

SNOW SPORTS NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED
PYEONGCHANG 2018 WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES
NOMINATION CRITERIA

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of Snow Sports NZ.
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from 1 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 Snow Sports Event; and
 - b. Snow Sports NZ, including its Selectors who wish to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team for the Games.

2. Snow Sports NZ Selectors

- 2.1 **Composition:** The Snow Sports NZ Selectors have been appointed by the Board according to the Constitution. The Snow Sports NZ Selectors who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:
 - a. Martin Toomey
 - b. Greg Knowles
 - c. Jonathan Eaton QC

3. Nomination Procedure

- 3.1 **Conditions of Nomination:** The Snow Sports 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, in the form prescribed by the NZOC; and
 - b. returned a completed Athlete Agreement in the manner prescribed by the NZOC to NZOC prior to the Nomination Date; and
 - c. demonstrated to the satisfaction of Snow Sports 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, Snow Sports NZ or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
 - e. to Snow Sports 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 Snow Sports NZ's or FIS regulations or the NZOC's Integrity Regulation;

- f. from 9 August 2017 has their name and contact address details to NZOC for the purpose of out of competition drug testing with Drug Free Sport New Zealand;
- g. met FIS' Athlete Eligibility Rules published in the FIS Qualification System.

3.2 **Qualification:** New Zealand must qualify for places in a Snow Sports Event in accordance with the FIS Qualification System. Qualification of a place in any Snow Sports Event 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 Snow Sport Event at the Games.

3.3 **Nomination if Nomination Criteria met:** Provided the requirements set out in clauses 3.1 and 3.2 are met the Snow Sports NZ Selectors shall nominate those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out in accordance with clause 4.

4. Nomination Criteria

4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The Snow Sports NZ Nomination Criteria for nomination to the Team is made up of three parts:

- a. the Discipline Specific Eligibility Criteria specified in clause 5;
- b. the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria specified in clause 6; and
- c. the Additional Nomination Factors specified in clause 7.

5. Discipline Specific Eligibility Criteria

5.1 **Eligibility:** In order to be considered by the Snow Sports NZ Selectors for nomination under the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria in clause 6, Athletes (or group of Athletes) must first meet the following eligibility criteria for the relevant Discipline:

a. **Discipline Specific Eligibility Criteria for Alpine Skiing Events**

The Athlete must either:

- i. be ranked in the World Top 60 (according to Olympic FIS points list published on 22 January 2018); **or**
- ii. have competed in a minimum of three FIS World Cup events as per the FIS World Cup Calendar www.fis-ski.com between 1 July 2016 and 21 January 2018; and the 2017 FIS World Ski Championships; and finished in the Top 30 in at least two of these events; **or**
- iii. have finished in the Top 20 in at least four FIS Continental Cup events with a minimum penalty of 6.0 points (with at least three of these performances being outside of the Australia New Zealand Cup) between 1 July 2016 and 21 January 2018. The Snow Sports

NZ Selectors will consider the quality of athletes participating in the Continental Cup events in their consideration of this requirement.

b Discipline Specific Eligibility Criteria for Cross Country Skiing Events

The Athlete must:

- i. be ranked in the World Top 60 (according to Olympic FIS points list to be published on 22 January 2018); **or**
- ii. have competed in a minimum of three FIS World Cup events as per the FIS World Cup Calendar www.fis-ski.com between 1 July 2016 and 21 January 2018; and the 2017 FIS World Cross Country Skiing Championships **and** finished in the Top 30 in at least two of these events; **or**
- iii. have finished in the Top 10 in at least four FIS Continental Cup events with a minimum penalty of 20.0 points (with at least three of these performances being outside of the Australia New Zealand Cup) between 1 July 2016 and 21 January 2018. The Snow Sports NZ Selectors will consider the quality of athletes participating in the Continental Cup events in their consideration of this requirement.

