

BEIJING 2022 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES
NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR SNOW SPORTS EVENTS

SNOW SPORTS NEW ZEALAND (SNOW SPORTS NZ)

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

1.1 **Status:** This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of Snow Sports NZ and shall take effect from 1 July 2020, amended 2 July 2020, 23 April 2021, 26 July 2021, and 14 December 2021. This Nomination Criteria supersedes any previous correspondence, discussions, and representations (whether written or oral) by Snow Sports NZ regarding nomination and selection for the Games.

1.2 **Scope:** 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 Snow Sports Event; and
- (b) Snow Sports NZ, including its Selectors, that wish to nominate Athletes to the NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team.

1.3 **Process:** Selection to the Games Team in a Snow Sports Event is a three-step process:

- (a) each Athlete must be eligible in accordance with clause 3 of this Nomination Criteria;
- (b) Snow Sports NZ nominates Athletes to the NZOC in accordance with this Nomination Criteria and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation; and
- (c) the NZOC selects Athletes to the Games Team in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

2. Selectors

2.1 **Composition:** The Selectors have been appointed by Snow Sports NZ CEO and approved by the Snow Sports NZ Board. The Selectors who will name the Athletes to be considered for selection in the Games Team by the NZOC are:

Head Selectors: Greg Knowles and/or Jono Eaton

Discipline specific selectors to join Head Selectors when considering Disciplines:

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| Alpine and Cross Country Skiing: | Rebecca Ewert |
| Freestyle Skiing and Snow Board: | Andy Bowie |

2.2 **Change of Selectors:** The Snow Sports NZ Board may replace the Selectors at any time prior to the Nomination Date. In such event, the Selectors will be published on the Snow Sports NZ website.

3. Eligibility

3.1 **Athlete Eligibility:** To be eligible for nomination to the NZOC by Snow Sports NZ, an Athlete must:

- (a) have returned a completed Athlete Application to the NZOC, in the form prescribed by the NZOC by the following dates (“Application Date”):
 - i. no later than 5.00pm, 2 April 2021; and
 - ii. in exceptional circumstances before 5.00pm, 4 August 2021 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) where Snow Sports NZ provides the NZOC with evidence that demonstrates that Athlete could not have been reasonably in contemplation on 2 April 2021; and
- (b) be a member of Snow Sports NZ; and
- (c) be a New Zealand citizen and have a current New Zealand passport; and
- (d) comply with the FIS’ Qualification System for Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games (“FIS Qualification System”) in their chosen Discipline(s), including but not limited to minimum age and points requirements; and
- (e) have demonstrated compliance with the FIS rules of events and competitions; and
- (f) have demonstrated to the satisfaction of Snow Sports NZ that they are not suffering any physical or psychological impairment that would prevent them from competing in the Games to the highest possible standard; and
- (g) acted in such a manner their conduct aligns with the expectations of an Olympic representative athlete in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy – clause 4: ‘Conduct’ and ‘Team Environment’ so as not to bring the Athlete, the sport, Snow Sports NZ or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
- (h) not be under investigation for any breach of any part of the Snow Sports NZ and FIS’ anti-doping regulations, the Sports Anti-Doping Rules and/or the NZOC Integrity Regulation; and
- (i) no later than 4 August 2021 (or such extended date as agreed by the NZOC Board) have provided their name and contact address details to NZOC for the purpose of out of competition drug testing with Drug Free Sport New Zealand.

4. Procedural requirements

4.1 **Country Qualification:**

- (a) New Zealand must qualify for places in a Snow Sports Event(s) in accordance with the FIS Qualification System and/or International Federation requirements for the Games.

- (b) Qualification for a place in any Snow Sports Event(s) by an Athlete (or team of Athletes) does not guarantee that Athlete (or team of Athletes) will be nominated or selected to compete in the Snow Sports Event(s) at the Games.

4.2 Nomination if Nomination Criteria Met:

- (a) Provided that firstly, the requirements set out in clause 3.1 are met, the Selectors shall then consider the Nomination Criteria set out in clause 5.
- (b) The Selectors, in accordance with this criteria, will then determine the athletes to be nominated to the NZOC for consideration of selection to the Games team.

