

2016 RIO OLYMPIC GAMES
NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

TENNIS NEW ZEALAND

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND**
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from **5 FEBRUARY 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 Tennis Singles and/or Doubles Event; and
 - (b) **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** including its **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** Selectors, that wish to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

2. TENNIS NEW ZEALAND Selectors

- 2.1 **Composition:** The **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** Selectors shall be appointed by the **BOARD**. The **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** Selectors who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:
- GD JONES, JAN SHEARER, STEVE JOHNS**

3. Nomination Procedure

- 3.1 **Conditions of Nomination:** The **TENNIS 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 **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** 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 **TENNIS 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, **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
 - (e) to **TENNIS 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 **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND**'s, the ITF or NZOC's Anti-Doping Bylaw; and
 - (f) from 5 February 2016 has provided their name and contact address details to the NZOC for the purpose of out of competition drug testing by DFSNZ.

- 3.2 **Qualification:** New Zealand must qualify for places in an event(s) in accordance with the International Federation's Qualification System – Games of the XXXI Olympiad – Rio 2016 (“ITF Qualification System”) and/or ITF 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 3.1 and 3.2 are met, the **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** Selectors shall nominate those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.

4. Nomination Criteria

4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** 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 a Tennis Singles and/or Doubles Event, the **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** Selectors must be satisfied overall that:
 - i. the Athlete is 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 has a track record of sufficient quality and depth that ~~the~~ **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** believes demonstrates that the Athlete will be competitive at the Games and will perform credibly in the Event(s).
- (b) Evidence: In determining whether or not the athlete (or group of Athletes) has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Tennis Singles and/or Doubles Events in clause 4.2(a) above, the **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** Selectors shall consider:
 - i. the Athlete's (or group of Athletes') performances and results in the Tennis Singles and/or Doubles Event(s) at which they seek to be selected for the Games in the following Key Events during the period 1 January 2015 to 1 June 2016:
ITF ATP/WTA EVENTS; and
 - ii. the Athlete's WTA/ATP ranking places on 6 June 2016. For Tennis Men's and Women's Doubles Events, the first and second highest ranking Doubles Athletes will be considered for nomination as the first pairing. Any second pairing considered for nomination will consist of the third and fourth highest ranking Doubles Athletes.
- (c) Permission to Start: **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** may request permission from the NZOC for Athletes who qualify for nomination in accordance with this Nomination Criteria and are selected to the Games Team by the NZOC

to start in the Mixed Doubles Event where there is an available place and where competing in this event will not have any detrimental effect on the Tennis Singles and/or Doubles they have already been selected for.

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

4.4 **Own Enquiries:** In considering any one or more of the above factors, the **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** 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 **TENNIS 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.

4.6 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In any decision regarding the nomination of Athletes to the Team, the **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** 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 **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** Selectors shall follow the procedure set out in clause 7 of the NZOC / **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** Agreement.

5. Extenuating Circumstances

5.1 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In considering the nomination of Athletes in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, the **TENNIS 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 **TENNIS 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 **TENNIS 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 **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** Selectors to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** Selectors, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** Selectors. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the **TENNIS 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 **TENNIS 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 **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** Selectors provided that the Athlete has returned a completed:

- (a) Athlete Application to **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** by the Application Date (that has been certified by **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND**); and
- (b) Athlete Agreement in the manner directed by 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 11 of the NZOC / **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** Agreement.

7. Inconsistencies

7.1 **NZOC / TENNIS NEW ZEALAND Agreement:** In the event there is any inconsistency between this Nomination Criteria and the NZOC / **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** Agreement, the NZOC / **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** Agreement shall prevail.

7.2 **ITF Qualification System:** If this Nomination Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the ITF 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 1 August 2015, by which Athletes must submit a completed Athlete Application in accordance with clause 6.1(a) of the NZOC / **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** Agreement.

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 6.1(b) of the NZOC / **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** Agreement.

9.4 **Athlete Application** means the form that must be completed by any athlete applying to be nominated and selected to the Games Team and which is attached as Schedule A to the NZOC / **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** Agreement.

9.5 **Board** means the Board of **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** as constituted under the Constitution.

9.6 **Chief Executive** means the Chief Executive Officer of **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** and includes his / her nominee.

9.7 **Constitution** means the Constitution of **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND**.

9.8 **Games** means the 2016 Olympic Games to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 5 August 2016 to 21 August 2016.

9.9 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.

9.10 **ITF** means the International Tennis Federation.

9.11 **Key Events** means an international, continental or national competition which is a major or pinnacle event for the sport or are at least the equivalent of a World Cup or World Championship, and have an equivalent field of competitors to that which is likely to occur at the Games.

9.12 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC by **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND**.

- 9.13 **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”.
- 9.14 **Nomination Date** means 10 June 2016 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** by which **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 9.15 **NZOC / TENNIS NEW ZEALAND Agreement** means the agreement entered between NZOC and **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** for the Application, Nomination and Selection Process for the Games.
- 9.16 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 4.2.
- 9.17 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the nomination factors set out in clause 4.3.
- 9.18 **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** means Tennis New Zealand Incorporated.
- 9.19 **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND Selectors** means the selectors appointed by **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 9.20 **Tennis Singles and/or Doubles Event** means an event in the Games in which an Athlete competes in either a Men’s Singles, Women’s Singles, Men’s Doubles, Women’s Doubles or Mixed Doubles.

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

- Agreement between NZOC and **TENNIS NEW ZEALAND** for the 2016 Olympic Games;
- NZOC Selection Policy;
- Athlete Application Form; and