

PYEONGCHANG 2018 WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES
NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR SKELETON EVENTS

New Zealand Bobsleigh and Skeleton Association

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of NZBSA.
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from 16/12/2015.
- 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 Skeleton Event; and
 - (b) NZBSA, including its NZBSA Selectors, that wish to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

2. NZBSA Selectors

- 2.1 **Composition:** The NZBSA Selectors shall be appointed by the NZBSA President. The NZBSA Selectors who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:

Ross Dominikovich
Dr Angus Ross
John Guthrie

3. Nomination Procedure

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

- (e) to NZBSA'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 the NZBSA's, the International Federation's (IF's) or NZOC's Integrity Regulation;
- (f) meet the eligibility requirements as set out in the IF Qualification System; and
- (g) 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 IF Qualification System and/or International Federation 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 event(s) at the Games.

3.3 **Nomination if Nomination Criteria Met:** Provided the requirements set out in clause 0 and 3.2 are met, the NZBSA Selectors shall nominate those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.

4. Nomination Criteria

4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The NZBSA 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 an Athlete (or group of athletes) to compete in Skeleton Event ("Event"), the NZBSA Selectors must be satisfied overall that:
 - i. the Athlete (or group of Athletes) is or are capable of achieving a top 16 placing at the Games in the Event(s), with the potential to win an Olympic Diploma (top 8 placing); and
 - ii. the Athlete (or group of Athletes) has or have a track record of sufficient quality and depth that NZBSA believes demonstrates the Athlete (or group of Athletes) will be competitive at the Games and will perform creditably in the Event(s).

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- iii. has or have the potential capability to achieve a top 16 placing in the 2022 Winter Olympic Games in that Skeleton Event; and
 - iv. has or have a track record of sufficient quality and depth that the NZOC believes demonstrates that the nominated athlete(s) will be competitive at the Games and will perform creditably in that Skeleton Event.
- (b) In determining whether or not the athlete (or group of Athletes) has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Skeleton Events in clause 4.2(a) above, the NZBSA Selectors shall consider the Athlete's (or group of Athletes') performances and results in the Event in a minimum of five of the following Key Events (at a minimum of three different tracks) during the period 1 October 2016 to 14 January 2018:

2016 World Championships
2017 World Championships
2016/2017/18 World Cup Series

4.3 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria above, the NZBSA 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 NZBSA 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 NZBSA Selectors consider relevant.

- 4.4 **Own Enquiries:** In considering any one or more of the above factors, the NZBSA 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 NZBSA 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 the Games Team, the NZBSA 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 NZBSA 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 in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, the NZBSA 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 NZBSA 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 NZBSA 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 NZBSA Selectors to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the NZBSA Selectors, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the NZBSA Selectors. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the NZBSA 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 NZBSA Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

6. Appeal Procedure

- 6.1 **Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal to NZBSA against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the NZBSA 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 0 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 **IF Qualification System:** If this Nomination Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the IF 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 0 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 determined by the 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 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 **Board** means the Board of NZBSA as constituted under the Constitution.
- 9.6 **Chief Executive** means the Chief Executive Officer of NZBSA and includes his / her nominee.
- 9.7 **Constitution** means the Constitution of NZBSA.
- 9.8 **Event** means the Men's and Women's Skeleton 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 **IF Qualification System** means the International Federation's Qualification System – Games of the XXIII Winter Olympiad – PyeongChang 2018.
- 9.12 **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.
- 9.13 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC by NZBSA.
- 9.14 **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".
- 9.15 **Nomination Date** means on or before the 18th January 2018 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and NZBSA), by which NZBSA must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 9.16 **NZBSA** means the New Zealand Bobsleigh and Skeleton Association.
- 9.17 **NZBSA Selectors** means the selectors appointed by NZBSA in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 9.18 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 9.19 **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.
- 9.20 **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 for PyeongChang 2018;
- Athlete Application Form; and
- Athlete Agreement.