4.3 Reserve Athletes:

The Selectors may nominate Reserve Athletes to the NZOC for any Snow Sports Event.

5. Nomination Criteria

5.1 Nomination Criteria: In considering any Athlete for nomination to the NZOC, the Selectors shall consider:

- (a) the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria specified in clause 6.1; and
- (b) the Evidence specified in clause 6.2; and
- (d) any Ranking in accordance with clause 6.3; and
- (e) any Extenuating Circumstances in accordance with clause 7.

5.2 Own Enquiries: In considering the Specific Discipline Nomination Factors, the Selectors may make such enquiries of the Athlete, or other persons, as they see fit.

5.3 Conditions: In considering any results and performances of an Athlete at any Key Events, the Selectors may, but do not have to, take into account the conditions in which the results and performances were obtained such as, but not limited to, the weather conditions and the field of competition.

5.4 Extenuating Circumstances: In any decision regarding the nomination of Athletes to the Games Team, the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, take into account any Extenuating Circumstances in accordance with clause 7 of this Nomination Criteria.

6. Over-Riding Nomination Criteria and Specific Discipline Nomination Factors

6.1 Over-Riding Nomination Criteria: In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete (or team of Athletes) to a Snow Sports Event, the Selectors must be satisfied overall that the Athlete (or team of Athletes):

- (a) has demonstrated they are capable of achieving a top 16 placing at the Games in the Snow Sports Event, with the potential to win an Olympic Diploma (top 8 placing);

and

- (b) has (or have) a track record of consistent performance improvement, which Snow Sports NZ believes is of sufficient quality and depth such that the Athlete or (team of Athletes) will be competitive at the Games and will perform creditably in the Snow Sports Event

6.2 **Specific Discipline Nomination Criteria:** In determining evidence whether or not the Athlete (or team of Athletes) satisfies the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria in clause 6.1 above, the Athlete (or team of Athletes) must achieve the following:

(a) **Specific Discipline Nomination Criteria for Alpine Skiing Events (Individual)**

- i. be ranked in the World Top 40 in the Discipline they are seeking nomination, according to at least one of the Discipline FIS Points Lists at www.fis-ski.com published between 1 October 2021 and 16 January 2022; **and**
- ii. have achieved a top 16 placing (in an Olympic Context) in the Alpine Skiing event they are seeking nomination, in at least two Key Events during the Qualification Period;

(b) **Specific Discipline Nomination Criteria for Alpine Skiing Events (Mixed Parallel Team Event)**

- i. obtained a quota place for the Games in accordance with the FIS Qualification System; **and**
- ii. Each athlete in the Mixed Parallel Team must have achieved (in an Olympic context) during the Qualification Period, at least:
 - two Top 30 placings at a FIS World Cup or FIS World Championship: **or**
 - one top 30 placing at a FIS World Cup or FIS World Championship and one Top 15 placing at a FIS European Cup or FIS Nor-AM Cup; **or**
 - two Top 15 placings at a FIS European Cup or FIS Nor-Am Cup.

(c) **Specific Discipline Nomination Criteria for Cross Country Skiing Events**

- i. be ranked in the World Top 40 in the Discipline they are seeking nomination, according to at least one of the FIS points lists at www.fis-ski.com published between 1 October 2021 and 16 January 2022; **and**
- ii. have achieved a top 16 placing (in an Olympic Context) in the Cross Country Skiing event they are seeking nomination, in at least two Key Events during the Qualification Period.

(d) **Specific Discipline Nomination Criteria for Freestyle Skiing Events**

- i. for Halfpipe or Big Air and Slopestyle events, achieved a top 16 placing (in an Olympic Context) in the Freestyle Skiing event they are seeking nomination, in at least two Key Events during the Qualification Period;

- ii. for Ski Cross events, achieved a top 16 placing (in an Olympic Context) in the Ski Cross event, they are seeking nomination, in at least two Key Events during the Qualification Period.

