

PYEONGCHANG 2018 WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES
NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR CURLING EVENTS

NEW ZEALAND CURLING ASSOCIATION (*New Zealand Curling*)

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of the New Zealand Curling.
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from 7 June 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 Curling Event; and
 - (b) New Zealand Curling, including its New Zealand Curling Selectors, that wish to nominate Teams to NZOC to be selected to the Games Team for the Games.

2. New Zealand Curling Selectors

- 2.1 **Composition:** The New Zealand Curling Selectors shall be appointed by the Executive of New Zealand Curling. The New Zealand Curling Selectors who will consider nomination of any Team and its Athletes to NZOC for consideration of selection in the Games Team are:

Darren Carson (chairman of selectors)

John Campbell (chairman of High Performance committee)

Hans Frauenlob (High Performance advisor)

3. Nomination Procedure

- 3.1 **Conditions of Nomination:** The New Zealand Curling Selectors may only consider an Athlete for nomination as part of a Team if the Athlete has satisfied the following conditions of nomination:
- (a) returned a completed Athlete Application to New Zealand Curling prior to the Application Date in the form prescribed by the NZOC; and
 - (b) returned a completed Athlete Agreement in the manner prescribed by the NZOC prior to the Nomination Date; and
 - (c) demonstrated to the satisfaction of New Zealand Curling 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 Team, the sport, New Zealand Curling or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
- (e) to New Zealand Curling'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 New Zealand Curling's, the World Curling Federation ("WCF") or NZOC's Anti-Doping Bylaw; and
- (f) from 9 August 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 WCF's Qualification System – Games of the XXIII Winter Olympiad – PyeongChang 2018 ("WCF Qualification System"). Qualification for a place in any Curling Event by a Team does not guarantee that the Athletes in the Team will be nominated or selected to compete in the Curling 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 New Zealand Curling Selectors shall nominate those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.

4. Nomination Criteria

4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The New Zealand Curling Nomination Criteria for nomination to the Games Team is made up of two parts:

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

4.2 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:**

- (a) In determining whether or not to nominate a Team to a Curling Event, the New Zealand Curling Selectors must be satisfied overall that:
 - i. the Team has qualified a Team place at the Games by competing in the WCF qualification events in accordance with the WCF Qualification System. For the sake of clarity, this assumes that there are a maximum of 10 qualification spots being available in the Games for any Curling Event ; and
 - ii. all Athletes available and eligible to compete in the Team at the Games that qualified the Team in the WCF qualification event. In the event, the Athletes who comprised the Team during qualification are unable to compete at the Games, New Zealand Curling will only nominate Athletes of at least an equal standard and quality to the NZOC; and

iii. the Team has a track record of sufficient quality and depth that I New Zealand Curling believes demonstrates the team will be competitive at the Games and will perform credibly.

(b) Evidence: In determining whether or not a Team has met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Curling Events in clause 4.2(a) above, the New Zealand Curling Selectors shall consider the Team and each Athlete's performances and results in the Curling Event at which they seek to be selected for the Games in the following Key Events during the period 1 January 1 2016 to 11 December 2017:

- World Women's Curling Championships 2016
- World Women's Curling Championships 2017
- World Men's Curling Championships 2016
- World Men's Curling Championships 2017
- Men's Olympic Qualifying Event (Dec 2017)
- Women's Olympic Qualifying Event (Dec 2017)
- World Mixed Doubles Curling Championships 2016
- World Mixed Doubles Curling Championships 2017

4.3 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria above, the New Zealand Curling Selectors may also take into account any one or more of the following factors about a Team and its 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 New Zealand Curling in a positive manner;
- (h) demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
- (i) proven ability to be reliable; and
- (j) where different team combinations have earned Olympic qualification points, the relative performances of those teams.

- 4.4 **Own Enquiries:** In considering any one or more of the above factors, the New Zealand Curling Selectors may make such enquiries of the Athlete, or other persons, as they see fit.
- 4.5 **Weight to be Given to Specific Nomination Factors:** The New Zealand Curling 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.
- 4.6 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In any decision regarding the nomination of Athletes to a Team, the New Zealand Curling Selectors may, in their sole discretion, take into account any extenuating circumstances in accordance with clause 5 below.
- 4.7 **Nomination Procedure:** After consideration of this Nomination Criteria, the New Zealand Curling Selectors shall follow the procedure set out in clause 9 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

5. Extenuating Circumstances

- 5.1 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In considering the nomination of Athletes to a Team in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, the New Zealand Curling 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 New Zealand Curling Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- 5.2 **Athlete to Advise:** Athletes that are part of a Team and 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 New Zealand Curling 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 New Zealand Curling Selectors to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the New Zealand Curling Selectors, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the New Zealand Curling Selectors. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the New Zealand Curling 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 New Zealand Curling Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

6. Appeal Procedure

6.1 **Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete that is part of a Team may appeal to New Zealand Curling against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the New Zealand Curling 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 clause 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 **WCF Qualification System:** If this Nomination Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the WCF Qualification System, 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 the date, as specified by NZOC, by which Athletes must submit a completed Athlete Application 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 Team for the Games.

- 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 **Board** means the Executive of New Zealand Curling as constituted under the Constitution.
- 9.6 **Chief Executive** means the Secretary of the New Zealand Curling and includes his / her nominee.
- 9.7 **Constitution** means the Constitution of New Zealand Curling.
- 9.8 **Curling Event** means a Men's Team event, a Women's Teams event or a Mixed Doubles Team event at the Games.
- 9.9 **Games** means the 2018 Winter Olympic Games to be held in PyeongChang in South Korea from 9 February 2018 – 25 February 2018.
- 9.10 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.
- 9.11 **Key Events** means an international, continental or national competition listed in clause 4.2(b) which is a major or pinnacle event for the sport or is at least the equivalent of a World Cup or World Championship, and have an equivalent to that which is likely to occur at the Games.
- 9.12 **New Zealand Curling** means the New Zealand Curling Association.
- 9.13 **New Zealand Curling Selectors** means the selectors appointed by New Zealand Curling in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 9.14 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC as part of the Team by New Zealand Curling.
- 9.15 **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".
- 9.16 **Nomination Date** means on or before 15 December 2017, (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and New Zealand Curling), by which New Zealand Curling must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 9.17 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 9.18 **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.

- 9.19 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 4.2.
- 9.20 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the nomination factors set out in clause 4.3.
- 9.21 **Team** means a team of 5 Athletes (including reserves and substitutes) competing together in a Men's and Women's Team Curling Event and a team of 1 Man and 1 Women for a Mixed Doubles Curling Event.

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

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