

**GOLD COAST 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES**  
**NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR OLYMPIC WEIGHTLIFTING NEW ZEALAND**

**1. Application of this Nomination Criteria**

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- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand.
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from 11 October 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 an Weightlifting Event; and
  - (b) Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand, including its Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand Selectors (“OWNZ Selectors”), that wish to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

**2. OWNZ Selectors**

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

*Anthony Ebert, Tim Prendergast, Jodie Mason*

**3. Nomination Procedure**

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- 3.1 **Conditions of Nomination:** The OWNZ 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 Olympic Weightlifting 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, Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
  - (e) to Olympic Weightlifting 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 Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand's, IWF or NZOC's Integrity Regulation;

- (f) be eligible pursuant to the the Athlete Allocation System for the XXI Commonwealth Games ("Athlete Allocation System");and
- (g) 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 Athlete Allocation System and the Gold Coast Games Manual and other CGF rules. Qualification for a place in any event by an Athlete does not guarantee that Athlete will be nominated or selected to compete in the Weightlifting 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 OWNZ Selectors shall nominate those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below, subject to any quota restriction placed on the NZOC or OWNZ.

#### **4. Nomination Criteria**

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4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The Olympic Weightlifting 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 to the NZOC, the OWNZ Selectors must be satisfied that:

- (a) Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand and/or the NZOC has received an official invitation to compete at the Games in a Weightlifting Event by the IWF for the Athlete by name; and
- (b) The Athlete is capable of achieving a top 6 placing at the Games in a Weightlifting Event at the Games; and
- (c) has a track record of sufficient quality and depth that the NZOC believes demonstrates that the Nominated Athlete will be competitive at the Games and will perform creditably in that Weightlifting Event.

4.3 **Evidence:** In determining whether or not the Athlete has met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Weightlifting Events in clauses 4.2(a) and (b) above, the OWNZ Selectors shall consider the following:

- (a) The Athlete's Commonwealth ranking as displayed the Commonwealth Ranking Database (published as at 1 November 2017); and
- (b) The Athlete's performances and results in the Weightlifting Event at which they seek to be nominated for the Games in the following Key Events during the Qualification Period:
  - (i) Compulsory Key Event:
    - 2017 Oceania Junior and Senior Championships; or
    - 2017 Commonwealth Junior and Senior Championships
  - (ii) And at least one (1) of the following Key Events:
    - 2016 Commonwealth Junior and Senior Championships
    - 2016 World FISU Games
    - 2017 IWF Junior World Championships
    - 2017 FISU Universiade
    - 2017 Australian International / Open

N.B. For the sake of clarity, the requirements listed above are intended to be the minimum requirement. An Athlete must attend sufficient number of the Key Events to demonstrate the Athlete has met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria. The Key Events relied upon must have also have sufficiently strong fields to assist in a determination of whether the Athlete has met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria.

4.4 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria above, the OWNZ 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 Olympic Weightlifting 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 OWNZ Selectors consider relevant.

4.5 **Own Enquiries:** In considering any one or more of the above factors, the OWNZ 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 OWNZ 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 OWNZ 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 OWNZ Selectors shall follow the procedure set out in clause 9 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

## 5. Extenuating Circumstances

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5.1 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In considering the nomination of Athletes in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, the OWNZ 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 OWNZ 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 Executive Officer 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 Executive Officer is not notified of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, then the OWNZ 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 OWNZ Selectors to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the OWNZ Selectors, and to provide that opinion and/or

report to the OWNZ Selectors. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the OWNZ 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 OWNZ Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

## 6. Appeal Procedure

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- 6.1 **Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal to Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the OWNZ 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

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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.

- 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 Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand as established under the Constitution.
- 9.6 **CGF** means the Commonwealth Games Federation.
- 9.7 **Executive Officer** means the Executive Officer of Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand and includes his / her nominee.
- 9.8 **Constitution** means the Constitution of Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand.
- 9.9 **Games** means the 2018 Commonwealth Games to be held in Gold Coast, Australia from 4 April – 15 April 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 **IWF** means the International Weightlifting Federation.
- 9.12 **Key Events** means an international, continental or national competition listed in clause 4.3(b) 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.
- 9.13 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC by Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand.
- 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 15 November 2017 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand), by which Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 9.16 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 9.17 **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](http://www.olympic.org/nz/nzoc/publications-and-reports-0).
- 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 **OWNZ** means Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand.
- 9.20 **OWNZ Selectors** means the selectors appointed by Olympic Weightlifting New Zealand in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 9.21 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 4.2.
- 9.22 **Qualification Period** means 24 October 2016 to 31 October 2017.
- 9.22 **Weightlifting Event** means one of the following events at the Games:

Men's Weightlifting Events	Women's Weightlifting Events
56kg	48kg
62kg	53kg
69kg	58kg
77kg	63kg
85kg	69kg
94kg	75kg
105kg	90kg
+105kg	+90kg

**OTHER APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS** (all located at [www.olympic.org.nz](http://www.olympic.org.nz))

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