. Para Sport Trans-Tasman Test series, June 2017, Gold Coast
 - v. Para Sport Multi Nation International event, June 2017, Gold Coast
 - vi. National Blind Bowls Championships 2017
 - vii. Para Sport Trans-Tasman Test series, November 2017, Gold Coast
- (c) In determining whether or not the B6/B7/B8 Athlete and/or Triples, has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for the Bowls Events in clauses 4.2(a) and (b) above, the Bowls NZ Selectors shall consider the Athlete and/or the Triple's performances and results in the Bowls Event(s) at which they seek to be selected for the Games in the following Key Events during the period 1 July 2016 – 13 November 2017:
- i. NZ Disabled National Bowls Championships 2016, 6-9 Nov 2016, Blenheim
 - ii. National Open Championships, 29 Dec 2016–8 Jan 2017, Taranaki (where nominated EAD athletes compete)
 - iii. NZ Open, EAD section, 14-22 February 2017, Auckland
 - iv. National Inter-Centre Championships, 23-26 March 2017, Wellington (where nominated EAD athletes compete)
 - v. Para Sport Trans-Tasman Test series, June 2017, Gold Coast
 - vi. Para Sport Multi Nation International event, June 2017, Gold Coast
 - vii. NZ Disabled National Bowls Championships 2017, date and venue TBC
 - viii. Para Sport Trans-Tasman Test series, November 2017, Gold Coast

4.4 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria above, the Bowls New Zealand Selectors may also take into account any one or more of the following factors about an Athlete and group of Athletes:

- (a) any other performances or results in competitions / events in addition to the Key Events;
- (b) past experience and performance in playing in Gold Coast conditions;
- (c) demonstrated ability to play and perform in more than one discipline

- (d) adequate fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es);
- (e) demonstrated good behaviour, including a commitment to training and attendance at training camps;
- (f) demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment;
- (g) demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions;
- (h) 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;
- (i) willingness to promote Bowls New Zealand in a positive manner;
- (j) demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
- (k) proven ability to be reliable; and
- (l) any other factor(s) the Bowls New Zealand Selectors consider relevant.

4.5 **Own Enquiries:** In considering any one or more of the above factors, the Bowls New Zealand Selectors may make such enquiries of the Athlete, or other persons, as they see fit.

4.6 **Weight to be Given to Specific Nomination Factors:** The Bowls New Zealand 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.

4.7 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In any decision regarding the nomination of Athletes to the Games Team, the Bowls New Zealand Selectors may, in their sole discretion, take into account any extenuating circumstances in accordance with clause 5 below.

4.8 **Nomination Procedure:** After consideration of this Nomination Criteria, the Bowls New Zealand Selectors shall follow the procedure set out in clause 9 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

4.9 **Permission to start:** In addition, at the sole discretion of the NZOC, Athletes who qualify for nomination in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, on Bowls New Zealand's request to the NZOC and if they are selected to the Games Team by the NZOC, request permission to start in other Bowls Events where there is an available place and where competing in this Bowls Event will not have any detrimental effect on the Bowls 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 Bowls New Zealand 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 Bowls New Zealand 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 Bowls New Zealand 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 Bowls New Zealand Selectors to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the Bowls New Zealand Selectors, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the Bowls New Zealand Selectors. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the Bowls New Zealand 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 Bowls New Zealand Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

6. Appeal Procedure

- 6.1 **Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal to Bowls New Zealand against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the Bowls New Zealand 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, and unless otherwise stated, includes a B2/B3 Athlete and B6/7/8 Athlete

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 **B2/B3 Athlete** means an athlete who has a B2 or B3 classification as certified by an assessor approved by the International Bowls for Disabled Organisation.

9.6 **B6/B7/B8 Athlete** means athletes having a B6/B7 or B/8 classification as certified by an assessor approved by the International Bowls for Disabled Organization.

- 9.7 **Bowls Event** means an event in the Games in which a Men's and Women's Singles; Men's and Women's Pairs; Men's and Women's Triples; Men's and Women's Fours; the EAD Pairs and EAD Triples.
- 9.8 **Bowls New Zealand** means Bowls New Zealand Incorporated
- 9.9 **Bowls New Zealand selectors** means the selectors appointed by Bowls New Zealand in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria
- 9.10 **Board** means the Board of Bowls New Zealand as established under the Constitution.
- 9.11 **CGF** means the Commonwealth Games Federation.
- 9.12 **Chief Executive** means the Chief Executive Officer of Bowls New Zealand and includes his / her nominee.
- 9.13 **Constitution** means the Constitution of Bowls New Zealand
- 9.14 **Games** means the 2018 Commonwealth Games to be held in Gold Coast, Australia from 4 April – 15 April 2018.
- 9.15 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.
- 9.16 **Key Events** means an international, continental or national competition listed in clause 4.3 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.
- 9.17 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC by Bowls New Zealand
- 9.18 **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".
- 9.19 **Nomination Date** means 17 November 2017 for B2/B3/B6/B7 and B8 Athletes and 1 February 2018 for all other Athletes (and includes any alternative dates as agreed between NZOC and Bowls New Zealand), by which Bowls New Zealand must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 9.20 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 9.21 **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.
- 9.22 **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.
- 9.23 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 4.2.

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

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