(e) **Specific Discipline Nomination Criteria for Snowboard Events**

- i. for Halfpipe, Big Air and Slopestyle events, achieved a top 16 placing (in an Olympic Context) in the Snowboard event they are seeking nomination, in at least two Key Events during the Qualification Period;
- ii. for Cross events, achieved a top 16 placing (in an Olympic Context) in at least two Key Events during the Qualification Period.

6.3 **Ranking:** If there are more Athletes that meet nomination criteria than quota spots available, the Selectors will rank the Athletes according to the Athletes' best result/s at Key Events in the Qualification Period, in the Discipline/s they are being nominated for. The athlete with the best result in their best Discipline will rank ahead. In the case of 6.2b(ii), the Athletes' best results in the Qualification Period in the following priority order will rank ahead: FIS World Championships and FIS World Cups then FIS Europa Cups and FIS Nor-Am Cups.

7. Extenuating Circumstances

7.1 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In considering the nomination of Athletes in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, the Selectors may, at 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;
- (e) force majeure; and/or
- (f) any other factors reasonably considered by the Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.

7.2 **Athlete to Advise:** Athletes unable to compete at Key Events, or other attendances required under this Nomination Criteria, must advise the CEO of any individual Extenuating Circumstances and reasons in writing with as much advance notice as possible; ideally seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the Key Event or other attendance. If the CEO is not notified of any Extenuating Circumstances in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, then the Selectors shall not consider such circumstances.

7.3 **Medical Certificate:** In the case of injury or illness, Athletes will be required by the CEO to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s approved by the CEO, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the Selectors. Any failure

to agree to such a request may result in the Selectors being unable to consider the injury or illness as an Extenuating Circumstance.

- 7.4 **Case by Case:** In the case of any Extenuating Circumstance/s, the Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

8 Nomination and Selection

- 8.1 **Nomination to NZOC:** Snow Sports NZ will nominate Athletes (“Nominated Athletes”) and any Reserve Athletes to the NZOC by the Nomination Date.

- 8.2 **Nomination with Conditions:** Snow Sports NZ may nominate an Athlete with any conditions, for example, conditions relating to recovery from injury or continuing to meet specified performance levels. If the conditions are not met to the satisfaction of the Selectors, they will not be eligible for selection, unless the NZOC decides to select the Nominated Athlete subject to those or other conditions.

- 8.3 **Selection by NZOC:** Selection to the Games Team by the NZOC will be made in accordance with the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

- 8.4 **Permission to Start:** At the sole discretion of the NZOC, Nominated Athletes may, on Snow Sports NZ’s request to the NZOC, if they are selected to the Games Team by the NZOC and the Nominated Athlete has qualified an individual quota for the event, request permission to start in another Snow Sports Event where competing in this Snow Sports Event will not have any detrimental effect on the Snow Sports Event they have already been selected for.

9 Appeal Procedure

- 9.1 **Non-Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal to Snow Sports NZ against their non-nomination to the NZOC by Snow Sports NZ provided that the Athlete:

- (a) is on the Snow Sports NZ long list for the Games; and
- (b) meets the eligibility criteria under clause 3 of this Criteria.

- 9.2 **Procedures for Non-Nomination Appeals:** Any appeal under criteria 8.1 of this Criteria must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in clause 13 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

- 9.3 **Procedures for Non-Selection Appeals:** If a Nominated Athlete is not selected by the NZOC, the Nominated Athlete may appeal the non-selection in accordance with the procedures set out in clause 14 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation provided that the Nominated Athlete:

- (a) is on the Snow Sports NZ long list for the Games; and
- (b) meets the eligibility criteria under clause 3 of this Criteria.

10 Inconsistencies

- 10.1 **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.
- 10.2 **FIS Qualification System:** If this Nomination Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the FIS Qualification System, this shall not be regarded as an inconsistency.

11 Amendments to this Nomination Criteria

- 11.1 **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 approved the amendment/s and supplement/s.
- 11.2 **Notice:** The Board will give as much notice as possible of any amendment/s or supplement/s made under clause 11.1 to this Nomination Criteria, to persons it considers may be affected by any such amendment/s or supplement/s.