For the sake of clarity, for Team Sprint Cross Country, the pair seeking nomination must have competed at the 2017 FIS World Cross Country Skiing Championships; **and** finished in the Top 16 pairs in that event.

c. Discipline Specific Eligibility Criteria for Freestyle Skiing Events

The Athlete must:

- i. for Halfpipe and Slopestyle events, have competed in a minimum of three FIS World Cup events as per the FIS World Cup Calendar www.fis-ski.com between 1 July 2016 and 21 January 2018; and the 2017 FIS World Freestyle Skiing Championships; **and** finished in the Top 20 in at least two of these events; **or**
- ii. for Halfpipe and Slopestyle events, if not selected to compete in the 2017 FIS World Freestyle Championships, have competed in a minimum of four FIS World Cup events as per the FIS World Cup Calendar www.fis-ski.com between 1 July 2016 and 21 January 2018; **and** finished in the Top 20 in at least two of these events; **or**
- iii. for Ski-cross events, have competed in a minimum of three FIS World Cup events as per the FIS World Cup Calendar www.fis-ski.com between 1 July 2016 and 21 January 2018; and the 2017 FIS World Freestyle Skiing Championships; **and** finished in the Top 24 in at least two of these events.

d. Discipline Specific Eligibility Criteria for Snowboard Events

The Athlete must:

- i. for Big Air, Halfpipe or Slopestyle events, have competed in a minimum of three FIS World Cup events as per the FIS World Cup Calendar www.fis-ski.com between 1 July 2016 and 21 January 2018; and the 2017 FIS World Snowboard Championships; **and** finished in the Top 20 in at least two of these events; **or**
- ii. for Big Air, Halfpipe or Slopestyle events, if not selected to compete in the 2017 FIS World Snowboard Championships have competed in a minimum of four FIS World Cup events as per the FIS World Cup Calendar www.fis-ski.com between 1 July 2016 and 21 January 2018; **and** finished in the Top 20 in at least two of these events.
- iii. for Snowboard Cross events, have competed in a minimum of three FIS World Cup events as per the FIS World Cup Calendar www.fis-ski.com between 1 July 2016 and 21 January 2018; and the 2017 FIS World Snowboard Championships; **and** finished in the Top 24 in at least two of these events.

6. Over-Riding Nomination Criteria

6.1 Where an Athlete (or group of Athletes) has or have met the Discipline Specific Eligibility Criteria, in order to determine whether or not to nominate an Athlete (or group of Athletes) to a Snow Sports Event, the Snow Sports NZ Selectors must be satisfied overall that:

- a. the Athlete (or group of Athletes) is or are capable of achieving a top 16 placing at the Games in the Snow Sport Event, with the potential to win an Olympic Diploma (top 8 placing); and
- b. the Athlete (or group of Athletes) has or have a track record of sufficient quality and depth that Snow Sports NZ believes demonstrates the Athlete (or group of Athletes) will be competitive at the Games and will perform creditably in the Snow Sport Event.

6.2 In determining whether or not the Athlete (or group of Athletes) has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for a Snow Sport in clause 6.1(a) above, the Snow Sport NZ Selectors shall consider the Athlete's (or group of Athletes') performances and results in the Snow Sport Event at which they seek to be selected for the Games from the relevant events listed in clause 5 above between 1 July 2016 and 21 January 2018.

For the sake of clarity, an Athlete (or group of Athletes) must attend sufficient number of relevant events listed above to demonstrate the Athlete (or group of Athletes) has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria. The events relied upon must have sufficiently strong fields to assist in a determination of whether the Athlete (or group of Athletes) has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria.

7 Additional Nomination Factors:

7.1 When considering the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria in clause 6 above, the Snow Sports NZ Selectors may also take into account any one or more of the following factors about an Athlete:

- a. performances and results across the 2014-2018 Olympic quadrennial;
- b. performances and results at the 2014 Winter Olympic Games;
- c. ability to be a medal contender at the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games;
- 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 Snow Sports NZ in a positive manner;
- j. demonstrated an ability to take personal responsibility for themselves and their results;
- k. proven ability to be reliable; and
- l. any other factor(s) the Snow Sports NZ Selectors consider relevant.

7.2 **Snow Sports Able to Enquire:** In considering any one or more of the factors referred to in clause 7.1, the Snow Sports NZ Selectors may make such enquiries of the Athlete, or other persons, as they see fit.

7.3 **Weight to be given to Specific Nomination Factors:** The Snow Sports NZ Selectors may give weight to any one or more of the Specific Nomination Factors and, if they do, 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.

7.4 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In any decision regarding the nomination of Athletes to the Games Team, the Snow Sports NZ Selectors may, in their sole discretion, take into account any extenuating circumstances in accordance with clause 8 below.

