

GOLD COAST 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES
AMENDED NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR MEN'S AND WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM EVENTS

Hockey New Zealand

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of Hockey New Zealand.
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from 28 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 a Team Event; and
 - (b) Hockey New Zealand including its HNZ Selectors, that wish to nominate a Team to NZOC to be selected to the Games Team for the Games.

2. HNZ Selectors

- 2.1 **Composition:** The HNZ Selectors shall be appointed by the Hockey New Zealand High Performance Panel and displayed on the Hockey New Zealand website.

3. Nomination Procedure

- 3.1 **Conditions of Nomination:** The HNZ 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 the NZOC 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 16 February 2018; and
 - (c) demonstrated to the satisfaction of Hockey 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 Team, the sport, Hockey New Zealand or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
 - (e) to Hockey 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 Hockey New Zealand's, the International Federation's (IF's) or NZOC's Integrity Regulation; and
- (f) 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 the Gold Coast Games Manual, other CGF rules and / or IF 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 an Event(s) 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 HNZ Selectors shall nominate those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.

4. Nomination Criteria

4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The Hockey New Zealand nomination criteria 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 Team Event, the HNZ Selectors must be satisfied overall that:
 - i. the Team is capable of achieving a top 3 placing in the Games in that Team Event; and
 - ii. the Team has a track record of sufficient quality and depth that the HNZ believes demonstrates the Team will be competitive at the Games and will perform creditably in that Team Event(s).
- (b) Evidence: In determining whether or not a Team has met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria in clause 4.2(a) above, the HNZ Selectors shall consider the Team and each Athlete's performance and results in the Team Event(s) in the following Key Events during the period January 1 2017 to January 1 2018:
 - 1. World League 3 (Men and Women)
 - 2. World League 4 (Men and Women)
 - 3. Oceania Cup (Men and Women)

4.3 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria above, the HNZ Selectors may also take into account any one or more of the following factors about any 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 Hockey 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 HNZ Selectors consider relevant.

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

4.8 **Nomination Date:** The following dates will apply for nomination of Athletes by the HNZ Selectors to the NZOC:

- (a) A squad of 27 will be nominated on or before 21 February 2018; and
- (b) The final team of 18, plus reserves will be named on or before 15 March 2018.

5. Extenuating Circumstances

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

6. Appeal Procedure

- 6.1 **Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal to Hockey New Zealand against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the HNZ 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 16 February 2018.
- 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

- 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 CGF, 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 8 September 2017, (or such other 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 Board of Hockey New Zealand as constituted under the Constitution.
- 9.6 **CGF** means the Commonwealth Games Federation.
- 9.7 **Chief Executive** means the Chief Executive Officer of Hockey New Zealand and includes his / her nominee.
- 9.8 **Constitution** means the Constitution of Hockey New Zealand.
- 9.9 **Games** means the 2018 Commonwealth Games to be held in Gold Coast, Australia from 4 April to 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 **HNZ Selectors** means the Hockey New Zealand Selectors appointed pursuant to clause 2.1 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 9.12 **Hockey New Zealand** means the New Zealand Hockey Federation Incorporated.
- 9.13 **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.
- 9.14 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC as part of the Team by Hockey New Zealand.
- 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 the dates set out in clause 4.8 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and Hockey New Zealand), by which Hockey New Zealand must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 9.17 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 9.18 **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.
- 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.
- 9.21 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the nomination factors set out in clause 4.3.
- 9.22 **Team** means a team of Athletes (including reserves and substitutes) competing together in a Team Event.
- 9.23 **Team Event** means a Men’s Hockey team and a Women’s Hockey team event in the Games.

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

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