

2016 RIO OLYMPIC GAMES
NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS
New Zealand Golf Incorporated (*New Zealand Golf*)

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of New Zealand Golf.
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from 1 April 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 Golf Event; and
 - (b) New Zealand Golf, including its New Zealand Golf Selectors that wish to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

2. New Zealand Golf Selectors

- 2.1 **Composition:** The New Zealand Golf Selectors shall be appointed by the Board of New Zealand Golf. The New Zealand Golf Selectors who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are to be confirmed by New Zealand Golf no later than 1 October 2015.

3. Nomination Procedure

- 3.1 **Conditions of Nomination:** The New Zealand Golf 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 New Zealand Golf 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 New Zealand Golf 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, New Zealand Golf or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
 - (e) to New Zealand Golf'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 New Zealand Golf's, the International Federation's (IF's) 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 ("IF Qualification System") 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 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 New Zealand Golf Selectors shall nominate those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.

4. Nomination Criteria

- 4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The New Zealand Golf 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 to Golf Events, the New Zealand Golf Selectors must be satisfied overall that:
 - i. the Athlete is capable of achieving a top 16 placing at the Games in the Events, 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 New Zealand Golf believes demonstrates the Athlete will be competitive at the Games and will perform credibly in the Events.
 - (b) Evidence: In determining whether or not the Athlete has met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Golf Events in clause 4.2(a) above, the New Zealand Golf Selectors shall consider the Athlete's performances and results in the Golf Events at which they seek to be selected for the Games in the following Key Events during the period 1 July 2014 to 11 July 2016:
 - PGA Tour events
 - LPGA Tour events
 - European Tour events
 - Japan Golf Tour events
 - Australasian Golf Tour events
- 4.3 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria above, the New Zealand Golf Selectors may also take into account any one or more of the following factors about an Athlete:
- (a) the Athlete's Olympic ranking points;
 - (b) any other performances or results in competitions / events in addition to the Key Events;

- (c) adequate fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es);
- (d) demonstrated good behaviour, including a commitment to training and attendance at training camps;
- (e) demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment;
- (f) demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions;
- (g) 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;
- (h) willingness to promote New Zealand Golf in a positive manner;
- (i) demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
- (j) proven ability to be reliable; and
- (k) any other factor(s) the New Zealand Golf Selectors consider relevant.

4.4 **Own Enquiries:** In considering any one or more of the above factors, the New Zealand Golf 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 New Zealand Golf 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 New Zealand Golf 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 New Zealand Golf Selectors shall follow the procedure set out in clause 7 of the NZOC / New Zealand Golf Agreement.

5. Extenuating Circumstances

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

6. Appeal Procedure

- 6.1 **Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal to New Zealand Golf against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the New Zealand Golf Selectors of New Zealand Golf provided that the Athlete has returned a completed:
- (a) Athlete Application to New Zealand Golf by the Application Date (that has been certified by New Zealand Golf); 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 / New Zealand Golf Agreement.

7. Inconsistencies

- 7.1 **NZOC / New Zealand Golf Agreement:** In the event there is any inconsistency between this Nomination Criteria and the NZOC / New Zealand Golf Agreement, the NZOC / New Zealand Golf Agreement 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 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 27 July 2015, by which Athletes must submit a completed Athlete Application in accordance with clause 6.1(a) of the NZOC / New Zealand Golf 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 / New Zealand Golf 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 / New Zealand Golf Agreement.
- 9.5 **Board** means the Board of New Zealand Golf as constituted under the Constitution.
- 9.6 **Chief Executive** means the Chief Executive Officer of New Zealand Golf and includes his / her nominee.
- 9.7 **Constitution** means the Constitution of New Zealand Golf.
- 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 **Golf Event** means a Men's Individual Stroke Play or Women's Individual Stroke Play event at the Games.
- 9.11 **Golf New Zealand** means New Zealand Golf Incorporated.
- 9.12 **Golf New Zealand Selectors** means the selectors appointed by New Zealand Golf in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 9.13 **Key Events** means the events listed in clause 4.2(b) being international, continental or national competitions which are major or pinnacle events 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.
- 9.14 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC by New Zealand Golf.
- 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 12 July 2016 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and New Zealand Golf, by which New Zealand Golf must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 9.17 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.

- 9.18 **NZOC / New Zealand Golf Agreement** means the agreement entered between NZOC and New Zealand Golf for the Application, Nomination and Selection Process for the Games.
- 9.19 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 4.2.
- 9.20 **Specific Nomination Factors** means the nomination factors set out in clause 4.3.

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

- Agreement between NZOC and New Zealand Golf for the 2016 Olympic Games;
- NZOC Selection Policy;
- Athlete Application Form; and