7.5 **Nomination Procedure:** After consideration of the Nomination Criteria the Snow Sports NZ Selectors shall follow the procedure set out in clause 9 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

8. Extenuating Circumstances

8.1 In considering the nomination of Athletes in accordance with this Nomination Criteria the Snow Sports NZ Selectors may in their sole discretion, give weight to any extenuating circumstances which 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 Snow Sports NZ Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.

8.2 **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 Snow Sports NZ Selectors have no obligation to rely on such circumstances.

8.3 **Medical Certificate:** In the case of injury or illness, Athletes may be required by the Snow Sports NZ Selectors to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the Snow Sports NZ Selectors, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the Snow Sports NZ Selectors. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the Snow Sports NZ Selectors being unable to consider the injury or illness as an extenuating circumstance.

8.4 **Case by Case:** In the case of any extenuating circumstance/s, the Snow Sports NZ Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

9. Appeal Procedure

9.1 **Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal to Snow Sports NZ against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the Snow Sports 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.

9.2 **Procedures for Nominations Appeals:** Any appeal under clause 9.1 must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in clause 13 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

10. Inconsistencies

10.1 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.

10.2 If this Nomination Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the FIS Qualification System, this shall not be regarded as an inconsistency.

11 Amendments to this Criteria

- 11.1 This Nomination Criteria may be amended or supplemented from time to time by the Board provided NZOC has prior approved the amendment/s and supplement/s.
- 11.2 The Board will give as much notice as possible of any amendment/s or supplement/s made under clause 11.1 to this Nomination Criteria, to persons it considers may be affected by any such amendment/s or supplement/s.

12 Definitions

Additional Nomination Factors	means the nomination factors set out in clause 7.
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.
Athlete	means a person who wishes to be considered for nomination to the Games Team.
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.
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.
Board	means the Board of Snow Sports NZ as constituted under the Constitution.
Chief Executive	means the Chief Executive Officer of Snow Sports NZ and includes his / her nominee.
Constitution	means the Constitution of Snow Sports NZ.
Discipline Specific Eligibility Criteria	means the criteria set out in clauses 5.1(a), 5.1(b), 5.1(c) and 5.1(d).
FIS	means the International Ski Federation.
FIS Qualification System	means the qualification, eligibility and any other requirements of FIS and the IOC.
Games	means the Pyeongchang 2018 Winter Olympic Games to be held in Pyeongchang South Korea from 9 February 2018 - 25 February 2018.

Games Team	means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games
IOC	means the International Olympic Committee.
Nominated Athlete	means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC by Snow Sports NZ.
Nomination Criteria	means the criteria made up of the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria, the Discipline Specific Eligibility Criteria and the Specific Nomination Factors.
Nomination Date	means on or before 22 January 2018 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and Snow Sports NZ), by which Snow Sports NZ must submit any Nominated Athletes to NZOC.
NZOC	means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation	means the regulation of NZOC relating to the nomination and selection Process for all Olympic and Commonwealth Games, Including the Pyeongchang 2018 Winter Olympic Games.
Over-Riding Nomination Criteria	means the criteria set out in clause 6.
Snow Sports Event	means any snow sports event to be contested at the Games as listed in Schedule A.
Snow Sports NZ Selectors	means the selectors appointed by Snow Sports NZ in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.

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

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

Schedule A: Snow Sports Events

Pyeongchang 2018 Winter Olympic Games Events			
Discipline	Event	Male	Female
Alpine Skiing	Downhill	x	x
	Super G	x	x
	Giant Slalom	x	x
	Slalom	x	x
	Alpine Combined	x	x
	Alpine Team Event	x	
Cross Country Skiing			
Cross Country Skiing	Skiathlon	15 + 15km	7.5 + 7.5km
	Sprint Classic	x	x
	Team Sprint Free	x	x
	Relay	4 x 10km	4 x 5km
	Free	15km	10km
	Mass Start Classic	50km	30km
Freestyle skiing			
Freestyle skiing	Halfpipe	x	x
	Slopestyle	x	x
	Ski Cross	x	x
Snowboard			
Snowboard	Big Air	x	x
	Halfpipe	x	x
	Slopestyle	x	x
	Parallel Giant Slalom	x	x
	Snowboard Cross	x	x