12 Definitions

- 12.1 **Application Date** means the dates set out in clause 3.1(a) of this Criteria, by which Athletes must submit to NZOC a completed Athlete Application in accordance with clause 8.3 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.
- 12.2 **Athlete** means a person who wishes to be considered for nomination to the Games Team.
- 12.3 **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.
- 12.4 **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.
- 12.5 **Board** means the Board of Snow Sports NZ as constituted under the Constitution.
- 12.6 **CEO** means the Chief Executive Officer of Snow Sports NZ and includes his / her nominee.
- 12.7 **Constitution** means the Constitution of Snow Sports NZ.
- 12.8 **Discipline** means one of the following disciplines at the Games, as appropriate:
- Alpine Skiing
 - Cross Country Skiing
 - Freestyle Skiing
 - Snowboard.

- 12.9 **Extenuating Circumstances** means the inability to perform at an optimum level arising from one or more of the reasons set out in clause 7.1.
- 12.10 **FIS** means the International Ski Federation.
- 12.11 **FIS Points List** means the Discipline specific FIS points and not the Olympic FIS Points List at www.fis-ski.com.
- 12.12 **Games** means the Games of the XXIII Winter Olympiad to be held in Beijing, China from 4 – 20 February 2022.
- 12.13 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.
- 12.14 **Key Events** mean the FIS World Championships and FIS World Cups for each Discipline as per the listed on the FIS World Cup Calendar www.fis-ski.com.
- 12.15 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated by Snow Sports NZ to the NZOC for consideration of selection to the Games Team.
- 12.16 **Nomination Criteria** means the criteria made up of the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria and the Specific Discipline Nomination Factors, and is also referred to as “**this Criteria**”.
- 12.17 **Nomination Date** means on or before 17 January 2022 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and Snow Sports NZ), by which Snow Sports NZ must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 12.18 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 12.19 **NZOC Integrity Regulation** means the NZOC Integrity Regulation available at <http://www.olympic.org.nz/about-the-nzoc/governance-documents/>.
- 12.20 **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, available at <http://www.olympic.org.nz/about-the-nzoc/governance-documents/>.
- 12.21 **NZOC Selection Policy** means the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games, available at <http://www.olympic.org.nz/games/beijing-2022/selection/>.
- 12.22 **Olympic Context** for the purposes of this criteria, means the Key Event has a quality and depth of field which has an equivalent field of competitors to that which is likely to occur at the Games, taking into account the maximum number of eligible entries at the Games per country in each Snow Sports Event.
- 12.23 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 6.1.
- 12.24 **Qualification Period** means the period between 1 July 2020 – 16 January 2022.

- 12.54 **Reserve Athletes** means a travelling and/or non-travelling reserve, as designated by the Selectors and in accordance with the FIS Qualification System and the Beijing 2022 Sport Entry Manual.
- 12.26 **Selectors** means the selectors appointed by Snow Sports NZ in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 12.27 **Snow Sports Event** means one of the following events at the Games in which an Athlete competes either alone or in which Athletes compete together in a race, heat or event:

| Discipline | Event | Male | Female |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Alpine Skiing | Downhill | x | x |
| | Super G | x | x |
| | Giant Slalom | x | x |
| | Slalom | x | x |
| | Alpine Combined | x | x |
| | Mixed Team Parallel | x | |
| Cross Country Skiing | Skiathlon | 15 + 15km | 7.5 + 7.5km |
| | Sprint Free | x | x |
| | Team Sprint Classic | x | x |
| | Relay | 4 x 10km | 4 x 5km |
| | Classic | 15km | 10km |
| | Mass Start Free | 50km | 30km |
| Freestyle skiing | Halfpipe | x | x |
| | Slopestyle | x | x |
| | Big Air | x | x |
| | Ski Cross | x | x |
| Snowboard | Halfpipe | x | x |
| | Slopestyle | x | x |
| | Big Air | x | x |
| | Cross | x | x |

- 12.28 **Snow Sports NZ** means Snow Sports New Zealand Incorporated.
- 12.29 **Specific Discipline Nomination Factors** means the factors listed in clause 6.2 which the Selectors must take into account when applying the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria.
- 12.210 **World Top 40** means ranked between 1-40 (inclusive) according to a FIS Points List at www.fis-ski.com in the relevant Discipline the athlete is seeking nomination.